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Dear Dr. Anderson:

I am writing to you as one of perhaps five persons who have attended each of the previous nine Virginia State Frisbee Tournaments. My name is Phil Pollack. I am 38 years old, was born, raised and still live in Richmond, and am by profession a computer scientist. I have been playing "serious" Frisbee since I was a freshman at Cornell 20 years ago.

Randy Lahm has mentioned to me that from this year on you would like the Tournament's Disc Golf event moved off campus. I think Randy has adequately conveyed to me your very legitimate concerns, and I hope here for an opportunity to proffer my perspectives on these matters and to ask you to again consider allowing the Disc Golf event back onto the Mary Washington campus. I appreciate your time and consideration.

By the way, let me please add that I write to you on my own and not at any other person's request.

As I understand them, two important concerns are:

- 1) many non-students would be on campus in a manner which would preclude effectively policing their conduct
- 2) having the Disc Golf course meandering through the campus could cause congestion and interfere with other persons

As to the first point, to my knowledge, there has never been an untoward incident involving participants or spectators at any previous Tournament. Golfers generally move in groups, which thereby provides a convenient self-policing mechanism. We feel that we have built a high level of trust over the past nine years and have no intention of letting anyone spoil that. But how can this prevent others not a part of the Tournament from causing problems on campus? Players and spectators could easily be issued, at registration, ribbon-like passes for easy identification. I would expect, however, that a non-student at any given time can walk around the campus undetected anyway.

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Let me introduce you to a few of the long-time Tournament attendees. Former Tournament Champions Rick Swyers, Jack Cooksey and Corey Calder are all Richmonders. Rick is in his eleventh year teaching elementary school in Chesterfield County, where he was Teacher of the Year several years ago. Jack graduated from Benedictine High School last year and is now a freshman at James Madison University, where he intends to major in English. Corey is a salesman for Steel Services, Inc. in Ashland.

Former four-time World Champion Scott Zimmerman, from McLean, started his winning ways on the Mary Washington Disc Golf Course at the age of 15; his name is imprinted on many Frisbees sold in stores. Scott is now a physics student in California. Interestingly enough, both Scott, and later Jack, set world records in Distance in the 15-and-under age bracket at Virginia State Tournaments. Former several-time Women's World Champion Judy Horowitz, a Vassar alumna, is a law student at Rutgers University.

Michael Conger, formerly in the Guinness Book of World Records, sells satellite TV systems on the Eastern Shore. Kirk Cantor is an aerospace engineer with NASA, also on the Eastern Shore. Dave Griffin, a former U.S. Marine, sells cable TV systems in Washington, D.C. Ron Robillard is manager of a Dart Drug Store in Fairfax. Don Kent is a police officer with the U.S. Department of Transportation in Chicago. Erin Hart and Duke Stableford, both Mary Washington alums, work at a hospital in Fredericksburg. Dorothea Seward, also an alumna, is an auditor with First Virginia Bank in Richmond. Eric Olsen has returned from law school to practice in Fredericksburg. Michael and Jeanette Miller are restaurateurs in Danville. Steve Jarrett, from Richmond, is a chemical engineer with Allied Corporation. Carlton Howard is an accountant in Raleigh. And my own work has included projects for the World Bank and the United Nations.

What I am trying to show, Dr. Anderson, is the wide variety of responsible citizens who take part in this annual event. Colleges and Universities regularly offer their facilities for academic and sporting events. I hope we have earned the right, over the period of a decade, to continue to share in that largess.

On the question of possible interference with campus residents, I again know of no previous problems. Years ago parts of the Disc Golf course did run through a dormitory area and by the campus entrance. This potential problem was addressed, and those holes were eliminated. Most of the course now runs through open spaces and wooded areas between Ball Circle and the gymnasium. This area is historically quite devoid of other activities. Also, when students do walk by, golfers properly yield right-of-way, and in most instances the pedestrians enjoy watching the Tournament.

I have enclosed for your perusal maps of two Richmond courses. That at the University of Richmond is much tighter than Mary Washington's; that at Maymont traverses a public park/zoo. The administrators at both institutions have found Disc Golf a natural and wholesome activity within these environments.

