

Howard Coble, Others to Discuss the Role of Civil Liberties During War

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On Monday, April 14, a panel including U.S. Rep. Howard Coble, whose comments about Japanese Internment offended many and called his role as commencement speaker into question, will discuss civil liberties for Arabs and other groups in the current war against Iraq.

Head of the Peace and Conflict Studies

department Vernie Davis will moderate the forum, which will last 90 minutes.

The event, to be held at the New Garden Friends Meeting at 7:30 p.m., will be open to all students and other affiliated with the college, and closed to commercial media.

"I'm excited about the opportunity for everyone who is involved with Guilford to get a

chance to really be educated about this issue and discuss it in an open form with experts in different fields," said Senior Josh Neas, who is involved in planning the forum.

Neas spearheaded the protest against Coble as a commencement speaker in February, and this forum is partly a response to students' concerns that he was an inappropriate choice.

Smoking Policy Changes Proposed

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Upon receiving information about housing for next year, many students were upset to find that residential smoking policy is being changed.

Campus Life is currently sponsoring a proposal to change the current smoking policy of residential halls only. As proposed, the halls that will be smoke-free next year are Binford, English, Mary Hobbs, Milner, and Shore. Bryan, the Apartments, and Alternative Housing will decide on a unit-by-unit basis whether to allow smoking.

These buildings have better ventilation and a more contained living environment than other areas on campus, Campus Life said.

As for the other public buildings on campus, there will be no change from what is currently in place. The Underground will still be available as a smoker's haven.

According to Joe Vereen, Assistant Dean for Campus Life, the main motivation for this change came as people in Campus Life noticed the number of other schools changing over to smoke-free campuses and resident halls. This, along with the lack of decent sprinkler systems and ventilation in some of the larger and older buildings, inspired Campus Life to con-

duct a survey among the student body during meal times from Feb. 25 to 27 and to research other colleges' policies.

A total of 437 students filled out a survey over the course of three days; the survey was administered by RA's and other student leaders involved with Campus Life. In a summary compiled by Vereen, a majority of the students said they did not want a smoke-free campus, but did prefer smoke-free residence halls.

The study of other colleges considered many different schools in three main groups: colleges in our tuition peer group, local and regional schools, and Quaker schools. Only two colleges had no restrictions on smoking on their campus.

Dean for Campus Life Anne Lundquist said that the policy for Bryan, the Apartments, and Alternative Housing would be a part of another decision including community living contracts. Similar to roommate contracts, all the members of one suite, apartment, or house will need to discuss their feelings on all sorts of issues, including, but not limited to, smoking, drinking, visitors, and noise.

Lundquist expressed her understanding for the concern of outside-only smoking, stating that her staff will try to create areas outside with ashtrays and cover from rain so that smoker's won't be left without a decent place to smoke. She

mentioned that while working at another institution, "we didn't think about providing places outside for students to smoke. We know better now. This summer we'll make sure that there are adequate spaces available to smokers." She also mentioned that other changes to the public buildings' smoking policy would be brought up during an upcoming meeting of deans and vice presidents. She welcomes any students with feelings on these issues to contact her or Vereen with comments, questions, and suggestions by e-mail or at her open office hours or Dining with Deans.

While many students have come out against the housing changes Cori Parmenter, a sophomore, said, "I think it's a good idea. I don't like smoke."

First year Asa Fager disagrees. He says that these changes are "ridiculously unfair." He worries about students not being consulted enough about this change.

"Smokers should be able to make the decision themselves."

CCE Report: Have You Visited the Student Lounge Lately?

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Guest Writer

Kick back and sink into the new leather sofa, have a cup of joe and relax in the revamped CCE student lounge located in Hendricks Hall.

The lounge is available to all CCE students to study or socialize. It also has two computers for your use. The canteen located within Hendricks Hall offers snack and drink machines, free coffee and other hot beverages and a microwave.

Come check it out and enjoy. We are continually making improvements and look forward to any suggestions you may have to make this space more inviting and user-friendly. The lounge is open from eight a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays when classes are in session. For more information on the lounge and other continuing education information, please see the student handbook. Copies of the handbook are available in Founders Hall.

In addition to improvements made to the CCE student lounge, the CCE/SGA is excited to sponsor a Spring Celebration at Green's Supper Club on Apr. 26 for all CCE students. The evening will be replete with dinner, a cash bar, live music and an awards program. Invitations will be mailed soon, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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