

Condom machines should be in suite bathrooms

By Brad Johnson

Sex is a beautiful thing, but in today's society it can be a deadly thing as well. One of the easiest ways to prevent the transfer of disease is to use a condom. Presently, there are condom dispensers located in the Burris Center bathrooms. The fact that condom dispensers even exist is a great step towards prevention. There are other steps which must be taken too; steps that will further guarantee that students are aware and encouraged.

A very easy way to guarantee this awareness would be to install the dispensers in every suite bathroom, male and

female. I say both male and female because it is the responsibility of both parties to ensure that safe sex is practiced. The world is lazy: Who wants to walk over to Burris to pick up a pack of rubbers? If condom machines were installed in each of the suites, life would be simpler: All one would have to do is walk to the bathroom instead of across campus (depending on one's dorm). The important thing to remember here is the purpose of the machines, which is not to encourage sexual activity, but to discourage disease, of which everyone is susceptible.

Disease prevention is probably the best reason for condom machines to be

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installed on suite bathrooms. Today's society does not have the liberty that past generations enjoyed when it comes to sex.

AIDS is rampant in today's world, and no one is safe. AIDS is not a homosexual disease, ANY ONE CAN CONTRACT AIDS, and condoms are the best protection, thus far (besides abstinence), against this deadly disease. Yet, AIDS is not the only disease that can be contracted through sex; syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes,

and others are transmitted through sex. Any disease is unwanted, and condoms can do a lot to help prevent disease; a condom can only work if you are willing to get and use it.

The world in which we live is a dangerous place. Everyday people die from starvation, war and AIDS. All three of these things can be stopped, but it takes people like you and me to stop the rampant of disease and social depletion in our world. It's people like you and me who know that a condom is the only way to go when having sex. Condom machines are a vital step the school must take, for the cost of not having them far outweighs the price of installation.

Let's hear it for wheelies!

By Elizabeth Chesky

Let's hear it for the wheelies!

I have often sought out a platform on which to present my ideas about my disability because quite a number of people I have met since my accident seem to be extremely impressed and inspired by some of my ideas and coping mechanisms, and especially by their result. I want nothing more than to help people see, as I do, that it is possible and not at all crazy to be compelled daily to thank God it happened.

I was hurt 16 years ago, 1976, at the age of nine while riding a horse. The horse had a frenzy, threw me and kicked me in the back of my skull, doing serious damage to my cerebellum which is the coordination center of the brain. I was immediately operated on and remained in critical condition; I was in a coma for three and a half months. Nothing major happened to me physically besides the head injury and partial paralysis of my vocal chords; I was a vegetable and had to learn everything over again, but nothing was beyond repair besides these two things.

The reason I tell you this is because I believe that talking about one's own disability is a crucial first step. The snare of

denial is an incredibly insidious one, and it may not even be realized. Pain can become a good thing because it is the indication—the body's way of telling us—there's something bottled up that we must accept. It is only then that we can make the most of the situation, and don't be like some people I've known who resign themselves to the notion that they have lost their cool or something. While it's understandable that one might feel this way, it's not so. There are many ways to be cool—many ways to do things in general—SO BE CREATIVE!

Although I can now walk short distances, I consider myself and am considered by others a wheelie. (I do use a wheelchair to get around). So, being only partially able-bodied and having to deal with the bulk of the chair and all, I sympathize with those who are confined to them, too. I must say that I am baffled and a bit frustrated by those wheelies who do not seem to realize the places they can go with their voices! Friends are made with voices! Management is performed with voices! Identities are formed by voices! Intelligence is equated with the voice!

Being creative is more than just not being afraid to talk about your disability. It spills into getting in touch with all of your feelings, and it is opening your mind to recognize that there are always alternatives and there is, as far as I can tell, always an advantage. WE JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR IT!

Here is a boost for my fellow wheelies—a poem I wrote several years ago to remind wheelies of the unique qualities inherent in being a wheelie. I hope that it is not misinterpreted to subordinate tabs, who have special qualities inherent in their position as a tab.

We're the Special Ones with Less

We're the special ones with less:
Performance is our game.
For we make do with less than they
Required to do the same.

Look for another poetic boost in the next issue of the Lance. God bless you!

Bank Builds Path for Wheelies

By Matt Peck

The community of Laurinburg is looking after her St. Andrews students. Mikeal Basinger, branch manager of the Wachovia Bank located on Lauchwood Drive, just outside the entry to the college, has made getting to his bank safer and easier.

Before government regulations required it, St. Andrews Presbyterian College aspired to make its campus barrier-free for all students including those in wheelchairs. When Basinger learned that students from the campus had to enter the heavily congested area of Lauchwood drive in order to get to his bank he became very concerned for their safety.

Basinger immediately contacted Wachovia's city executive Tim Holder, Bill Compropst, Wachovia's facilities director, and St. Andrew's President Dr. Thomas L. Reuschling, along with Jim Blue, physical plant director, were also consulted and agreed with Basinger's concerns.

A few weeks ago, Wachovia completed an asphalt walkway, which included a curb cut and creating a path from the bank directly to an asphalt path on campus. The final cost of construction for the access was estimated at around \$1,000.

"A significant number of St. Andrews staff and students bank with us," remarked Tom Holder, "We felt that creating this access would be much safer and more convenient."

Students at St. Andrews seem to like the improvement by the bank. "It's a good improvement. The walkway has made it easier for my fellow classmates and me to reach the bank with safety," stated Jerri Quinlan, a junior at St. Andrews.

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Keep an eye out for Business Club events

By Shad K. Luedke

Hurray! You have all made it through mid-terms; and deservedly so, treat yourselves to a pat on the back. But don't stop there. Take a break from all the cramming and join in celebration with the St. Andrews Business Club. The Blue/White carnival was but one of the many opportunities to do so.

This was only one of the exciting events the Business Club will be hosting this year under the leadership of president Cynthia Howard. We will be sponsoring

our highly successful "Success Series," where St. Andrews grads take time to share their "real world" experiences with students and convey how the St. Andrews experience has helped them get where they are today. Also, keep an eye out for the Business Club parties which have always been big hits.

Please join us for all the exciting events we have planned for you this year, membership is open to all students. We believe that the experience gained will be invaluable to all who participate. So come on out and join us!