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## The Front Page News Ticker

### Four Audition for NATS

Four Guilford voice students traveled to Appalachian State University on March 21 to participate in the two-day annual National Association of Singing (NATS) student auditions. The students, Ritchie Eanes, Scott Lee, Katherine Schnorrenberg and Joseph Champion qualified to audition by meeting specified repertoire requirements.

Champion, a freshman from Black Mountain, won third place in the Freshmen Men division and first place in the advanced Musical Theater division. The students study voice with Grace Johnson. Drama professor and director Jack Zerbe provided coaching assistance for preparation for the Musical Theater category.

### 1992 Serendipity Chair Appointed

Scott Thornhill, a rising junior from Raleigh, was appointed chairman of next year's Serendipity Committee. Thornhill said he was excited about being selected and is looking forward to producing a successful Serendipity.

### Quaker Concerns Sponsors Visit

Bruce Grimes, editor of the Friends for Gay and Lesbian Concerns Newsletter, and Geoff Kaiser, a Quaker historian, creator of the definitive wall chart of Quaker divisions, general authority on Quaker theologian Robert Barclay and on the history of homosexuality in the Christian church, will be on campus April 3-5. Exact plans for their visit, which is sponsored by Quaker Concerns, were not available at press time.

### Two Juniors Named Yearbook Editors

Juniors Martha McCoy and Carolyn Bundy were named co-editors of the 1992 *Quaker* last week. The Publications Board closed its interviews last week after reopening the selection process.

## Senate Debates Using Fees for Condoms

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News Editor

The president of Guilford's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance went before the Community Senate last Wednesday to try to convince senators to approve funding for free condom distribution.

GLBA President R.J. Nickels asked Senate to allot \$145 in special request money to his club so that it can arrange for the Guilford community to have access to free prophylactics at the Student Health Center.

The money would be used to purchase 1,000 condoms with nonoxynol-9 (lubricated) and 1,000 "dry" condoms. The condoms could be obtained through an appointment with the health center's director, Charlotte Schmickle, or by picking them up in a basket in the center's lobby. AIDS prevention information would also be posted adjacent to the basket. In addition, some condoms would be set aside for distribution at GLBA-sponsored AIDS information seminars and other related educational events.

The funding request was presented with the expressed support of a handful of prominent campus organizations, including

Quaker Concerns, the Coalition of Voices and Women's Awareness.

Fifteen years ago today a story about free condom distribution at Guilford would have belonged in the April Fool's Day section of the newspaper, but with the advent of the AIDS epidemic, the extent to which institutional support for protective measures is appropriate has become an important issue on campuses throughout the country.

The debate continues to rage at Guilford, as Nickels went before the Senate for the second time in as many weeks to lobby his cause.

Senate failed to reach consensus on the matter, so discussion will continue at this Wednesday's meeting.

The debate occasionally turned ugly, with some of the exchanges as hot as the weather outside. At one point, Academic Senator Lew Riley appealed to his colleagues to improve their conduct.

"I think we owe [Nickels] some respect," Riley said.

A slight majority of the Senate was at least somewhat skeptical of GLBA's funding request.

At the outset of the discussion, some senators expressed strong reservations

about providing the condoms in the Student Health Center. They pointed out that the health center is closed in the evenings and on the weekends, at which times the need for condoms tends to be at its greatest.

Nickels conceded that the situation wasn't ideal.

"It is unfortunate that student health isn't open all the time, but aside from giving [the condoms] to the RAs [to distribute], which hasn't worked at other colleges, or making them available at the activities desk, we haven't been able to come up with a feasible alternative," Nickels said.

Moreover, Nickels insisted that Schmickle strongly advocated the plan. However, senior Joe Studivant challenged that statement. Senate officials will invite Schmickle to this Wednesday's meeting to clarify her position.

Concern was also expressed that the response to the availability of free condoms may actually be overwhelming. In other words, a few students may "hog up" all the condoms. Nickels countered that he would ask health center employees to keep a "minimal" watch on the basket and that there would be a sign posted on the basket requesting that students take only as many condoms as they need.

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Two students play Frisbee on the lawn between Bryan and Milner. Behind them is the road being built to increase access to the new apartments. In front is the new concrete walkway connecting the two dorms. /photo by George Brand

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