

# Editorial Comments

## Living Off-Campus

The substantial increase in the number of students petitioning for day student status suggests a rise in the level of discontent with dorm living. Perhaps the dissatisfaction has grown to such intensity that it can no longer be ignored. But the considerations involved are far from being simple, and it seems unlikely that workable solutions are lying undiscovered, right below our noses.

As Ken Schwab, the college housing director, says, the trend toward off-campus housing is nationwide among college students! Certainly, increased desire for privacy and personal withdrawal are recognized as nationwide trends by men like Rollo May and Phillip E. Slater. Yet, it seems as if the kind of community Guilford professes to stand for would be welcomed as a kind of oasis in the wasteland of

loneliness and personal apathy America seems to be becoming.

An important question is raised here. Is it that students no longer desire the type of community which is Guilford's idea, or is it that they have lost faith in Guilford's ability to realize this ideal? Of course, there are lots of students who wish to move off campus, and they each have at least several reasons for their desire. However, this isn't the sort of question which requires answers, but thought.

In any event, it seems to be quite apparent that the problem cannot be thought of simply in terms of economics, and it is ludicrous to rely on the arbitrary 5% quota as a solution. Guilford owes much more than this to its ideals and to its people.

## A Little Qualification

The cavalcade section of last Sunday's Greensboro Daily News carried a front page article about the Chairman of Guilford's Board of Trustees, Ed Brown. The article, very good on the whole, made two assertions which we feel should not go by without a little qualification and comment.

First was the assertion that, in addition to the SGA President sitting with the Board of Trustees, "Other students who have something to say are invited to come and say it. They frequently do." Perhaps the difference between the GDN's and our conception of that phrase lies in the meaning of 'frequently.' Invitations to Trustee meeting have been in our estima-

tion, 'rare,' rather than 'frequently.' There is an essential difference.

Second was the statement, in relation to the Student Personnel Offices in 1968 Dorm that "Students of both sexes, lodged in the new dormitory or elsewhere, have easier access to these offices. There is a generally salutary sense of constant and personal contact." The move has certainly made access and contact easier, and more personal, yet we would still like to note that the vast majority of students are not involved in this. For those who deal regularly with the office, it is certainly an improvement, yet the statement deserves this qualification.

## Paying The Bills

The process by which student organizations function financially is one which leaves much to be desired. At the present time, all student organization moneys must be channelled through the college business office, a process which places the organization in a very tricky position.

Officers of student organizations make commitments to businessmen in the community on the assumption that the organization's bills will be paid, and paid promptly, by the college business office. When a bill is not paid, the organization, not the business office, has to assure the persons to whom money is owed that they

will be paid. This leaves the organization in the position of having to stall for time. THE GUILFORDIAN, for example, had until this week a past due typesetting account of over \$1000, and as a consequence fouled up the bookkeeping of our typesetter. Relations between college and community stand at a low enough level with out injecting troubles like this.

If student organizations continue to be required to operate financially through the college business office, we suggest that the business office assume a little bit more responsibility for the payment of organization's bills.

## Correction

In the December 10, 1971 issue of THE GUILFORDIAN there appeared a story titled "Prison Life Related." We have been informed that a good deal of the story was incorrect, and would like to take this opportunity to correct any misunderstandings created by the article.

Credit for arranging the visit of prisoners to campus belongs to Jon Canin. Certain

quotes which we attributed to one of the prisoners were made by one of the prison workers. Several quotes attributed to Mr. Don Bryan, an inmate were couched in anti-system terms, while they were actually stated in an attempt to gain sympathy and understanding for the position of the inmate.

We sincerely regret the error.

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### Letters to the Editor

## Athletics - Academics Correlation Missed

Dear Sir:

I was not very amused by Mr. Wellborn's small treatise on the correlation between good campus citizenship and student attendance of home football games.

Guilford is an academic institution, not a football training camp; a fact which the good Mr. Wellborn seems to have forgotten. The fact that most of us are attending Guilford in order to acquire an education also seems to have been lost on our self-appointed critic.

That the athletic program is perhaps of less concern to the students of Guilford than anything else, is evident in part by the lack of attendance at various "events," regardless of the game being played or the ability of the team. Unfortunately, Mr. Wellborn seems to be incapable of accepting this. We don't really care about the football team, football games, school athletic spirit or the athletic program in general, and joining the Quaker Club at \$20.00 per year is not going to change the situation.

To "sum it all up" as Mr. Wellborn would say, I don't find any evidence to support this claim that the athletic program is a vital part of a good, well-rounded college education. I find slurs about long hair

and campus hippies to be in the poorest of possible taste, however, and I believe that he owes an apology at the earliest possible date.

W. Moulton Avery

## 5% Ruling

To the Editor,

I have a complaint to make. I want to complain about all the little things that are wrong with Guilford College. The little things which people look down on you for complaining about. "What is he, some kind of perfectionist or something?"

Coming to college is entering into a responsible relationship. Hopefully one makes certain commitments in exchange for having certain commitments made to him. When I accept Guilford College I agree to be a scholar, to study, to try to learn, to be the type of student which will be a credit to the institution. I agree to behave in such a manner that the business of the whole community, which is learning, will be facilitated. When Guilford College accepts me they make commitments to me as well. They agree to provide me with instructors, courses in a wide variety of areas, a library with source materials, in short everything

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## The Human Condition

by Douglas Scott

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Recently, the editor of the *Guilfordian* went on an expedition to New Garden Hall to pick up the *Guilfordian* mail. Little did he know what lurked ahead of him that day as he hauled the post Christmas mail to his desk.

There among the college newspapers of the nation, the old *Christian Science Monitors* and the vibrator ads was "*Forum*, the world's most liberated magazine."

An English Journal of Human sexuality, *Forum* is attempting to expand its circulation in America by sending sample copies to the college editors of the nation, asking for review.

*Forum* features articles by reputable experts on various aspects of sexuality and letters from the readers commenting on subjects of interest to other readers.

A cover letter, on letterhead

stationary of a tasteful sort, mentioned that they'd be interested in hearing from editors about their thoughts on whether an open forum on campus with the *Forum* editors would be possible and worthwhile.

A sampling of *Forum*:  
FETISH RELIEF

"I was looking through *The Best of Forum* when I came across an article by Dr. Paul Tabori on fetishism. It mentioned the case of men who were strongly attracted to one-legged women.

"I am one of these men, and have always assumed that I was unique, although I have known for some time that people do exist who have interests some what similar to my own. Now I have seen it in print I feel a great relief that someone exists somewhere who doesn't just say "I understand what you mean but I

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