Disc Golf is played world-wide by tens of thousands of players -- some just for fun and some a bit more hard-nosed. Exposing Mary Washington students and others to this pacific and distinguished sport, one which can be played by both men and women, and which can also be played quite competitively as one grows older, is something I see as a positive contribution.

But what I would like to mention most of all, if I may, is the sense of tradition which we have developed. The Mary Washington Disc Golf course is truly one of the finest, most varied and challenging in the country. At each Tournament, and on each hole, memories of all those previous years rush back, like a visit to the home one grew up in. As well, we dearly love this beautiful campus, and take pride in doing our part to maintain its stature. This is an important part of the traditions binding so many of us, from so many varied backgrounds and places, together.

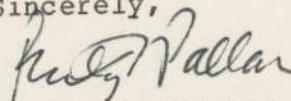
The kernel of this community in Virginia is the Mary Washington Frisbee Club. You must admit that it is nothing short of amazing that such a club would be entering its tenth year. Needing little active assistance from the College, this group of students has since 1977 flawlessly administered one of the premier state tournaments in the United States. Through bad and worse weather, events have been run and schedules kept by discipline and hard work. Many who do not compete participate nonetheless as timers, markers and records keepers. Eric Wootten, formerly Club President and Tournament Director, is now a United States representative to the World Disc Sports Federation.

To me, as someone outside of the Mary Washington community, this portrays Mary Washington College in positive light and publicizes the good spirit of the school. This makes me proud as a Virginian. I feel that this was of major interest to Randy Lahm, for example, in choosing a college. Sandy Steger, who transferred to Mary Washington last year, was also attracted to the school through Frisbee. Sandy finished 7th in the Women's Division at the National Disc Golf Championships last year in Tulsa. I am sure that other qualified students are attracted to Mary Washington College by the strength of this tradition.

I feel, Dr. Anderson, that I may have droned on a bit. If perchance I have actually neglected something which you would like to know, it would give me great pleasure to meet with you at your convenience. I would welcome the opportunity.

My goal with this letter is not to "prove" my case, for there is no absolute, right-or-wrong, decision here. I understand your concerns from your perspective. I hope here to have shown you who we are, what we do, where we come from, and basically what kind of people we are. In short, we are like everyone else, striving to do our best to improve ourselves as individuals and contribute to our society. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Philip L. Pollack

SPRINGTIME IN RICHMOND
DISC GOLF CLASSIC
1985

Tournament Director & Registrar: Phil Pollack

Unless otherwise noted, 1983 PGA rules are in force. Any questions, whether due to ambiguity in those or the following rules, will be settled by the Tournament Director.

I. Tournament Structure.

1. Divisions: Open & Women
2. All players play a minimum of two rounds
- Open: top 8 + ties play front nine again, with ties for 1st place settled by sudden death starting with #10
- Women: TBA

