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Trustees Approve Coed Housing

By Kenneth Goldwasser

The Board of Trustees approved a Student Life Committee proposal on Friday which called for the creation of at least two more co-ed housing units on the Guilford College campus.

The proposal called for the adaption of one of the traditional dorms (i.e. Milner, English, Binford) and another alternative housing unit. Each would house a pair of resident hall staff members.

Dean of Students, Ken Schwab said, "This is another viable living option that can enhance campus life." He said the Student Life Committee was not responding to a particular proposal from students, but merely creating a statement to "give us more flexibility." The proposal came through the Community Senate a year ago. "It's been a process of back and forth," Schwab said.

The Board of Trustees, in the past, has been wary of accepting

the proposal. They did not want to create a living environment that might be considered unacceptable or too liberal by the community at large.

Senate President Tom Jarrell and Vice President, John Goodwin worked with Student Life Committee head, Marietta Forlaw, to create a proposal that they felt the Board would accept. The proposal included arguments stating the need for students to develop interpersonal relationships with members of the opposite sex, the need for flexibility in housing space to accommodate the shifts in the male to female ratio and to make the most effective use of dorm space.

Jarrell said that the proposal included a reference to the repeated security problems in Binford, a women's dorm, as a reason for co-ed housing facilities. He said that having men in the dorm would improve security by discouraging intruders.

The new amendment is "just and extension of the existing co-ed housing policy," Goodwin said, "we can go co-ed if there is a demand." He said in the past, proposals were "mediocre" and not fully backed by the Student Life Committee which increased the Trustee's skepticism.

The approval of the proposal pleased both Jarrell and Goodwin. "If students want co-ed housing, I'm glad it's available," Jarrell said. Goodwin felt the proposal would "definitely improve campus life."

"There will not be additional co-ed housing in the fall," Schwab said, "but if there is sufficient student interest we are prepared to consider it."

Schwab said that the committee doesn't want to appear to be pushing the issue. The changes will only take place "if students truly desire to create this living environment," Schwab said.



The accordion player helped create a festive mood at the Oktoberfest lunch Saturday.

Photo by Andrew Stuart

Quad Dance Termed Success

By Kenneth Goldwasser

The Homecoming Dance held Friday night in the Quad of Bryan Dorm is considered a success by Housing Director, Bob White and Bryan president, Tom Kelly.

The dance was scheduled as a trial to judge whether the Bryan Quad should remain available to student organizations as an activity sight. White had set restrictions on its use on the basis of difficulties with litter and damages resulting from previous Quad dances.

White said he considered the dance "very definitely a success" and he doesn't anticipate refusing the use of Bryan for dances in the future. "I think it went very well," he said.

White noted, however, that there were students drinking beer on the balconies surround-

ing the quad. "we purposely said that beer could be consumed in the suites to avoid this problem," he said.

Student sheriffs were assigned to enforce Guilford dance and alcohol policies on Friday, but White said that he didn't see any at the dance. "That doesn't mean they weren't there," he said, "it means we have to work on that problem for future dances."

Bryan Dorm President, Tom Kelly, saw "No problems" in connection with the dance and thought it was kept "well under control." Kelly said that the results were extremely pleasing, considering the increased turnout due to visiting Alumni. Despite the large crowd, Kelly said that there were no reports of damage and that "everyone cooperated" with dance regulations.



Binford Farlow, Director of Development Services, greets alumni Saturday morning.

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