

Editorials

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Summary

age to 19. It was the Community Senate's responsibility to translate the new state laws into campus policy. The Senate did this, very diligently working through every nuance of the law so that you and the College would be protected. I am very proud of my Senators for their patience and dedication regarding this very difficult, touchy matter. They all deserve a great deal of respect for their work in this area. If you are not fully aware of all the changes made in the Guilford College Student Codebook, I strongly encourage you to pick up a copy of the revisions either from the Senate Office or the Housing Office. It is imperative for your own benefit that you become aware of the changes in the law and in college policy.

The Safe Roads Act went into effect October 1, 1983. To help students adjust to the new law and to raise awareness regarding the use and misuses of alcohol, the Senate and Student Services co-sponsored Alcohol Awareness Day on September 30. This was very successful, with over 450 students either involved in the program itself or going through it. This project demanded a great deal of work from the students who worked to put it on, particularly the Alcohol Awareness Committee. They did a superb job with a difficult, time-consuming task. I hope all of our projects can be as successful as that one.

In connection with Alcohol Awareness and the growing number of students disturbed by widespread misuse of alcohol, the Senate is now in the process of establishing a Bacchus Chapter on campus. Bacchus attempts to provide students with an awareness of alcohol and the problems associated with its abuse. We hope to have our chapter of Bacchus in place by late spring.

The Community Senate has also become active in the North

Carolina Federation of Independent College and University Students (NC-FICUS). We have taken a leadership position in the organization; I am currently Vice-Chairman, Bo Markley is Regional Coordinator, and Jayne Mardock is our delegate to organization conventions. From what I can judge, NC-FICUS seems to have been a fairly dormant organization in the past, in need of the kind of energy and concern that our Senate can lend to it. I am excited about the potential for legislative influence that this group presents, on state and national levels.

We are working with the University of Tennessee to establish a larger network among

southeastern colleges and universities called the Southeastern Legislative Interest Group. As the title suggests, this would primarily serve as a lobbying group trying to affect national legislation. This project is still in the planning stages, but prospects for its success look good. I expect this group to become completely functional by the Spring of 1985 at the earliest, so this is indeed a long-range project for our Senate Executive Council, present and future.

The Senate recently completed work on a project that I hope has, and will benefit every Guilford student who wishes to take part. Primarily through the efforts of one key Senator, Bo Markley, we were able to relax the application procedure necessary to receive an NCNB Visa card. Everyone should have received a letter from me explaining this project, so I will not go into great detail here. I hope that everyone who wanted a card received one. If not, please contact me or Bo.

We are also working on several other projects no less significant than those I have already written about, some of which you will

hear and read more about later this semester. These projects include the Second Annual Community Senate Service Auction, Course Evaluation Guides, a Residential Life Committee proposal for additional co-ed living space, and National Lobby Day. We are also at work on Serendipity and would appreciate suggestions for ways to improve it.

I hope I have not left out anything that my Senators have done. I am proud of the folks on the Senate, and I am proud of my student body. There is no limit to the things we can accomplish when we work together. My Senators have completed a great number of projects already this year, and we have many more time-consuming plans for this semester. I encourage all students to get involved in student organization and clubs this semester; improve your school and your life. And to those who are already involved, I offer my gratitude for all you have done. Now—let's get to work!

Sincerely,
Dennis Blue
President, Community Senate



Artificial snow


Campus Digest News Service

If your livelihood is skiing, you depend primarily on nature for snowy slopes, but if Mother Nature lets you down, there's always artificial snow.

But "new and improved" artificial snow? If tests at Colorado's Copper Mountain resort are successful, higher volumes of snow could be made at warmer than usual temperatures (up to 32 degrees instead of 18).

The new process involves mixing the bacteria strain, *Pseudomonas syringae*, with water and blowing the combination into the freezing air, where artificial snow forms.

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