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QRL Sets Fate of Milner: Co-Ed in 1992

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Milner will be a co-ed residence hall during the 1992-93 academic year, housing female residents on the second floor, according to a decision reached by the Residential Life Task Force on January 20.

The decision, which climaxed two years of debate on the issue, will not be subject to review until the fall of 1994, said Richard Ford, dean of residential life.

"The decision to make Milner co-ed is final and will not be subject to review until the fall of 1994," said Ford. "On balance,

it was a good decision, and I believe the change is important."

The Residential Life Task Force was unable to reach consensus on the issue until George Segebade, assistant director of residential life, suggested a compromise which would allow for Milner to remain an all-male residence hall next year, but allow for female residents in the fall of 1992.

"We really struggled with the question of a co-ed Milner," said Dean of Students Nancy Cable-Wells. "George was instrumental in helping us reach a decision."

Segebade suggested a compromise which would address the concerns of the

majority of sophomore and junior Milner residents who wanted Milner to remain all-male and also address the majority of freshmen Milner residents who supported the Milner co-ed option.

The decision to delay converting Milner into a co-ed facility next year will also enable members of the Residential Life Staff to implement a more comprehensive plan to deal with educating students to issues of sexual abuse and harassment next year, said Cable-Wells.

Several members of the Guilford Women's Awareness group had expressed concern that before Milner was to be a co-

ed facility, more efforts should be made to educate students to the problem of sexual harassment and abuse on Guilford's campus.

The one-year delay will also allow the Residential Life staff more time to select both male and female staff members to serve as Milner RAs for the 1992-93 academic year, said Ford.

Last year a decision was made to make Milner a co-ed facility by the fall of 1990, but strong opposition caused the administration to re-evaluate its position and consider further community discussion of the issue.

One of the goals this year of the Residential Life Task Force was to include as much student participation in the decision as possible. A forum was held on the issue January 10. Approximately 100 students attended the program.

Said Cable-Wells, "This decision was reached in the Guilford tradition—the spirit of compromise and consensus."

Milner residents who were opposed to the conversion of Milner to a co-ed facility said they were satisfied with the decision.

Ameen "Mooney" David, a Milner RA, said he was glad that voices of dissention were included in the final decision.

"I'm happy to know that our opinions were heard and respected, said David.

Where Do All the Student Files Go?

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Ten years after a student graduates or leaves Guilford, his or her file remains inside the vaults in the Registrar's Office.

"Most large universities have to throw away students' records after the required three years due to space," said Registrar Floyd Reynolds. "We pack things away

for longer than required."

The American Association of Registrar and Administrative Officers and the Carolina Association of Registrar and Administrative Officers both require colleges to keep student records for three years.

In the vaults are students' records from the 1800s. After 10 years most documents in the files are thrown away except for students' original high school and college

transcripts.

Transcripts are kept in case employers, police or anyone else, for specific reasons, needs access to students' files. In order for a student's file to be viewed, the student has to give written permission, to the school, for those who are seeking access.

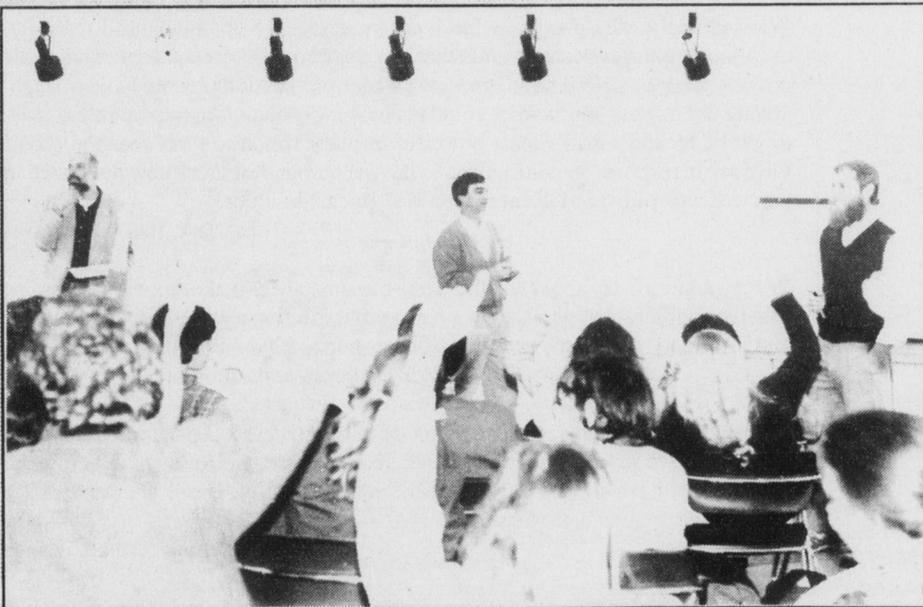
In 1974 the Family Rights Privacy Act had an amendment added. The Buckley Amendment set guidelines for who can see a student's records. The

amendment specifically stated that registrars have to be careful about who they allow access to the records. However, when seeking employment, a student may waive part of their access rights.

When Floyd Reynolds first came to Guilford 28 years ago, once or twice a year he would have requests to verify birth dates of past students who were going to collect Social Security. Guilford's records, because they extended so far back into the College's first years, were used by the Social Security Office to verify ages of those who were born before the years when birth certificates were kept.

Guilford's first records, in the 1800s, were handwrit-

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Joe Groves, Vernie Davis and Max Carter (left to right) lead a workshop to brainstorm peaceful alternatives to the war. See story on page 7/photo by Kirsten Bergman

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