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Day Students Unite

by John Ladd

Day students, which now number approximately 300, now have an organization working for them. Last week elections were held for Day Students officers. Elected as Senators and alternates were Susy Pollitt, Karl Herman. R. Mumia Skimaka, Karl Wright and Charles Alsop. John Ladd was elected president.

A number of plans are presently in the works for the Day Students. The Urban Campus has kindly allowed us to use their lounge in the Urban Center building. We hope that a corner of this room can be used to display information pertinent to the activities of the Day Students. This should help aleviate the past difficulties off-campus students have in finding out what is happening on campus. Ladd will be in the lounge on Mondays and Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 to talk with Day Students about suggestions, gripes, etc. Anyone wanting to help organize and plan these activities is urged to come by. Ladd can also be reached by phone at 275-8794.

In the next several days the Day Student organization should have a campus mailbox. The intramural committee will organize a tennis tournament for these students if there is enough interest. Contact Ladd if you

are interested. A day student get together of some kind is. planned for late September or early October, with much more in the planning stages.

by Arturo Perez-Reyes and

In the past few days there

has been renewed interest in

last year's self-regulating

hours proposal- in fact, it looks

like once again students are

ready to wage battle over the

issue. This article will try to

sum up the events of last

year's debate in order to avoid

fruitless repetition of what

happened before. Hopefully,

this will serve as an

introduction of them for new

students as well as aiding

returning classmates to rede-

fine their stance to meet this

year's needs.

Merry Allen

These plans depend on several factors. The administration response so far has been helpful, and allocation of an adequate budget is imperative from the Student Senate. The most important factor is the feedback and input from the Day Students ourselves. There are 300 of us and out of that number we should be able to generate enough enthusiasm and energy to include all of the day students in the community.

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On the face of it, the issue is whether or not students should be granted self-regulating visitation hours. However, the administration's refusal to permit this proposal has clarified to true issue; whether or not students need to have something "granted" to them at all, or should instead be accorded the autonomy and respect of their rights that each human being deserves. In this context, the debate is another of a long list of student confrontations with the administration over their paternalism and total disregard of how students feel they need to live and study. The Guilford that exists is not one that students would create, but one maintained by and for

a bureaucratic structure.

It is beyond the purposes of this article to give an in-depth recount of all that transpired last year, so a brief summary will be attempted. Although the issue of visitation has been alive and kicking on campus for some time, it did not precipitate any action until Amy McCallister and Michael Tove decided to tackle the blatant iniquity of omens visitation hours on campus. Working together, they drafted a bill which was then ratified by the Student Senate, endorsed by SAC, and given major support by a student poll in quick succession. The bill proposed that each unit of living (Personel's obsure title for "dorm") would democratically establish its own visitation hours. Although 24 hour visitation could be opted for, so could any other

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combination of closed dorm hours that residents preferred. McCallister and Tove hoped that this would end the still current inequality of mens and women regulations on campus.

This absolute excission of the students voice from the regulations that governs their lives set off some unrest. 30 or 40 people held a meeting in the Binford Lounge, violating hours in an attempt to bring about a confrontation, however, the demonstration was ignored. Next a town meeting was held to which trustees, alumni, faculty, and Grimsley T. Hobbs were invited. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a means for dialouge and first hand airing of views. It proved to be a raving flop, mainly because there was much rhetoric but no dialouge, and the usual large amoung of schlop Quakerism thrown around that did not choose to examine the issue in the light of it's undeniable radically humanistic tradition, but merely confused the issue beyond belief. For the most part student rights were not even dealt with, and in the final analysis, the town meeting did nothing but allow the administration to co-opt the students grievances. After the meeting came exams, and the final act was consumated the day after they ended and all the students had left (again, as usual).

An open administrative council meeting was held where Bob Foreman (acting president of the Student Senate) agreed to a one hour

extention of visitation hours as a compromise to the senate bill.

The lessons of last year are clear: one there was not sufficient student interest about the issue, as was demonstrated by the small quanity of the people at the town meeting (a significant show of strength there was crucial); two, what support there was lacked unity (there was no agreement over what was to be the primary issue, no organization, and therefore, little collective action). Because of these two conditions, student dissent worried the administration less than the fear of alumni and reaction (monetary reprisal) to any further relaxing of living regulations.

If the bill is to be passed this year, it will only happen through mass student support. This support will have to be rallied around one primary issue and focused into usable power by either the Senate or concerned organizers.

In closing, we would like to personally add that we feel there are more urgent national and global problems that students could be working on. In the end, a struggle for visitation hours pales against the harsher realities of a world where many do not even possess the necessities of life. Although we see great value in students gathering together to achieve this goal, perhaps the organizational energy and student involvement necessary for the success of this bill are better spent elsewhere.

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