II. Courtesy.

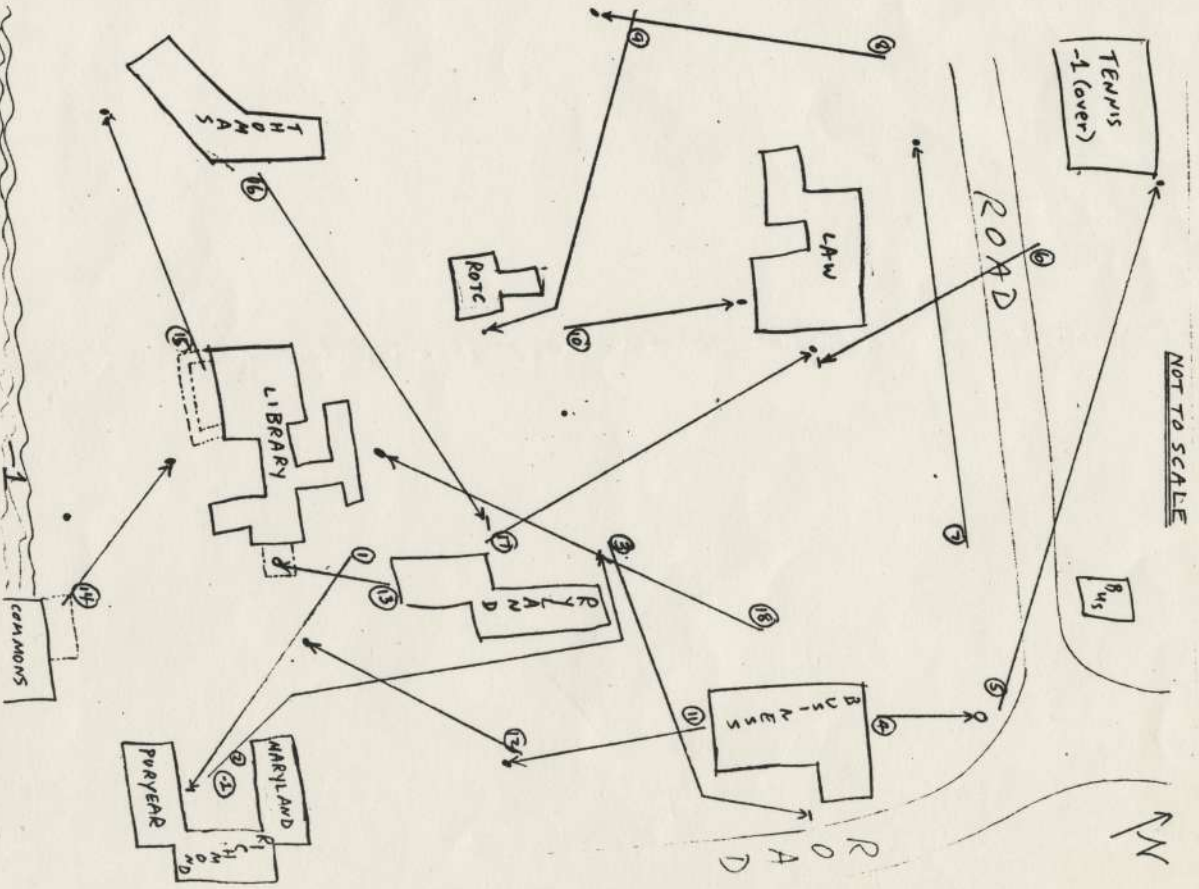
1. Players shall exercise utmost caution to preserve the beauty of the campus, using walkways whenever possible
2. Players shall display maximal courtesy to pedestrians, yielding right-of-way when appropriate
3. As this course is lighter than most, players should be aware of other groups in their vicinity

III. Standard Rules Worth Emphasizing.

1. Each player is allowed 30 seconds to throw once it is his turn and the way is clear
2. A maximum of 2 minutes is allowed to search for a lost disc
3. After the tee throw, the marker disc is placed directly in front of and touching the thrown disc
4. On throws other than tees, the plant foot (or other body part) must be placed on the lie immediately behind the marker disc, with no other body part touching closer to the hole

IV. Special Ground Rules.

1. Definition of "hole."
 - a. If the hole is an object to be hit other than a tree, the entire object counts (excluding cement lamp bases)
 - b. For trees, the hole is the trunk at or below the lowest limb
 - c. For #4, the hole is the brick hole; in fountain, over tennis court fence; bring disc in at any of 3 points; directly away from hole or in either direction on arc equidistant to hole to first in-bounds point. Also: suspended more than 6 feet
2. Penalties. 1 stroke if touching lake; in fountain, over tennis court fence; bring disc in at any of 3 points; directly away from hole or in either direction on arc equidistant to hole to first in-bounds point. Also: suspended more than 6 feet
3. Vehicles. A disc lying under or within 1 yard of a vehicle may be moved to any of 3 points, as in IV.2, with no penalty
4. Tee throws may be played from anywhere directly behind the line
5. A disc which falls under the grating at #1 may be played from directly above on the grating with no penalty
6. A disc which falls into a building well not under the grating must be played as is
7. A player may hold branches out of the way on his own shot with no penalty (but subject to standard "damage to natural hazards" rule)
8. A player not playing a hole scores 10 strokes
9. A disc sliding under the tennis court fence is played as if it had stopped at the fence with no penalty



AUTUMN in RICHMOND
DISC GOLF CLASSIC

Tournament Director: Phil Pollack

Unless otherwise noted, 1983 PDGA rules are in force. Any questions, whether due to ambiguity in those or these rules, shall be settled by the Tournament Director, whose decision shall be final.

