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## Haverford Plenary Resolution: Extended Dorm Keycard Access Hours

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Presented by Thea Hogarth '11 and Fiona Shaw '10

Passing by a vote of 559 to 17, with 6 abstentions, this resolution was presented to extend key card access hours to dorms for nonresidents. Sunday through Thursday, dorm access hours for nonresidents would increase from the previous 8 a.m. to 12 a.m., to 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Current access on Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. would not be changed. The resolution also stipulated that residents of dorms without laundry facilities would gain 24-hour access to a dorm with laundry facilities.

“We want to extend keycard access during the week to the dorms, just to make it easier for students who are collaborating on problem sets and projects,” said Thea Hogarth '11 in her presentation.

“I spoke to Tom King about the resolution and he said [the access hours] were really due for a revision,” added Fiona Shaw '10.

The pro-con debate drew four pro comments, and two con comments. Pro comments included support for having longer access to Lunt Café, the fact that rising sophomores often cannot choose a dorm with laundry facilities in room draw, and that Safety and Security knows who swipes into which dorms, mitigating security concerns.

Con comments included one that students who choose a dorm without laundry facilities should live with their choice, and that the resolution was unfair because it did not extend dorm access privileges to Bryn Mawr students.

In response to the pro-con debate, Hogarth said, “Two of the three dorms without laundry facilities, Drinker and Lloyd, already have access to a dorm with laundry, so we are just extending this right to Comfort residents as well.”

Two unfriendly amendments were presented to modify the resolution. The first, presented by Evan Raskin '10, proposed to extend the opening access time to 7am. Raskin's amendment passed, with the support of the presenters.

A second amendment, presented by James Merriam '11, Ben Diamond '11, and Dan Harvester '11, proposed that the same dorm access rights be extended to Bryn Mawr College students as well. This unfriendly amendment failed to pass.

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