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DRUG USAGE A Community Problem

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Three years ago the paranoia level concerning illegal drugs on campus was sufficient enough to keep drug usage at Guilford somewhat of an 'underground' process. Since that time the attitude towards drug usage has steadily moved towards one of open usage of drugs. Andy Gottschall expressed his view of the problem in this manner, "... Guilford College students have become very tolerant of drug use as the college has of lots of things ... there is an accepting attitude (towards drug usage) particularly in the student body."

Because of this liberal attitude on campus at the present time, the 'drug problem' at Guilford has become a serious problem for the campus community. As of this date, students, faculty, and administrators are beginning to become quite concerned about the obvious display and involvement of drugs in campus life."

Because of this increasing problem, Dean Gottschall along with Ken Schwab has been doing whatever they can to alienate the problem via the campus community - hopefully avoiding an unwanted drug 'bust'. The public (campus) attitude is that the college has become a sanctuary for drugs," stated Gottschall, but this is indeed not the case. The drug user

on campus is as responsible to the law for his actions, while he resides on campus, as any member of the Greensboro community.

College officials cannot and will not 'protect' you from the law - they can only be aware of how to work with drug usage on campus and make the entire community aware that the problem need be combated by everyone. In this light, Gottschall and Schwab have met with

Jerry Godard, Bob Johnson of the SFC, and two members of the Greensboro 'vice Squad', attempting to ascertain just where we stand in light of the law. This policy is basically as follows:

It must be fully understood that police policy has changed - you CAN be arrested even if you do not have possession of an illegal drug at the

time of the arrest. If you have sold or bought illicit drugs from an undercover agent - you can be arrested - even if the arrest occurs following a prolonged period of time after the actual offense.

There is only one way for us to avoid legal action occurring on campus - as Schwab stated "it is a community problem that everyone needs to deal with." It is OUR responsibility to remedy this situation. It must

be further understood that Andy Gottschall intends to take a firm stand on the issue - "I (Guilford College) will do everything I (Guilford College) possibly can to get distributors off campus."

It is up to us to act NOW - in order to avoid a situation that would be regrettable to the entire college community.

Friends Blockade Navy

San Francisco (AFS)--In a "measured response" to President Nixon's blockade of Haiphong harbor, a small flotilla of ships launched by the American Friends Service Committee attempted to blockade the gigantic nuclear-powered U.S.S. Enterprise in San Francisco Bay earlier this month.

Although the Friends regard the voyage a success, they were liberally tarred by the local press, in particular the San Francisco Chronicle, which dubbed the demonstration a failure. In brief, the Chronicle, the largest morning paper in Northern California, made it look as though

AFSC had seriously expected to prevent the huge aircraft carrier from sailing. According to AFSC the counter-blockade had no such goal.

A spokesman for the group pointed out that they had intended only to publicize the sailing of the ship and to communicate their solidarity with anti-war sailors on board. These objectives were achieved.

Asked if AFSC had any further plans for its tiny "navy," one AFSC member replied, "No comment. Not until we at least get rid of all the life preservers lying around the office."

Co-ed Co-op Viewed

John Margenot has some ideas and proposals concerning co-operative living at Guilford College. After attending the Friends General Conference this summer which had a cooperative living situation set up for a week, John became convinced of the effectiveness of this kind of living situation.

This summer the Conference provided an alternative for those persons who could not afford to live in a dormitory by giving them a place to sleep on Church floors. Food was brought in in bulk with the people involved taking turns preparing the meals. The whole week cost John ten dollars, plus an invaluable communal experience.

John's question: "Why can't a similar set up be enacted at Guilford?"

"There is a lack of a sense of community here. Everybody is doing their own thing living no way to share their day to day living experiences, finances and energies."

In general John proposes that we at Guilford initiate ways to conserve peoples' "resources, finances, and energy" by re-directing and refocusing them through sharing. "There is great potential here and a need for the realization of it". At present there is no vehicle which allows for the pooling of these energies.

John, himself, is work-

ing on concrete proposals which if put into practice, would actualize some of the community potential at Guilford. He would like to establish a co-ed dormitory on the lines of Mary Hobbs. John feels that "the small dormitory lends itself to a communal situation. But then it would no longer be a dormitory, but a house with a large family". The 'house' would involve basically "living cooperatively and simply, cutting down on waste." The "family" would do its own cooking. Such things as sharing of stereos, cars, clothes, etc. would help in the conservation of resources and money.

The creation of a co-op is another of John's ideas. People could sell clothes they no longer could wear and these be resold to other students. All prices would be minimal and once again needless waste would be eliminated.

John feels that such measures would lead to a more communal living experience in the future for Guilford and for those who graduate from Guilford. "This type of situation allows for personal growth and involves living more seriously. It is a viable alternative to the present dormitory situation. Its idealistic goals are appealing and importantly its practicality is just as attractive."

As of this time, The Guilfordian is being published by only nine students -- a number totally insufficient to produce a newspaper "representative" of the entire student body. We are trying to regularly print an eight page issue, but we cannot do this with a staff of nine -- a staff not even adequate for a good four page paper. For weeks we have pleaded for student support and have received virtually none. Because of this lack of support we have been and (unless remedied) will continue to be unable to assure the regularity of the newspaper. Therefore, we make public the dates and times students are needed to assure publication: SUNDAY - Staff meeting - 10 P.M., Cox 233; MONDAY - Ad deadline - 6 P.M.; TUESDAY - Copy deadline - 6 P.M.; WEDNESDAY - Typing - 9:30 P.M. - Final copy deadline - 11 A.M. - Lay-out - noon. - Headlines - 3:30 P.M. THURSDAY - Proofreading - 2:00 P.M. - Paste-up 3:30 P.M.
As is obvious, we continually need help in getting the paper out each week. We need you to come Sunday night to help plan and organize the writing aspects of the paper -- furthermore, we need student reporters to investigate and write articles of student concern. On Wednesday, we particularly need people who wish to learn how to do lay-out and prepare headlines. Finally, we need help on Thursdays with proofreading (a not too difficult task if a number of people do it) and with paste-up.
WE CAN'T EXPRESS ENOUGH OUR URGENT NEED FOR STUDENT SUPPORT -- WE'LL SEE YOU SUNDAY AT 10!!!

RING DAY
Wednesday, October 25
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