

The Guilfordian

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CITIZENS! DEFEND YOURSELVES AGAINST THE BAZOOKA GANG!

The following steps should be taken for your own protection:

- 1) Carry a tennis racket at all times.
- 2) Use open umbrellas for protection against descending tennis balls.
- 3) Use garbage can lids as shields.
- 4) Cover exposed doors and windows with mattresses; tape all glass.

*Upon first seeing the shining column of beer cans and the crazed war monger with the lighter fluid and tennis balls, head for cover.

*Another indication that danger is near is the piercing cry "Kill 'em Quakes" followed by a sharp report.

*Foxholes are located at strategic locations on campus; they can be found by spotting the characteristic steam escaping from their metal lids.

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The preceding announcement was printed in cooperation with the Guilford College Civil Defense League.

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Black Students' Concerns

The Black students who organized and participated in the New Garden Hall sit-in last Monday should be commended for the sophisticated strategy they employed in the presentation of their legitimate concerns.

From the outset the sit-in was a model of organization and restraint. Protest participants carefully compiled their concerns and at no time allowed their pent up frustrations to jeopardize their opportunity for success. In fact it was worth noting that not one single College rule was broken throughout the day long demonstration.

Now that the demonstration is over, the question remains as to what kind of commitment the College will make in response to the students' concerns.

In the past, Guilford has too often expended its energy bemoaning the racial climate of Mississippi and Watts while at the same time failing to take constructive action aimed at improving the racial atmo-

sphere within its own sphere of influence.

Certainly the willingness of the College to alleviate transportation problem for Blacks and provide space for the establishment of a Black Culture Center are encouraging signs that the College has decided to act on its concern.

However, we doubt if the College will be able to meet more important Black concerns, such as the hiring of four Black professors, unless it chooses to make such accomplishments top priority items.

We believe that such concerns are worthy of top priority consideration and deserve the same sort of stress that the College several years ago gave its decision to upgrade the economics department.

With this in mind, we urge the College to make the Black students' concerns top priority items and begin to create the kind of atmosphere where all members of the College community can function properly.

Letter To Editor

Ladd: No Excuses, But Explanation

Dear Editor:

I would like to say a few words on your editorial "John Ladd's Letter". My purpose, as Mr. Chapman and anyone who honestly tried to UNDERSTAND my letter was not to excuse but to explain. I was making no excuses! None!

I don't doubt THE GUILFORDIAN'S good journalism in regards to the Frazier incidents. What I do doubt is that THE GUILFORDIAN as well as others on this campus made any attempt to understand the events of the "wild rampage." We all deplored it, few tried to understand it. The desire to see why a problem exists, what the real gut causes are, is of increasing importance in our strife-ridden world.

I asked for THE GUILFORDIAN'S apology not for its past record, but for its failing to try and understand why events like this "rampage" occur. I asked the same from all I asked apologies from; I ask that for this incident and more importantly for the future. I ask the same from myself as I do from everyone else. As I see it the Quaker's beautiful ability for tolerance comes at least in part from their desire to understand why others feel and act differently. Let's

live up to that truly fine tradition.

I make no excuses for the "rampagers." I only ask that we all try to understand why. I ask no excuses for my opinions. I only ask that all on this campus, faculty, students, and administration make an honest effort to understand why things happen as they do. If we do this we are well on the way to "civilized" reform.

John Ladd

Binford Burglar

A male student was charged with burglary by Greensboro police for allegedly entering a room in Binford Dormitory Friday night.

The man was discovered hiding in a room closet of the women's residence hall by several dormitory residents who searched the room after they became suspicious that someone was hiding there.

The man reportedly fled the room after the residents began screaming about their discovery, but was picked up a short time later by police.

The Drunken Driver

At its March 16 meeting, the Student Legislature voted to remove the section of the Unit of Living Proposal which provides college penalties for students convicted of drunken driving during their official residence at Guilford College.

During debate on the successful motion to strike the drunken driving section, legislator Dale Mandel argued that the formulation and enforcement of drunken driving rules was a job for the State Legislature and police respectively and was not a concern for Guilford College.

In addition legislator Mandel charged that Craig Chapman, chairman of the Unit of Living committee and advocate of college penalties for drunken driving, was "a fanatic about drunken driving."

Although we recognize the right of legislator Mandel to express his opinion on what type of conduct should be under college jurisdiction as well as his right to express personal opinions about those who disagree with him, we also recognize the right of the large mass of responsible highway users to travel without unneces-

sary fear of being maimed or killed by a drunken driver.

Moreover we find it particularly disgusting that the college actively prosecutes students who handle marijuana carelessly yet fails to take a strong stand against a crime which claims 25,000 lives each year and permanently maims hundreds of thousands of drunken driving victims.

While we prefer to argue the merits of proposals such as the drunken driving section of the Unit of Living Proposal through the low-keyed presentation of statistics and facts, we realize that in some instances (such as last Monday night) these tactics prove to no avail.

And so we make no apology for saying, that as travelers on the nation's highways, we have seen too many policemen peeling the remains of people off automobile windshields, listened to the moans of too many accident victims and all too often smelled the nauseating odor of burning human flesh to dismiss the problem of drunken driving so lightly.

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