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The new PIRG report

Lawmaker's scored

Special to the Guilfordian.

The North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NC PIRG) released a summer-long study on the consumer voting records of members of the North Carolina General Assembly at a news conference in Raleigh this week.

The report, **Voting in the Public Interest: your legislators' records in the 1979 session of the North Carolina General Assembly**, which was researched by Guilford College senior, Lisa Schweitzer (who is studying in London this semester), scores state legislators on twenty votes in each house with each legislator being given a "pro-consumer score."

According to PIRG staff member Art Donsky, "The purpose of **Voting in the Public Interest** is to help North Carolinians examine the voting records of their legislators on key consumer and environmental issues. NC PIRG is a non-partisan organization; we do not endorse

any candidates. The report simply gives objective information about how each legislator voted on what were, in our opinion, key bills."

The study gives an overview and analysis of each bill, as well as the "pro-consumer" position for the bill. "In researching this study we contacted several public officials, public interest lobbyists, and representatives from other citizen groups in order to determine which vote on each bill was most important as well as what the correct position on each bill should be," said Donsky.

According to the voting study, the local Guilford County state senators scored as follows: Sen. Rachel Gray 75%, Walter Cockerham 25%, and Sen. Jim Turner (who was in office only during the short legislative session this past June and only voted on five out of twenty bills) 80%. In the house, the scores were as follows: Howard Coble 75%,

Ralph Edwards 75%, Byron Haworth 75%, Mary Seymour 70%, Margaret Keesee 65%, Jim Morgan 65%, and Henry Frye 45%.

Suzanne Sullivan, a Guilford College junior and a representative to the NC PIRG State Board of Directors, said, "This voting record study goes hand-in-hand with the student voter registration drive which we are currently planning. It is our goal to increase student participation in both local and state political issues. Our state legislators frequently make decisions which affect us as students. Therefore, by registering to vote and examining the ways in which they vote, we can increase our influence in their decisions."

Copies of the report may be obtained by sending \$3.00 to NC PIRG, Voting Study, P.O. Box 17691, Greensboro, NC, 27410 or by contacting the PIRG office on the second floor of Founders.



PIRG staff member Art Donsky

Cape Lookout hearing

By Susan Ide

A public hearing will be held at Guilford on September 8th to determine whether large portions of Cape Lookout National Seashore should be designated as wilderness. It will take place at 7:30 in Sternberger Auditorium.

Cape Lookout Nat'l Seashore is currently one of the last undeveloped barrier islands left in the east coast. Many of the nearby islands have been commercially developed, leaving only one other such untouched area -- Cape Hatteras - in North Carolina. So far, Cape Lookout has been under minimal management. Cars are allowed in the island, getting there by the six ferries that give access to the island. According to the

National Park Service there are 1200 abandoned cars on the 3 island stretch. In addition, there are several private homes and fishing cabins for public use. "Hunting, fishing, bathing, etc. are all permitted.

The proposal made by the National Park Service is to make 71% of the total area into a wilderness area. In addition, the rest of the area would incur some changes, such as the elimination of cars on the islands, and the removal of some of the buildings. Transportation would be provided in the southern 13 miles of South Cone Banks, near Cape Lookout Point. The gateway port to the seashore would be located in the eastern end of Harkers Island. These changes would

mean little change in the present use of the area; swimming, fishing, camping etc., will all continue to be allowed. Access by private boats will also continue.

The reason the management plan is important, then, is to insure that the islands continue to stay relatively untouched, unpolluted, and free to change as barrier islands must.

A short word on barrier islands: These islands are an important feature of coastal regions. They are the protective break for the mainland; that is they act as a shield, absorbing the brunt of the mechanical

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In search of a phonebooth

Are you faster than a speeding bullet? Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound? Even roughly as powerful as a locomotive?

We're not either, but we would like to be. And even if we can't be, we'd like to put out a better paper. To do that, we need to have your help. For the general edification of those of us in Metropolis, the **Guilfordian** is pleased to announce that the second Journalism Workshop will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 6 & 7. The sessions will be upstairs in Founders, and will run from 9:00 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Leading the workshop will be Alfred Hamilton and Van King,

both of the **Greensboro Record/Daily News**. The sessions will concentrate on the writing of hard news and features, spicing up the college paper, ethics, editing and the law, graphics and photography, headline writing, and layout and design.

So come on over, all of you Clark and Clarice Kents. This is your chance to get the scoop from top quality professionals. Last year's workshop was an invaluable aid in improving the quality of the paper. We expect similar results this year. Sign up on the list at the Information Desk, and come to a brief meeting in the Passion Pit on Thursday at 4:30. Bring your own cape.

Who'd shoot J.R.?

The weathered Texan was leaning on the window ledge, puffing an unfiltered cigarette and watching a student write a proof on the board. The window was cracked, though it was mid-December. As he was flicking a butt on the window, suddenly a shot rang out. J.R. Boyd crumpled to the floor.

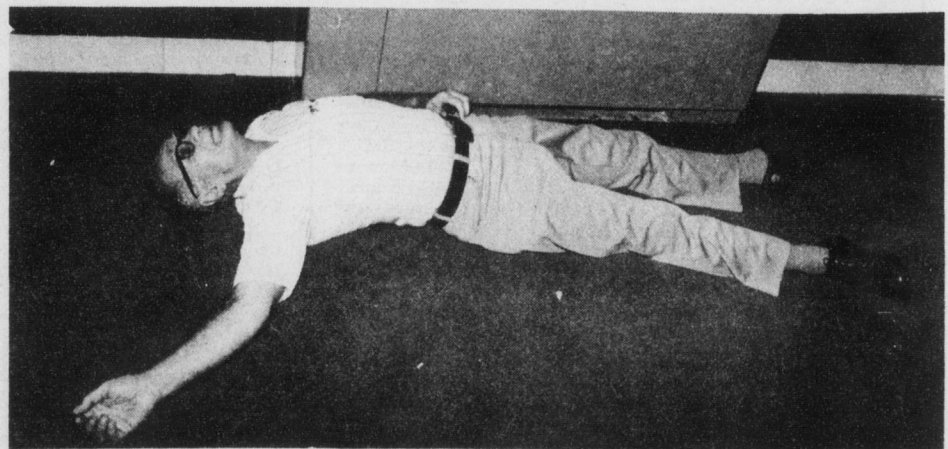
Who'd shoot J.R.?

Was it student John Steely, who had recently watched another proof collapse miserably due to his total lack of forethought? Was it Jim Silver, the

new head of maintenance, who was tired of picking cigarette butts from the pine needles below J.R.'s windows? Was it Dean John Stoneburner, tired of filling out probation notices for students who took J.R.'s Elementary Functions class?

Or someone else? Who do you think?

Send your suspect's name and motive to "Who'd Shoot J.R.?" care of Guilfordian, Box 17717. Winners will receive an 8 x 11 portrait of themselves and a water pistol, courtesy of the **Guilfordian**.



The prematurely late J.R. Boyd