

Statement Regarding Sam Jordan by President Keith Spalding

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I have been asked about the status at the College of Sam Jordan:

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The College has firm precedents, arrived at through careful consultation and the very best of legal advice, on which to base its actions. The charges laid against Mr. Jordan were brought by civil authorities and his case is in the hands of the civil authorities and the courts. Until his case has been heard and the courts have acted under procedures firmly established in law, it would be inappropriate for the College to pre-judge his case or otherwise to intrude in the course of justice. His release on bail does not remove him from the jurisdiction of the civil authorities and place that jurisdiction with the College. Until the courts have duly acted, he is to be permitted to occupy his dormitory room, attend classes, take examinations and otherwise participate in the normal activities of the College. It is being made clear to him that the behavior expected of him with respect to all college regulations now is the same as that expected of all other students.