



"Excuse me but I seem to have lost my mind."

# Mothers away from home

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They emerge from their little cottage like clockwork every morning, heavily with mops and buckets and closely followed by a battalion of hardy vacuum sweepers. Then without warning, they storm the dormitories, mopping up yesterday's dust and last night's party.

They are, of course, the maintenance cleaning women. Without these dedicated ladies, life in the dorms would be close to unbearable.

"I really enjoy working at Guilford," comments Mary Lowe, the maintenance cleaning supervisor. After seventeen years of excellent service at Guilford, she has proven her point well.

According to Mrs. Lowe, the residents of Shore, Binford, and English dorms keep their halls reasonably clean. She also

claims that the men of Milner are especially careful to pick up trash and to keep their humble homes presentable. "They are very considerate in Milner," she states.

On the other hand, Mrs. Lowe dubs Bryan Hall the filthiest dorm on the Guilford campus. The crew checks each suite at 2:00 every day and issues the dreaded "pink slip" to those which sink below standards. If the situation doesn't improve in 24 hours, the entire suite is slapped with a fine.

The major complaint voiced by the crew is the unpleasant task of cleaning up after beer parties. Any effort by the students to mop up the remains of last night's festivities is helpful; otherwise, the crew falls behind in their routine assignments because they must tidy up the unexpected disaster area.

Nevertheless, a unique friendship thrives between these women and the students. In Milner, ailing cold patients receive miraculous remedies from their "mother away from home." At Christmas, their appreciation often takes the form of a thoughtful Christmas gift.

When making her daily rounds, Mrs. Lowe observes numerous conditions which fail to meet school standards, but she insists, it's not good to report every little violation. She merely asks the students to correct the problem themselves. In this way, she and the students maintain a trusting relationship.

She emphasizes, "If the workers can get along with the students, it makes the job a lot easier." Needless to say, these devoted ladies make living on the Guilford campus easier, too.

# Guilford students: work first or play?

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1. Many of them spend hours in the recreation room. Others jump at the chance to attend a keg party whether on this campus or another campus. Some like to disco party, to beach party, and to attend concerts and occasionally cultural activities, while others like to spend time in their rooms doing whatever they please. Who are they?

They are the students of Guilford College. They are here because it is their first step in a stairway ascending towards a specific career:

Actor, artist, biologist, dentist, journalist, doctor, professor, or another. However, one must ask: Just how serious are these students?

In talking with Guilford students, one discovers that most are indeed serious about their college life.

"I have a goal in life. I am going to study and perform to the best of my ability while I am here. I am also going to be at my best.

"When I am at my best, I am not merely studying but taking part in campus and community activities as well. I like doing a variety of things which I feel will shape my life. Thus, just because I also like to have leisure time, don't get the idea that I am not taking my studies seriously," says one student.

College life does involve more than studying. It should also include a comfortable social atmosphere, cultural activities, and a variety of other activities such as parties and athletic events. Each of these activities aid the development of a well rounded person.

Yet, one cannot forget that one of the greatest factors in college life is study. Therefore, the question arises as to how students deal with their heavy work loads when such loads exist.

Professors and students both agree that courses and their requirements are not as easy at Guilford as elsewhere.

"It is difficult to judge which subject I should put the most work in because they are all equally difficult," says a junior transfer student. Many sophomores proclaim their work load has become much heavier since last year.

"Yes, it is getting harder, but I think that it's to be expected. As you advance, you are expected to have a much broader prospective on things.

One can take the things he learned the years before and put them to use now," says one student.

On the one hand, there are various leisure activities in which students participate regularly. However, students can also be observed throughout the night, studying in Founders Hall, and in the library.

Many of the students like to maintain a schedule for handling their assignments by following the course's syllabus. Some even work ahead of schedule, if possible.

"If one studies a little each night, he won't ever fall behind. There are times when he may have to do a term paper or to attend some special activity, but these things won't upset his schedule too much," said a freshman student.

