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photo by Charles Almy

Jon-Paul St. Germain enjoys the Moon Bounce Sunday afternoon under the nicest skies of Serendipity weekend.

24-hour visitation passed

Peter Smith
News Editor

The Administrative Council, an advisory board to President Bill Rogers, reached consensus on a revised visitation policy, allowing 24-hour visitation in all residence halls for a one year "trial" period.

The Community Senate, in conjunction with the Administrative Council, further revised the policy to emphasize roommate and residence hall rights to restrict 24-hour visitation; however, the policy's proposal for a campus-wide 24-hour visitation in all residence halls was passed.

The Council's decision, which was reached on March 28, was a welcome surprise to many students who were concerned that the policy would not be passed due to previous concerns expressed by members of Administrative Council.

"We are happy that we were able to compose the policy so that it met many of the concerns expressed to us by ad council," said senior Senate President Tracy Russ. "After the concerns expressed last week, we were not sure it would pass, but we found all involved to be cooperative and willing to see it through."

The Council met during the previous week and expressed a variety of concerns about the policy, including questions of safety, roommate rights, the admissions profile, parental complaints and the cultural differences of international students.

But in the meeting last week, Dean of Students Nancy Cable-Wells wrote a memorandum asking the Council to approve the policy. Many students felt Cable-Wells' memorandum helped the policy pass through the council.

"Nancy's support was very important," said Russ. "I think her efforts to spell out some of

the concerns and address them helped this policy along."

In the memorandum, Cable-Wells wrote that she "respected very much" the efforts made by students who were responsible for the policy. However, she emphasized that the policy should not be implemented until the issues of security, policy enforcement, and roommate rights are resolved. She also proposed that the policy's effectiveness be monitored throughout the next academic year by the Residence Life staff and Senate, in coordination with the Student Affairs Committee and the Administrative Council.

Cable-Wells said that students will be held responsible for the proposal and that its success will hinge on the ability of students campus-wide to adhere to the policy and respect its provisions.

Said Cable-Wells, "I've given this policy a lot of thought, and I think the modified proposal can work. But it will be scrutinized. I'll be the first to say this policy is not working if problems begin to emerge."

The revised policy must receive a final approval by the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee, which is tentatively set to meet on May 3. If the policy is approved by the Committee, it will go into effect during the next academic year.

Serendipity leaves good memories, bad damage

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Serendipity 1990 blew through Guilford on the weekend of March 30-April 2 leaving in its wake some fond memories, but also some tales of vandalism. At a College Union meeting on Wednesday, April 4, Union organizers met to reflect on Serendipity '90.

One act of vandalism was the destruction and theft of environmental sculptures outside Hege-Cox building. The environmental sculptures, designed for outdoor display, were by junior Isao Takahashi.

Senior Elizabeth Burke, an art major, criticized suggestions that the sculptures should be moved indoors during Serendipity. "It seems like we have more right to be drunk than to place those sculptures outdoors," she said. "People need to look at what Serendipity really means."

The meeting also mentioned damage to the buildings and grounds, which seems to have

become customary at Serendipity. This year, vandals damaged a marble stall partition in a Binford toilet. The estimated cost of replacement is \$1500. The full cost of damage from Serendipity '90 will not be known for some time.

The meeting went on to discuss disregard for alcoholage limits. Frank Goins, president of Union, proposed that the administration distribute wristbands using lists of 21-year-olds. Goins suggested that peer pressure from minors was too much for students to handle when distributing wristbands.

Other suggestions included hiring more security guards to enforce the alcohol policy, setting checkpoints at the College Road entrances to restrict entry into the grounds, and better publication of drinking restrictions.

The unprecedented need for a crew to keep the crowd off of Sternberger Auditorium's stage during the Royal Crescent Mob concert on Saturday, April 1, was the focus of discussion for controlling crowd behavior at rock concerts on campus.

Goins suggested writing a clause into the

contrast of visiting rock bands by asking them to suspend their performance during critical moments in the concert. Such clauses are not unusual, and Goins pointed out that some bands are more than willing to avoid violent crowd behavior.

Dick Dyer, assistant to the dean of students, said that a major factor in the damage during Serendipity is the number of guests and outsiders who came to the event: "[The guests] feel a good deal freer than Guilford students because they know the chances of repercussions [on guests] are slim." This year Guilford students signed up about 500 guests but Goins estimates the true number of non-Guilford students was more.

Dyer blames much of the problems during Serendipity on a select few: "It doesn't take many people to ruin a good weekend." Despite the setbacks, Dyer believes the problems are solvable. He commended Union's management and said Serendipity '90 was "well planned, well executed."

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