

visitors reject hereford plan

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plan for
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coeducation by 1972

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Meeting Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, the Board of Visitors set down in a resolution released Friday afternoon a plan for coeducation of the University that they hope would satisfy the requirements of the Richmond district court which earlier ordered the University to file such a plan.

At Friday's meeting, the Board of Visitors discovered that their meeting was being monitored by "an electronic eaves-dropping device... attached to the underside of the table in the board room in Pavilion VIII," according to a statement made by the Rector of the University Frank W. Rogers. In his release Mr. Rogers continued, "It was apparently

operative during much of today's meeting of the board and possibly during previous meetings held in that room. An investigation is under way."

The Visitors coeducation resolution, which provides for a two-year transitional program, was adopted instead of a plan which was drawn up by Mr. Frank Hereford, the University's Provost, which established a ten year transitional program.

Mr. Hereford's report was challenged from several quarters as being a "quota" system. Further, the University's entire admissions policy with regard to women was challenged in May in a Richmond

District Court by four women who charged the University with discrimination. As a result of the court action, one young lady was admitted to the college, and the University was ordered to provide the court with a coeducation plan by October 31, 1969.

The University will now present to the court the resolution adopted Friday in which "the Board desires to make it absolutely clear its intent in removing the restriction on the admission of women to the College of Arts and Sciences."

Instead of the ten-year transition period as Mr. Hereford proposed, the Board has established a two-year program which will remove all restrictions on the admission of women by the fall of 1972.

By phasing admissions, new and transfer, over two years instead of ten was indicated by the Board as being the fastest possible plan that the University could institute within the framework of present and planned building and financial forecasts.

Fall 1970 will see the admission of 450 women, 50 more than Mr. Hereford's report called for, and, in the fall of 1971, the admission of 550 women.

Continuing, the resolution states, "with the 1972-73 session, there shall be no limitation on the number of women admitted either as entering or transfer students within the overall limitations of the total number of all such male and female entering or transfer students; and

that this constitutes the University of Virginia's plan for the admission of women as required by order of the special three-judge federal court dated 30 September 1969.

Richard Boote, President of the Human Relations Council, commented, "I'm more satisfied with the Board's resolution than with the Hereford report." "Believe it or not it is a good thing," said Kevin Mannix, a member of the subcommittee of the University's Future of the University Committee. "I believe the courts had a lot to do with the decision as well as the Student Council efforts to persuade the Visitors that a quota system wouldn't work." Mr. Mannix presented the Visitors with his minority report Wednesday, encouraging them not to adopt the Hereford plan.

As for the matter of the Board meeting being "bugged", according to an article which appeared in Saturday evening's Daily Progress, the device itself has, or will be sent to the FBI for an analysis of the parts. Wade Bromwell, Director of Security, refused to allow a reporter from the Progress to photograph the device, indicating that the University felt that too much information might influence the investigation.

In accordance with this, the Progress article continues, Raymond Bice, the Secretary of the Board, and one of the people present when the "bug" was found, refused to discuss the incident.