I. Tournament Structure

1. Divisions: Open, Women and Juniors (16 and under)
2. Everyone plays one 9-hole Preliminary round and one 18-hole Full Round
Open: top 8 + ties play final Front Nine, with ties for 1st place settled by sudden death starting on hole #4
Women: TBA
Juniors: TBA

II. Courtesy

1. Players shall exercise utmost caution to preserve the beauty of Maymont Park and the surrounding area, refraining (as per PDGA rules) from damaging bushes, trees, buffaloes, peacocks, etc.
2. Players shall display maximal courtesy to pedestrians, yielding right-of-way where appropriate, as we are visitors at the Park, welcomed by Maymont Foundation, whose personnel have always appreciated and supported the various forms of flying disc activities.

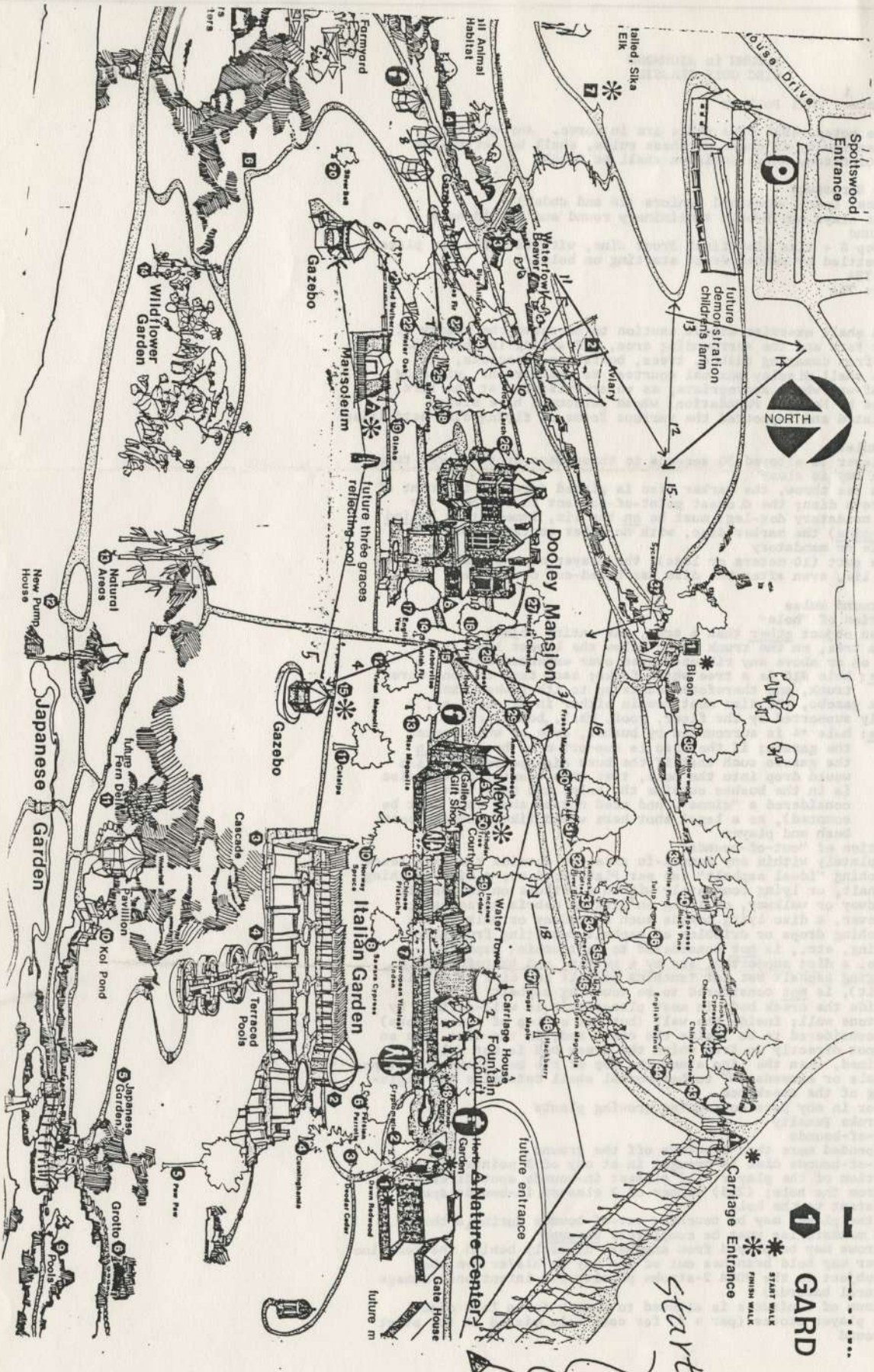
III. Standard Rules

1. Each player is allowed 30 seconds to throw once it is his/her turn and the way is clear
2. After a tee throw, the marker disc is placed directly in front of the thrown disc; the closest point-of-contact to the hole (or to the mandatory dog-leg) must be on the lie, immediately behind (not beside) the marker disc, with no other contact closer to the hole or mandatory
3. After a putt (10 meters or less), the player may not fall forward of the lie, even after the disc has holed-out or stopped

IV. Special Ground rules

1. Definition of "hole"
 - a. If an object other than a tree, the entire object
 - b. If a tree, on the trunk at or below the lowest limb, and on or above any ribbon looped over extended roots
Note: hole #16 is a tree which forks; each fork is considered trunk, and therefore counts up to its lowest limb
 - c. If a gazebo, the disc must remain either in or on; i.e., fully supported by the floor, roof, wall, bench, etc.
Note: hole #4 is surrounded by bushes, some of which enter the gazebo; if the disc is supported by bush within the gazebo such that if the bush disappeared the disc would drop into the hole, then this counts; if the disc is in the bushes outside the hole, the next shot is considered a "gimme", and need not be shot (but must be counted), as a legal shot here would likely damage both bush and player
