

## Conservation

# Energy tactics

By Bob Gluck

What is the most immediate, the cleanest, and the cheapest way in which American can start dealing with the energy shortage? Most experts feel the answer is conservation.

Conservation is most immediate because every American can begin conserving energy right now. It is obviously cleaner since less energy is being used and it is also less expensive at both the industrial and personal level.

One of the big problems with saving energy is that it is so easy. This may sound paradoxical but the fact is most people are looking for the answer, a technological miracle that will solve all our problems. Conservation simply isn't that exciting; as a matter of fact, it's drearily mundane.

Our nation's industries, which use 41% of our energy, have increased their energy efficiency by 1.5% a year. They did this for the most part by simply turning off unnecessary lights or equipment.

Saving gasoline also involves common sense. Such things as driving and accelerating slower, using air conditioning sparingly, removing unessential weight from the trunk, carpooling and many other little changes can help save gasoline.

The automotive industry doesn't have it quite so easy. They are working frantically to raise the gas mileage of their cars to the 1985 minimum requirement of 27.5 miles per gallon.

The industry must design its cars so they have lighter materials, continued safety, aesthetic appearance, good aerodynamics and no detrimental environmental effects. This is certainly a challenge and an important responsibility, since cars use 16% of the nation's energy.

70% of America's residential energy goes to heating and cooling our homes. It is possible to reduce the nation's energy needs for heating and cooling by 20-30% by simply installing insulation. This is one of the most important aspects of saving energy at home, but like all other areas of conservation, there are numerous other ways to cut your fuel bill. They range anywhere from an investment in a new furnace to storm windows to a clock thermostat.

Even though it lacks the appeal of solar energy or the glamour of fusion, conservation would appear to be our best bet at the present time. Many people have already joined in the conservation effort supporting what President Carter has stated: "We have declared to ourselves and the world our intent to control our use of energy and thereby to control our own destiny as a nation."

## Senate seeks input

By Ned Beattie and Bill Evans

The Senate Meeting is to be held in the cafeteria next Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Walnut Room. The purpose of this meeting is to expose the students to the functions of the Community Senate.

All interested students are invited to attend; if you have a topic you would like to put on the agenda please contact Spence Hamrick, Jan Earl, or Karen Beeler before Wednesday.

One subject that will open for discussion is the current controversy over the power increase at WQFS. This will be your opportunity to influence the Senate on whether or not to spend \$18,000 of your student activity fees.

Last Wednesday the Senate approved the constitution of the Publications Board, and integrated the board into the Senate committee structure. There are

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The Rec Room Committee of the Student Union soon will be opening that favorite Guilford College gathering place after undoing some damage perpetrated when this unidentified prankster glued ceiling tiles to the floor.

## Rec Room a wreck no longer

By Steve Trout

One feature of the Guilford Community has been missing this year. That the Rec Room, which when opened this week, can be found downstairs in Founders, on the way to the post office boxes.

Last year it was notorious for its sterile white walls, adorned with numerous holes, complementing its unimaginative decor. Often the needed equipment was damaged or missing.

This year the Rec Room Committee of the Union's Re-

creation Committee, will be working to change all of that.

The Rec Room is intended for students and this year students have the opportunity to design and equip it as we like. The committee has already had the room painted in a warmer tone and have come up with some early ideas.

Among these are the use of murals on the walls, partitions and curtains to divide the room, Union sponsored events and the addition of music. The Rec

Room Committee will also choose the pinball games and hopes to purchase board games, such as backgammon and chess.

It should be emphasized that planning is still in the tentative stages.

Any student wishing to assist the planning should contact either Eric Johnson, Huge Stohler, Doris Bean or Steve Trout. Look for the next announcement of the Rec Room Committee meeting. Everyone is welcome.

## P. S. dept. to lose position

By Pzul Holcomb  
News Editor

A vacancy in the Political Science department, created by last fall's departure of department head Kathy Sebo has been slated for reassignment to a "higher priority instructional area, either Management of Accounting," according to a report released by the financial planning team.

The planning team, composed of Bruce Stewart, Catherine Frazer, and Sybille Colby released the report last week. It recommends eliminating the International Politics position in the department and reducing the department's staff to three full time professors.

For the past decade, emphasis has been placed on four areas of the discipline, specifically American Politics, International politics, Comparative Politics and Political Philosophy.

The planning team suggests that emphasis be shifted to two or three areas in the discipline, enabling the College to offer more advanced courses in these areas.

This "judicious selectivity" is deemed necessary because "no small college can hope to offer work at both the introductory and advanced levels in all possible areas within a discipline." The team believes that three professors could better fill the department's needs.

The vacancy cited for elimination has been covered since last fall by William Schmickle.

The proposal has stirred some student opposition. They

are concerned with the ability of the school to fulfill its dedication to its Quaker, liberal arts heritage without a faculty position dealing with international politics.

Representatives of these concerned students will be heard when the proposal comes before the Clerk's committee for review on Wednesday, November 7th.

### Race rescheduled

## Take off those shoes!

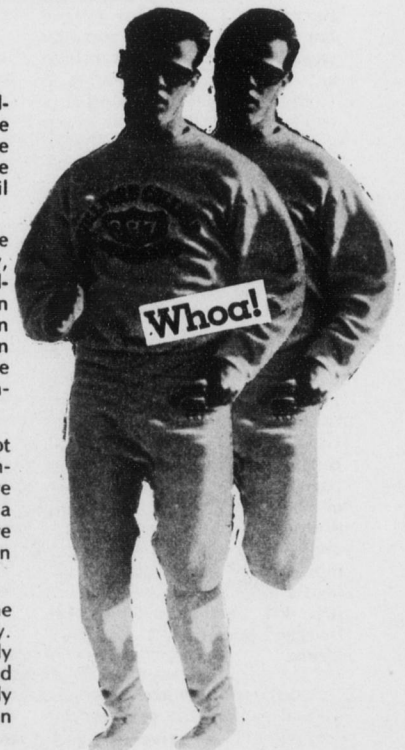
Not again?!

Unfortunately, yes. The Guilfordian is sad to announce the rescheduling of "Read on the Run", a 10,000 meter race sponsored by the paper, until early springtime.

"We bit off more than we could chew" said Brian Carey, the current editor of the Guilfordian. "The Brown Lung Run was November 3, and then Burger King announced its run on November 10; there were just too many runs in November."

Carey said that he did not realize the complexity of planning and staging a competitive run. "Rather than have a shoddy run in November, we are opting for a great success in the springtime."

Carey also was pleased by the response from the community. A variety of prizes had already been donated or promised, and other companies had already provided advice and services in support of the race.



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