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Ad Council questions Senate visitation policy

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The Administrative Council, an advisory board to Dr. Rogers, expressed concern last week over the Community Senate's proposed revision of the visitation policy, creating concern among many students that the proposed revision would be rejected in its present form.

The revised visitation policy establishes the right for residence halls to implement a 24-hour visitation policy with roommate denial privileges. The current visitation policy requires that visitation be restricted between the hours of 1 and 9 a.m. in all residence halls on campus.

Visitation is defined in the Guilford College Student Handbook as "the presence of a member of one sex in the room of another." Violators of the visitation policy can be subject to judicial charges.

A variety of concerns over the proposed visitation revision were expressed by a number of repre-

sentatives on Administrative Council. Concerns included questions of safety, roommate rights, the college's admissions profile, parental complaints and the cultural differences of International students.

"Ad Council feels compelled to think about the institution as a whole, and I think the concerns expressed in the meeting reflected that," said Dean of Students Nancy Cable-Wells. "I did not sense any real negative feelings about the proposal, just concerns which I think we can work out."

A large majority of students, responding to surveys by a variety of student organizations, indicated an overwhelming support for the revised proposal.

The new proposal, which had to survive a gauntlet of student government committees, was approved by the Student Residence Council in the spring of 1989, and the Community Senate on October 4, 1989. The Student Affairs Committee, an advisory committee to the dean of students, also recommend the proposal during the fall of 1989.

"This policy was researched

very carefully and I'm concerned that the Ad Council is going to change it substantially," said Beth Tate, vice president of Community Senate. "I think the administration should take a cue from the student body and let the students have a say in how they want to regulate their lives on campus."

The Senate executive board reported the various issues ex-

pressed by the Council during Senate last Wednesday, causing many Senators to express dissent over the Council's concerns.

"I think many of the concerns that Ad Council expressed do not necessarily have to alter the proposal, especially issues dealing with security and admissions," said English senator Guy Vitaglione, a sophomore from Raleigh. "I question their under-

standing of the issue when they do not live in the residence halls. It seems to me there is a deeper question of student maturity and responsibility here. Ad Council must have a poor view of how we handle things. In fact, it is an insult."

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Condom machines arrive in dorms

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Last year the Community Senate approved a Statement of Advocacy concerning condom vending machines. It was agreed that the profits would be used for sexual education in the college. This year, Katherine Schnorrenberg, chairperson of the Special Project Committee of Senate, worked to bring the vending machines to campus.

After locating B&J Vending Company, a company that deals

only in condom vending machines, a distribution of profits was agreed upon. Guilford will receive 30 percent of the profits, to be used for education while the company receives the rest. The vending machines were installed Wednesday, March 21. B&J Vending Co. is responsible for maintenance and will check the machines every six weeks.

The condoms are high quality latex condoms with a spermicidal lubricant called Nonoxyl-9 and cost 50 cents.

They are available in all residence halls. In Hobbs and Shore the machines are in the guest bathrooms, in Milner and Bryan the machines are in the laundry rooms, in English in the kitchen, and in Binford the machine is next to the lounge. Each machine was placed in a non-sex-specific area.

Each condom is packaged with information about safe sex, including how to use the condom properly.

The students on campus seem to be in favor of the machines. Sophomore Jennifer Reid says, "They're necessary, they're reality. The fact is condoms are too important to not have available."

Sophomore Wes Gavins feels, "it's not like the school is condoning sex. It's going to go on regardless. If you're going to do it anyway, you might as well use a condom."



photo by Charles Almy

The new condom machine in Milner.

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Shane Handy connects for a base hit in one of the three Guilford victories against Western Maryland last week. Story on page 10.