

Gay Dorm Counselor Considered

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University of Virginia President Frank L. Hereford Jr. has appointed an advisory committee to study the suitability of keeping an admitted homosexual in the school's dorm counselor program, an official confirmed today.

The committee reportedly is studying the removal from the resident staff program of sophomore Bob Elkins of Silver Spring, Md., president of the Gay Student Union.

Dean of Students Robert T. Canevari, speaking about Elkins today, said, "All indications are that we have is that he's doing a very good job."

Canevari noted the committee's study is the first time the University administration has been faced with issue of homosexuality in terms of policy, other than funding. The dean, however, was reluctant to speculate on the impact of the potentially precedent-setting decision Hereford will make on the committee's recommendations.

"I don't know where it's going to lead to be honest," Canevari said.

An official statement, released by the University this morning, acknowledges that a special presidential committee is studying "a situation."