it used to be that once a student passed admission requirements and paid his tuition and other fees, he could register for classes and begin school without any further regulations. As a prerequisite for registration at the University of Alabama, for example, students must sign the following oath:

"I am a student at the University of Alabama during the 1954-55 regular session. I recognize the necessity for the institution of stringent regulations governing student conduct during this period of potential crisis, and I hereby agree to abide by all such regulations as the University of Alabama authorities may deem necessary for the maintenance of the institution's academic integrity and to sustain maximum personal safety and security of all concerned. In keeping with the finest traditions of the University and with the full knowledge and understanding of the necessity for this section, I pledge to refrain from any conduct which in any fashion contribute to destruction, default at all times, conduct myself in such manner as to avoid all activities which would be in conflict with the high standards expected of University students." The oath, which I do not have in my possession forevermore or otherwise, is in a further certainty that I shall avoid having such conduct in the future for the duration of these special security measures.

I will refrain from gratuitous or nonsensical service with the news media in matters expressly touching on race relations and the conducting of or photography of Negro students or Negro applicant on the campus. I understand, however, that this in no way prohibits me from serving in the capacity of reporter or photographer in any other than those mentioned above.

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