

Editorial

Excellence: Who pays?

By Dale Easley
Co-editor

Last week Jim Shields' editorial dealt with humanity and academic excellence. This week I'd like to introduce a new variable - finances.

Financial grounds have been used as motivation for admitting many students to Guilford who are of poor quality. It has been said that for a school which depends as much as Guilford upon tuition, a drop in student enrollment would seriously wound the already vulnerable budget.

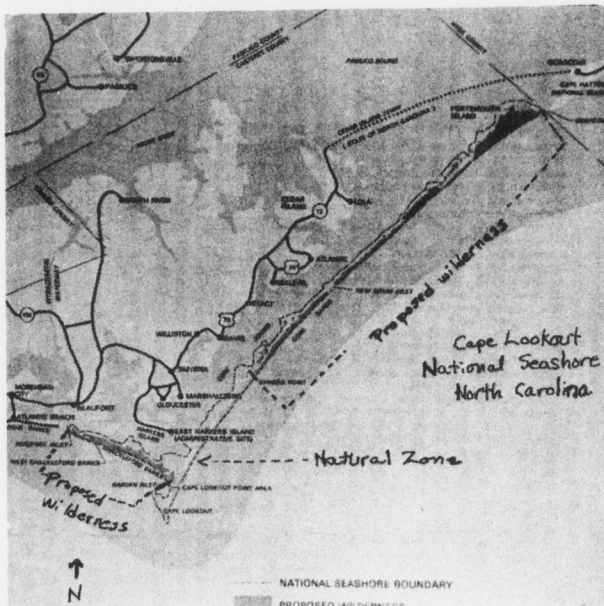
However, the long-term effects of such a policy will only hurt the school's finances. By allowing our academic programs to deteriorate to the level of large state-supported programs, it would be difficult to convince students to pay twice the price to attend Guilford. Only a person who really wants a small-school atmosphere would look at Guilford. And if Guilford allows itself to degenerate, there will be little to distinguish it from the many other mediocre private colleges in North Carolina and the nation.

One alternative could be increased fund raising. If we can raise big bucks from a gym complex, we can build the endowment, then we can become less dependent upon tuition, and more selective in our admission.

Another way of improving our finances is to cut out incompetent staff. We are not really being humane by keeping someone who no longer contributes to the college. By tolerating intellectual stagnation, Guilford fosters self-complacency rather than self-development. And by keeping incompetent people, we are also hurting our chances for future donations. Alumni will wish to contribute to the college only if their experiences while here were good. Sitting through a boring required course with an incompetent teacher can hardly be considered a good experience.

By eliminating some of the bad experiences of the students and increasing the academic excellence of the school, Guilford may be able to compete for existence as the crunch on private colleges gets tighter.

Cape Lookout



Proposed wilderness plans for Cape Lookout

the side facing shore. These marshes are the first step, and thus are one of the most important steps in the food chain. They are unique habitats, supporting many different flora and fauna, such as marsh grass, various sea birds, clams, oysters, and turtles. Most of these species cannot live anywhere but these marshes, and thus we must take precautions to maintain them as best we can.

The area that is proposed for wilderness is all of Shackleford Banks, the northern end of Core Banks, and all of Portsmouth Island (see map). These areas are particularly free from the marks of man, and are perfect environments for both scientific study and "unconfined recreation," allowing at the same time preservation of a vital coastal habitat. Here nature will continue to shape the land, unhindered by cement and roads.

There is, however, a fair amount of controversy over this plan in the Harkers Islands area. The main points of complaint are: (1) Elimination of private vehicles, (2) Elimination of fishing cabins, (3) Effect of the National Seashore on the cultural heritage of the Harkers Island Community and (4) "Dredged access channels vs. propeller kicking." If you have an opinion on this issue and would like to express it at the public hearing, you must contact the hearing officer first by calling Cape Lookout Nat'l Seashore. If you wish to make a written statement, send it to the hearing officer. For more information, the management plans and wilderness study will be on reserve in the Guilfordian file in the library.

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energy coming in from the ocean. As a result, they must be free to move constantly and thus dissipate the energy. The sand of a barrier island is moving continually down the

coast giving these islands the long, thin shape that they have. In addition to acting as a barrier, these islands are biologically essential because they support extensive marshland on

Greensboro Klan-Nazi trial in tenth week

News analysis

By Paul Palumbo

Students returning to Greensboro this fall may notice that the so-called "Klan-Nazi" trial has monopolized the attention of the Greensboro media. The controversial trial, in which five Klansmen and Nazi party members are being charged with five counts of murder, is now in its tenth week.

The defendants are charged in the shooting deaths of five persons, all members of the Communist Workers Party, on November 3, 1979, in Greensboro. Michael Nathan, Sandra Smith, James Waller, Cesar Carice and William Sampson were killed during an anti-Klan

rally held in Greensboro. The incident took place at the corner of Everitt St. and Carver Dr.

The CWP demonstrators were armed with sticks and at least one pistol in anticipation of possible violence. The Klansmen were armed with several shotguns and pistols as they arrived at the site of the anti-Klan demonstration. In the fight that ensued, the CWP members were killed and several others were injured.

The prosecuting attorney will be trying to convince the all-white jury that the five defendants currently on trial fully intended to instigate violence and use their firearms at the demonstration.

The defense will be attempting to show that the defendants

were actually trapped by the Communist demonstrators and that the defendants acted solely in self-defense. In order to show this, the defense had tried to establish two things; that the first gunfire came from one or more demonstrators and that the demonstrators attacked the Klansmen with sticks before any shooting occurred. To date there has been at least one testimony to support this claim. James Waters, an eyewitness to the shooting, testified on August 22 that he thought the

first gunfire came from an area where a group of demonstrators had gathered.

However, several other eyewitness testimonies contradict Water's testimony. Laura Blumenthal, a Greensboro reporter, and several news cameramen have testified that they thought the first shots came from the Klan. Blumenthal also testified that the stick fighting occurred after the first shots were fired. The question has not been resolved, but the testimony of these eyewitnesses

contradicts the defense's claim that the Klansmen acted in self-defense. Current testimony involves tracing the weapons used in the shootings to the defendants.



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Dear Editor,

I think Serendipity is a great morale booster and mixer. I would like to propose a similar event in the early fall of the year. It would be late enough for the Drama, Art and Music Departments to leave time to prepare, but early enough so that cold weather would not curtail outdoor activities. We need a Fall Ice-Breaker or some other type gathering. It might be timed to be the same weekend as a home football game.

Three cheers for Serendipity, but let us have a sister event in the fall.

Sincerely,
Spike Pitcher

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Dear Editor,

We welcome new and returning students to Guilford. There are many interesting issues that can be addressed in the Senate. We feel that some of these are the budgeting process for student organizations, alternative housing, portions of the alcohol policy, and the effective integration of the new president into the student government.

These are some of the concerns of we three individuals. It is more important to hear the concerns of the entire student body. We plan to gain insight into student concerns by using surveys and holding informal gatherings in dormitories and the cafeteria.

We would like to encourage you to become involved in your student government in order to

shape the environment in which you live and study. You can do this by becoming a Senator, being involved in the Senate, or by voicing your opinions and views to Senate members.

We are willing to devote all the time necessary to deal with your concerns. Much can be done, but much depends upon you and your involvement in your student government.

Sincerely,
Your Senate Officers
Jan Earl, Martin Jones,
and Stan Givens

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Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to your editorial in the last issue of the Guilfordian. For many years

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