2. Definition of "out-of-bounds"
 - a. Completely within any fenced-in area, or outside the Park fence
 - b. Touching "ideal asphalt" (as per Plato?); i.e., a disc touching asphalt, or lying completely within a pothole on an asphalt roadway or walkway, or lying on dirt or debris on asphalt; however, a disc lying beside such a roadway or walkway but touching drops or dribbles of asphalt resulting from sloppy paving, etc., is not considered to be touching asphalt; also, a disc supported, say by a gutter, and therefore overhanging asphalt but not touching asphalt (or dirt or debris on it), is not considered to be touching asphalt
 - c. Inside the creek bed; in most places this is well-defined by a stone wall; inside the wall (but not on top of a top stone) is considered to be inside the creek bed; if the disc lies on a spot directly up from which the creek bed is not well-defined, then the line along the top of the bed where the slope equals or exceeds 45° to horizontal shall determine the beginning of the creek bed
 - d. On or in any pots containing growing plants
3. One Stroke Penalty
 - a. Out-of-bounds
 - b. Suspended more than 2 meters off the ground
4. An out-of-bounds disc is brought in at any of 3 points, at the discretion of the player: (1) closest in-bounds spot directly away from the hole; (2&3) either of 2 closest in-bounds spots equidistant to the hole
Note: the player may be touching out-of-bounds during a throw
5. Missed mandates must be completely unwound
6. Tee throws may be played from anywhere directly behind the tee line
7. A player may hold branches out of the way on his/her own shot (but subject to the PDGA 2-stroke penalty for intentional damage to natural hazards)
8. A maximum of 3 minutes is allowed to search for a lost disc
9. A late player scores (par + 5) for each hole missed at the start of a round

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Japanese Garden

A Nature Center

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