

# Consent Policy Changes Dating at Antioch Ad Leads N.C. NAACP to Cancel AT&T Service

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A new sexual-harassment policy may give students at Ohio's Antioch College something else to worry about on a first date.

The recently enacted policy requires students to obtain verbal permission from their partners to engage in any physical contact.

According to the Antioch Sexual Offense Policy, "verbal consent should be obtained with each new level of physical and/or sexual contact ... in any given interaction, regardless of who initiates it."

Under the new policy, generalized requests about sexual activity are not considered sufficient.

"Asking 'Do you want to have sex with me?' is not enough. The request for consent must be specific with each act," the policy states.

Karen Hall, Antioch's sexual offense advocate, said students and faculty formulated the plan in response to two campus acquaintance-rape cases in the fall of 1990. The college's Board of Trustees approved the new policy last summer, she said.

Hall said the policy would protect men as well as women by providing them with

the comfort zone of verbal consent.

"It's to protect everyone. It's written in very gender-neutral language, and we acknowledge that we have a gay-lesbian-bisexual community," she said.

A group of students brought up the idea of requiring specific verbal consent at each new level of contact when the old policy was being revised.

"The verbal consent part is very new and it's somewhat unique. We wanted our new policy to be a little more specific," said Callie Cary, executive assistant to Antioch's president. "It's to prepare students for a larger society where sexual violence is becoming more prevalent."

While drafting the policy, students discovered that nonverbal signals were received differently by various people, especially by the college's foreign students, Cary said.

"Students are required to communicate with each other just as anyone in a sexual relationship would like," she said. "Even if they talk in a light and silly way, at least it's a way to cut the ice."

Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, associate dean of students and chair of the campus Rape Action Committee, said such a policy was unlikely to be enacted at UNC.

"I would have a lot of hesitation if this

University were to adopt such a policy," she said. "I do think it would be helpful if we could get people to verbally express themselves, but that's not very realistic."

"There's usually some testing of boundaries and limits," she said. "There are messages that could be verbal but they don't have to be. Of course there could always be a misreading of signals."

Anderson-Thompkins said the UNC Code of Student Conduct did not require that both partners consent verbally to sex. The code also does not require a rape victim to express discontent, she said.

"We prefer to have a much broader definition of sexual harassment," she said. "It's how the victim defines the situation."

But Joseph Weinberg of Men Stopping Rape, a Wisconsin-based informational organization, said he agreed with the idea of specific verbal consent.

"If it's not comfortable to talk about sex, then the couple isn't ready," he said. "Men often don't ask permission because they're so afraid of being told 'no.' They say that stopping to talk will ruin the moment. So all of a sudden they become hopeless romantics?"

"I would ask men not to put themselves in a position where they're getting laid and she's getting raped," he said.

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The N.C. NAACP has canceled its AT&T long-distance service after receiving an advertisement that featured a cartoon of a monkey placing a call from Africa.

In the ad, humans are depicted using the phone on the other six continents.

The civil-rights group, claiming the ad was stereotypical, also has asked the telephone giant for an apology.

In a Sept. 16 press release, Mary Peeler, executive director of the N.C. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called "for an immediate apology by AT&T to AT&T employees, Africans, African Americans and the general public."

The group sent a letter to Robert Allen, AT&T's executive officer, immediately after the cartoon was brought to the group's attention, Peeler said.

"The N.C. NAACP is truly appalled at the humiliating and offensive way AT&T has chosen to depict persons in Africa," the letter stated.

"This picture clearly shows a lack of sensitivity ... is indicative of negative racial myths and stereotypes and promotes ignorance," it stated.

Peeler said she thought the apology was not enough because AT&T's Focus magazine, which contained the ad, had a wide circulation.

She added that the September edition of Focus was distributed to more than 300,000 AT&T employees.

The company sent three sets of apologies to company employees from its head of public relations, editorial staff and the chairman of the company, said Burke Stinson, an AT&T spokesman.

He also said Mary Peeler would receive an apology from Allen on the afternoon of Sept. 21.

Peeler said the N.C. NAACP would not pursue a lawsuit, but that the organization had canceled its long-distance service.

She also said she had taken calls from outraged citizens who had dropped AT&T service.

"We have received calls from people telling us that they have canceled their services with AT&T, but that's their personal decision," she said.

Peeler said the cartoon indicated that AT&T still faced hurdles in achieving stability in race relations with its employees.

"Such blatant racism often is indicative of other problems," she said.

But Stinson said he did not believe the incident was caused by racism.

"This is not a byproduct of a racist editorial staff ... it's a byproduct of editorial oversight," Stinson said.

