

Separation of Powers

Recently, campus publications, bulletin boards, and contrived conversations have made nauseous the matter of SAC elections. The Student Affairs Committee, elected in early Fall by the Community Senate, serves two primary purposes. One, it is an appeals board for Judicial Board convictions. Two, it advises the Dean of Students and approves Senate Legislation.

Some Guilfordians might say that the selection process fosters an unethical control of SAC by the Community Senate. The field of SAC student representatives is narrowed by the Senate and elected by a "special" committee (three of its five members are the Senate President, Vice-President/Treasurer, and Secretary). But doesn't this selection procedure place SAC under the control of Community Senate?

Because SAC reviews Senate legislation, a separation of powers should be respected. The two legislative units must function with integrity, responsibility, and importantly, autonomy. It is purposeless to jeopardize the independence of SAC solely so that the Senate can fill the agenda for a couple of meetings. For an effective hierarchy of student government, it is important that one group not be able to influence, prejudice, or control another.

There are various viable alternatives. I suggest, however, that SAC student representatives be elected in the Spring, since freshmen and transfers cannot be on the committee. Further, if the selection takes place in the Spring, the existing student members of SAC could function as the selection committee, perhaps with one faculty resource person. These students seem to know best SAC's responsibilities and, consequently, could evaluate student petitions more effectively. Of course, students who are seeking renewed membership on SAC could not be on the Selection Committee.

As an alternative, my suggestions may seem unsuitable to the Community Senate, a well-meaning, but often dazed, group. The Senate may look at them as a proposed lessening of power. Instead, a practiced separation of powers should be considered as a step to more functional and better organized student government.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I had planned to write this letter in blood but, frankly, I just don't have any to spare. Last week, I, like over a hundred other students, gave a pint of that vital liquid.

The turn-out could have been better. Guilford's shown support was not that of the conscious and concerned group of individuals that we are.

Those that gave a pint of blood deserve more than an "I'm not chicken" badge. After all, they overcame squeamishes, laziness, and pussy-footin' long enough to GIVE LIFE.

Overdrawn at the Blood Bank

To the Editor,

In spirit of widespread publicity and provocative subject matter, the faculty colloquia have been poorly attended this year. Held most Wednesdays at 3:30 in the Gallery, Founders, these colloquia offer the student a stimulating way to spend his or her free day. It is also an excellent way to acquaint oneself with faculty members with whom one might not

be familiar. Further, the discussion sessions after the lectures offer lively debates between those in the audience and the lecturer. So far this year, professors and non-students from the community have seemed to outnumber students.

An advantage of a small campus such as Guilford is the opportunity for student-faculty interaction. These colloquia, while planned and formal, are also designed to be discussion groups (colloquium, L., discussion). Increased student participation would, I feel, improve and stimulate these meetings. The subject for the colloquia this semester is "The Hero." Tomorrow's speaker will be Rose Simon, who will speak on "George Chapman's The Courtier-Heros in Bussy Plays."

How will you spend your Wednesday afternoon?

Name Withheld

Dear Editor,

What ever happened to spontaneity? Assuming that one has moved all of his/her finances to Greensboro (thus creating a panic in the hometown), one must know on Friday (or any weekday between 9:00 - 1:30 and 3:00-5:00) what activities are coming up, so that enough funds can be withdrawn from the bank. But what if, on the spur of the moment, we want to eat out sometime over the weekend?

As far as I know there are no reliable places on campus where a check can be cashed. It is no wonder that people leave campus for activities!

I'm not smart, but may be rich, if I can't have a little fun, spontaneously. A solution must be found to either the check-casher's dilemma or hunger (or thirst) at Guilford.

It may also help to keep a suitcase and some cash on hand.

Wachovia Whimperer

Dear Editor,

There is a problem here on campus which can be easily solved. The problem concerns getting something to eat when the munchies attack. True, there are some places off campus within walking distance but they close early, demand taking a lot of time, and offer little variety.

The grill room is an answer to the problem. It is close by and therefore quick, but it is open for only a few hours each day. The hours could be extended to 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and a weekend schedule established from 2:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. It could be staffed by people on the work study program or any other students. There is no reason why the facility cannot be put to better use.

Becky Senseman

Dear Editor,

Rumor has it that "Collum's Column" is to be discontinued due to Big Col running off with Madame Gladine. I think it's disgusting. His column is the only column I read in the Guilfordian besides AF2. Please tell Big Col to leave that hussy, Madame Gladine, and come home to continue "Collum's Column." Thank you.

Still Waiting at Candy Counter

The Liquor Bottle

BY ROB BAILEY AND ELLIOT GOOD

We are grateful to the Cyrus Osterhus Publishing House, in Minneapolis, for the following perspective.

*My name is Master Rum,
I make a man a bum.
I'm as sweet as honey
To men with money.
In a short time they have none.
I'm the cause of plenty trouble
I make my men see double.
Then I send them home,
Their brains all in a bubble.*

*Men work from morn 'til night,
With all intentions right.
Once they have a taste of me,
They may even lose their sight.
I'm working for the devil
Well paid for overtime.
I can ruin a real good man,
And rob him of every dime.
I've caused a lot of gossip —
It comes from every source.
I can break up any happy home,
Causing many a divorce.
I like to get the innocent —
I ruin them every time.
They lose all sense of reason,
May be guilty of a crime.
I'm to blame for hunger
And poverty as well.
I'm the works of the devil,
I've sent many a soul to Hell.*

A PLEA to Amie Fort: That the above be considered as the first amendment to the New Liquor policy. Furthermore, it is our desire to see this short message posted with the required permission

slips during the keg or open-bar party. As president of the student body and a co-writer of the policy, Amie is most deserving and best-qualified to participate in this honor.

Editor's Note

This issue of the Guilfordian marks the halfway point in this semester's production schedule. It seems an appropriate time to sit back, re-organize, and prepare for the weeks ahead.

We have not received as much community feedback as we had hoped, but we are trying to correct our mistakes, take criticism "to heart," and brainstorm new ideas and formats.

The Guilfordian relies on three invaluable support groups: weekly enthusiasts, sporadic contributors, and readers. Each, in his own way, keeps the newspaper going.

I would, though, like to express thanks to those individuals who, without the enticement of staff positions,

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Please do not interpret these words with any finality. We still have 18 issues to go! I just wanted to thank a few people who do not receive the praise they deserve.

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