Dr. Ann Deagon, a professor of classics here at Guilford, feels that recently there has been a restoration of students who are willing to perform as expected on the Guilford campus.

"There was a time about five years ago when many of us lost confidence and strayed away from the use of a syllabus because students were so unwilling to follow it, but lately we have regained that confidence because we are finding students who are willing to follow syllabus requirements," she said.

Dr. Deagon, along with Dr. Jonathan Malino, an assistant professor of philosophy, and Dr. Tendi Mutunhu, an assistant professor of history and non-western studies, agrees that students must earn a C, B, or A. The grade is just not given to them as is done on some other campuses in the country. This is one reason for the many hours spent studying in secluded areas. Another may be a sense of accomplishment.

"Sometimes it seems that you have a room full of assignments, but once you put your best into them and hand them in you feel good.

"You feel even better when your professor passes the assignment back with that grade you were wishing for on it," says one student. Another student says, "I just want to be great. I dislike old methods, so I always try new ideas, ideas I hope no one else will think of."

One could surmise that many of the students at Guilford are well-rounded. The students who made the above statements are active in athletics, spend time in the recreation room, and can often be seen at Huck's Deli.

Will the future be a time when students won't even have time to take leisure and to lead a well-rounded life?

When asked whether course requirements are getting less or more difficult year by year, Dr. Malino's response is that he attempts to keep his course requirements at a single level. He also says he wished not to make them too difficult, but at the same time to prevent them from becoming too simple.

Although Guilford has become more selective in accepting students, and offers a large variety of courses they did not offer years ago, Floyd Reynolds, Guilford's Registrar, says, "Many feel that Guilford will remain a school for all types of individuals."

Dr. Deagon cannot perceive

Guilford as becoming "the Harvard of the South." "Guilford will always represent many walks of life," she says.

Students also wish to keep things as they are. They feel Guilford has something for every taste. For the most part, students are content with Guilford.

When one wants to know whether or not Guilford students take college life seriously, he must first define college life. If he is aspiring in terms of study, activity, and involvement, then the answer is that Guilford students are very ser-

ious about college life.

Various student organizations exist on the Guilford College campus to maintain a broad-based college life.

Among these are the Community Senate, the Union Board, BASIB, French and German Societies.

These organizations exist to aid students and uphold the Quaker tradition of individualism.

Therefore, one of the best methods of maintaining a favorable college life here at Guilford is to take an active part in such organizations.

## Kunstler praises civil rights

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William Kunstler, a civil rights lawyer from New York, said the February 2 anti-Klan march in Greensboro was "the most significant event going on in the country today."

Mr. Kunstler spoke in Sternberger Auditorium last Wednesday in an attempt to muster support for Saturday's march.

He said the march organizer's expulsion of the Communist Worker's Party from the rally was "proper" because the CWP refused to pledge publicly that they would not bear arms.

Throughout the speech, Mr. Kunstler lobbied for a revival of the civil rights movement of the 60s. He repeatedly challenged today's young people to emerge from the lethargy of the 70s and make the 80s a decade of political involvement and social consciousness.

He said Saturday's march was "the first across the board

movement of the American people since the Vietnam war ended."

Mr. Kunstler termed the CWP's refusal to publicly declare that they would march unarmed during the Feb. 2nd march as "shortsighted," because it provided ammunition for opponents of the march, an easy ground on which to condemn the rally.

The CWP feared an attack by Klansmen if they publicly vowed to march unarmed. Mr. Kunstler said he did "believe in armed self-defense."

Mr. Kunstler, who works for the Center for Constitutional Rights, said he had filed suit against the SBI for alleged attempts to intimidate bus companies from providing transportation to the march and encouraging student leaders to not support the march.

In the past, Mr. Kunstler has been the chief trial lawyer for Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, the Chicago Seven, and other civil rights causes.