The layout was not produced by the AT&T staff, but by the New York-based

Steve Phillips Design Company, he said. Steve Phillips, president of the graphics firm, said his company had been under contract with AT&T for 13 years and never had experienced problems before.

Phillips said the cartoon was published because someone ignored orders during the editing process.

"Someone was told to get the illustration fixed because it was terrible," Phillips said. "It was not done ... I don't know why it happened."

Phillips said a company art director was in charge of finding a free-lance illustrator to do the layout and was expected to let the artist know if any corrections were needed. But the cartoonist was not told of the necessary improvements, he said.

The art director responsible for making the changes was fired last week, Phillips said. He also said the company would not hire the illustrator again.

Phillips said he thought AT&T would consider renewing the design company's contract when it expired, but was certain that the bad publicity would not improve the firm's chances.

"The more that Steve Phillips Design Company is in the press, the greater the impact will be on us," he said.

Stinson said AT&T hoped the negative publicity would not overshadow its accomplishments in minority affairs. He stressed the existence of a black employees organization. "It's a deep bruise on AT&T that we hope will heal someday ... but probably not any time soon."

## Bonding Made Easy

Hey listen up! Senior Week is (finally) here! If you need a break from the books, then we recommend that you jump into some or all of these "classy" activities.

**Tonight Pit Movie!** Catch a classic flick in a theater of brick. "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" is in the Pit tonight at 9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday Senior Night Out!** Tee-Off time is 7:30 p.m. at Spring Garden. Play continues

until 2:00 a.m., rain or shine.

**Wednesday UNC Graduate Seminars!** Come to the George Watts Alumni enter at 7:30 p.m. for sessions on Law School (Room 2), Med School (Room 3) and Graduate School (Royal Room). If you're interested in grad school you should not miss this opportunity to let UNC administrators and faculty answer your questions.

**Thursday Bowl-a-rama!** The

Student Union will offer free bowling and pool from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. We'll spare you any puns, but this is your cue for a good time.

**Friday DJ Party!** Join DJs Tony D and Damon Toone at the Great Hall for food, drink and other necessities. Students and guests bring a college ID. 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Most events are open to all. Don't miss out!

## Future Daze

I sat dazed on my apartment floor. My career plans resembled a large, meaningless void.

Sorry, I forgot to introduce myself. I'm Joe Senior, and plan to graduate in May. At the rate things are going I see myself in ten years scraping gum under tables at a local McFood restaurant.

Anyway, my roommate Biff broke my melancholy by suggesting that I visit University Career Services. He said UCS counselors could help me sort out my future by bolstering my job skills.

Intrigued, I pursued this beacon of hope. I pestered Ma Bell for the number (962-6507), called UCS, grabbed my 3 x 5 index card...err, resumé...and dashed for Hanes 211.

I stumbled into the UCS office and asked the receptionist if someone there could discuss my future with me. Her blank look and "Sir, may I help you?" reply let me know that, perhaps, my question needed rephrasing.

She suggested that first I should register for a Job Hunt 101 workshop. She said all students, even those with the haziest career plans, can research a variety of careers at this session. She said the workshop would help me analyze my marketable job skills. She added that workshop attendance is mandatory for students planning on-campus interviews.

She said corporations review UCS resumé and select students to interview on campus...but only students who have attended a 101 workshop. I enrolled on the spot.

The receptionist, after spying my 3x5, said that UCS offered workshops to help seniors build a professional resumé. She said UCS could even help seniors prepare for the interview process!

I thanked her, grabbed a Fall 1993 Workshop Schedule and bounced blissfully out the door. Now the only "void" I have to deal with is the one on each of my checks.

## Ahem!

The next UCS Career Fair will be in the Union on Oct. 7th.

The Senior Class Gift Committee will be accepting gift proposals until the first week in October. Interested students, administrators and faculty members should contact Adam Burns at the Senior Class office.

The Class Gift phone poll of 10 percent of seniors will begin in mid-October.

Graduate School representatives will discuss UNC graduate programs Oct. 4th. Scheduled speakers include Graduate School Associate Dean Erika Lindemann and Adviser Robert Kirkpatrick.

The session will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Gerrard Hall. Bring a friend!

**RESUMÉ**  
Joe Senior

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Is this *your* resumé? Volunteering is more than serving at the soup kitchen — it's marketing, PR and excellent resumé experience. Interested? Visit or call the Senior Class Office (962-1994) to join an exciting new volunteer initiative!

## Study: Unidentified Blacks Cremated Faster Than Whites

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
COLUMBIA, S.C. — When the corpse of basketball superstar Michael Jordan's father was cremated last month before anyone identified it, some blacks charged that coroners would have waited longer if it were a white body.

South Carolina records during the past 10 years show that unidentified black corpses are more likely to be cremated than unidentified white corpses, The (Columbia, S.C.) State reported.

