

# SPEECH

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same time doubtful that codes prohibiting hate speech can actually work or that, in the end they will be affirmed by the Supreme Court," he said.

The University has such a code, but journalism Professor Tim Gleason, speaking as part of a panel discussion, noted that it is more narrowly focused than similar rules at other college campuses. Under the Student Conduct Code, students are prohibited from "specifically insulting another person in his or her immediate presence with abusive words or gestures when a reasonable person would expect that such

act would cause emotional distress or provoke a violent response."

Dennis said he also believes such rules are not useful in stopping such harmful speech.

"No one actually controls freedom of thought or of speech by writing rules or by fashioning a draconian regime to enforce them," he said.

Dennis said he gained a greater appreciation of freedom of speech a few weeks ago, when on a trip to the Soviet Union he was in Moscow on the day of the coup. He saw Soviet citizens loudly participate in public demonstrations even though such actions put them at profound personal risk.

"As I witnessed the events in Mos-

cow... it was clear to me once again that freedom of expression of course means most to those who test its fiber first hand," he said.

Moving to other topics, Dennis said he believes politically correct speech sometimes goes too far. Although terms such as "people of color," and "physically challenged" were created to provide an alternative to words that carry a perceived negative meaning, Dennis said he thinks such language is sometimes carried too far.

In a press conference earlier in the day, he said such terms as "vertically disadvantaged" and "animal companions" probably aren't as good as the ones they replace — short people and

pets.

After Dennis finished his speech, he participated in a panel discussion on free speech issues with Gleason; Paul Holbo, vice president for academic affairs; Lauren Kessler, professor of journalism; James Klonos, professor of political science, and Emerald editor-in-chief Chris Blair. The discussion was moderated by Arnold Ismach, journalism school dean.

Blair said he doesn't think threats to free speech are a problem.

"The threat to freedom of expression is what makes it interesting," he said. "I'm glad there's a threat to freedom of expression because if there weren't, who would care? No one would."

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from a combination of parent and staff requests.

"In the beginning, we basically made the move and began looking at the possibility to be able to get support services," Reynolds said.

The objective of the rule change is to attempt to integrate special-needs children into mainstream society at a young age.

"Historically, these kids have been in the special-education classrooms and by this program, we are trying to get them into an integrated setting," Reynolds said.

The center's parent counsel has been supportive of the rule change, according to Reynolds.

"We've gotten strong support from the parent counsel," Reynolds said. "They recognize that having special-needs kids in the program provides learning opportunities and an enriched experience for all the kids."

CCDC provides care, for a fee, to the children of students, and if time and space allow, to the children of University employees and community members.

Presently, four special-needs children have enrolled, two of whom are from community families.

However, space is not limited to just four special-needs children.

"If we have additional requests for more (spaces), we will take that on," Reynolds said. "We are here to meet the needs of student families, whatever those needs are."

A public hearing on the permanent rule change will take place if Dan Williams receives a request by 10 or more persons by November 15. If a sufficient number of hearing requests is received, the date, time and location of the hearing will be announced shortly thereafter.

A decision will be made by Dan Williams based upon comments and advice received. Further action may be taken to amend the rule permanently, but such action will not take place before the end of the year.

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