State officials say the numbers are too small to be statistically significant. But the results strengthen efforts of some South Carolina blacks pushing for a new law to remove any hint of racism.

Ten years of records show that five of 12 unidentified blacks were cremated compared to three of 15 unidentified whites. That means that unidentified blacks were cremated at twice the rate of unidentified whites during the period.

William Gibson, chairman of the Na-

tional Board of Directors of the NAACP, said the statistics bolster his contention that the bodies of blacks are treated with less respect than whites. Racism is "unquestionably" the reason, he said.

But Tim Brown, the coroner who ordered James Jordan's cremation, said race played no role in his decision.

Jordan's body had been exposed to more than a week of South Carolina's steamy August heat, Brown said. The poor, rural county had no refrigeration facilities for body storage and no paupers' cemetery for burial.

He ordered the body cremated after doing what was necessary to preserve evidence and material for identification, Brown said.

Also, there were no matching missing-person reports in North Carolina or South Carolina, Brown said.

The public doesn't understand the realities of a coroner's work, said Jeff Rogers, head of the state's coroner's association.

## Mercedes Soon to Decide Location

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Mercedes-Benz officials are set to make one last visit to Tuscaloosa before the automaker finally announces where it will build a \$300 million plant that has been the focus of a high-stakes bidding war.

Tuscaloosa and Jefferson county officials met late last week in Bessemer to discuss Tuesday's visit, including how to spruce up the route to the proposed plant site, which is 19 miles east of Tuscaloosa.

Dara Longgrea, executive director of the Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority, said Alabama officials "have left no stone unturned."

Last week, the Tuscaloosa City Council and the Tuscaloosa County Commission agreed to provide up to \$30 million each to buy and develop the proposed plant site.

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Bernholz's dedication to her career.

"Dottie is devoted to the interests of students," Badgett said. "She believes in Student Legal Services. Students have, essentially, the same problems as the larger community."

Dave Crescenzo, also a Student Legal Services lawyer, admired Bernholz's generosity.

"Dottie is a very competent lawyer, but she chooses to be here, helping students rather than making a lot of money," Crescenzo said. "I think she genuinely cares about students."

Aside from her work with students, Bernholz served as co-chairwoman for a committee that gathered statistics on female lawyers, such as the percentage of women who were partners in firms, held elected offices and were paid less than their male counterparts.

"Dottie is extremely well-rounded," Badgett said. "She has the ability to con-

verse with people of all personalities in all situations, happy or stressful.

"She enjoys her work and tends to inspire others as well. She is an outstanding mediator. I've seen people feel good whether they won or lost the disagreement."

On a more personal note, Bernholz has a daughter, 29, who is a pianist and lawyer, and a son, 25, in law school.

Seem like a lot of lawyers for one family? Her husband, two brothers, and four first cousins also practice law.

"I love to travel and I love to fish," Bernholz said. "I studied abroad in Switzerland when I was an undergraduate."

Her other travels have included California, Key West, Stockholm, Leningrad, Spain, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Sometimes her work can be entertaining, too. "I think my strangest case — we used to have the case-of-the-week competition for the most bizarre — was about the gerbils," Bernholz said. "A student's ex-boyfriend threatened to kill her gerbils. We saved the gerbils, though."

"It's not much. They'll be willing to pay for it if they'll be here for an hour or two hours," he said. "Parking here is usually ridiculous. Sometimes you can't even find a spot."

Byron Freeman, owner of Carolina Coffee Shop, said he didn't expect an immediate jump in business. "When football crowds hit here, it's bound to make a difference."

Chris Belcher, of C.O. Copies, said the deck could boost his business.

"I've heard a lot about parking from the other stores. How do you decide which goes to Kinko's and which goes to Copytron, and they say whichever one has a parking space out front," Belcher said.

Other businesses, such as Ben & Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream, said the facility would not make a big difference in revenue.

"The bulk of the business comes from students," Manager Scott Boger said. "I really don't see it making too much of a difference."

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erly, I think it may be better than having to find a place down the street and walk," said Paula Andrew, a service representative for Wachovia.

She added that the prices were more conducive to short term-parking.

The rates for the new facility are hourly, with discount rates for senior citizens. Regular rates increase 50 cents every half-hour for the first 1 1/2 hours. For seniors, the rate increases 25 cents an hour. But after four hours, both senior and regular rates increase to \$5. Every half-hour, after five hours of parking, both rates increase by \$1.20.

Cars parked at the facility for 24 hours will be towed.

Pete Loscalzo, manager of the newly opened Franklin Street Pizza and Pasta, said he didn't think the short-term rates would prevent shoppers and diners from parking there.