

Editorials

Letters to the Editors

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I Volunteer

To the Editors
Guilfordian
Dear Friends:

Journalistic freedom provides a protective umbrella quite ample enough to protect the parody of Dickens published in the most recent *Guilfordian*. There should certainly be no effort to suppress such a piece. At the same time, it is worth noting that, protected, or not, that item manifested a remarkable lack of sensitivity, appropriateness, and taste. Dickens' hero is, until his conversion, characterized as a skinflint, selfish and materialistic, uncaring about the plight of his fellows, manipulating the social institutions of his time solely for his own fiscal self-aggrandizement. I believe we are extraordinarily lucky to have as our President at Guilford an individual who clearly embodies exactly the opposite qualities: selflessness, generosity, and humane concern.

If the editors of the *Guilfordian* must have a Scrooge-figure in the administration, I volunteer. My first gesture in that role is an act of literary criticism commenting upon your parody of A Christmas Carol: BAH HUMBUG!

Sincerely,
Samuel Schuman
Academic Dean

Challenge

Dear Editors:

I am concerned with the spirit of "A Guilford Carol" that was printed in the December 14 issue of the *Guilfordian*. I was first troubled with the comparison of Dr. Rogers to Scrooge in the article, and believe that it was not only unfair, but also unwarranted. In my two and a half years at this college, I have found that President Rogers has been receptive to the needs of the students and concerned with increasing the quality of education and national prestige of Guilford. Both Bill and Bev have been active participants in social functions, attending ball games, concerts and carving the Thanksgiving turkey for several hundred students. They have been open and friendly, frequently opening their home for different student groups. Bill and Bev Rogers are an asset to the Guilford Community and we are lucky to have them here.

My second concern has to do with the picture painted of Guilford "present" and "yet to come." Yes, Guilford has its problems with a lack of study space and student office space, and a long battle with apathy. The possibilities of increasing both study and office space were discussed at the last community senate meeting, the week before the "Carol" was printed. Apathy, however, is not something that

Senate, President Rogers or any other organization can overcome, no matter how much we try. I know several Guilford students that resemble those of "Guilford future," unhappy with what the college is for them. You know them too. They complain about the food in the cafeteria, the quality of the professors or classes that they hate, the dorms, the unfair interns or coordinators. They write the graffiti in the bathrooms and stacks "I hate this place." But what I have also noticed is that there is usually a correlation between those that are unhappy and apathetic to those that are uninvolved. With more than twenty campus organization, intermurals, and student-faculty committees, there are many opportunities to enrich the quality of life for not only yourself, but for the entire college community.

Guilford has so much to offer, and could offer even more if students and faculty would work to overcome its weaknesses. I have found that my efforts and contributions have been greatly rewarded and made my Guilford experience very rich and usually wonderful. I commend those of you that have made your own contributions, and challenge those of you that are uninvolved to make a resolution in this new semester to become active in some way to make sure the prophecy of 'Guilford yet to come' doesn't become a reality.

Thank you
Jayne Mardock

Poetic Justice

Editors:

Scrooge he isn't, and never was! Your article's weak, and that's because you don't know Dickens or history well, Or Rogers either, I can tell.

Mary Hobbs of Guilford Past Would correct your story fast. Founders once was a dormitory Women lived on the second story. President's office was within— Little chance to drink or sin.

Guilford Present is not unflawed, (You were expecting Sandy Claude?)

But our campus does not divide With all "good guys" on one side. Persuasive discourse, clear hard facts Makes better news than "ghost" attacks.

Guilford's Future rests with you. Students make and shape it, too. We are good and getting better! (Wonder if you'll print my letter.)

Beverly Rogers

P.S. I must include this small aside: We have two cats. Our dog has died.

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Mary Hobbs would have a fit Over words like "passion pit"!

Summary

To the Editors

This is an open letter to the student body regarding Community Senate projects and activities of last semester. We have been busy with numerous projects that have required great amounts of energy and time from nearly all of our Senators. It is my hope that we have improved student life in some way. I will try to keep this letter as brief as possible. I trust that it will be printed in full.

We began the year by including registration to vote in North Carolina in the normal freshmen check-in procedure. This project was successful (we registered 46 freshmen) and will be expanded to include upperclassman registration as well. Because college students have the worst voter turnout record of any age group, we felt that this project would serve to heighten students' awareness of the voting process and ultimately get more of us involved in what is one of the most effective means of effecting government policy. We will have a registrar on campus again in February for anyone who has not yet registered. You will be hearing more about this very soon—be sure to register.

Last spring we began work on the morning to noon class schedule in order to alleviate some of the cafeteria congestion we were so accustomed to seeing at 12:15, especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks to the participation of some key administrators, class times are now staggered, so that everyone on campus does not get out of class at 12:15. The plan has worked well so far, but the only real solution is an expansion of the cafeteria, which is planned to occur some time in the future.

By now everyone should be aware of the Safe Roads Act of 1983, which was passed by the North Carolina Legislature this past summer. This legislation changed a good bit of North Carolina law regarding alcohol and alcohol-related offenses. One of the primary points of the law was to raise the beer-drinking

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Guilford I.D.'s

Letter to the Editor

Why do we need our Guilford I.D.'s?

A Topic I feel needs an explanation.

Have you ever wondered why you are required to show your Guilford College I.D. before you can enter the door of the Guilford College cafeteria? It does seem like such an inconvenience and especially when you are famished and in a big hurry to get some food. The last thing you need to deal with is someone to slow you down and make you show something as unimportant as an I.D. Right?

Well, believe it or not, there is an important reason why I.D.'s are required at Guilford College. Other than for academic reasons,

the number on your I.D. is needed for Guilford's two meal places on campus. There is the cafeteria, open for three daily meals, and the Grill Room, open all day and until late at night; both require I.D.'s.

The cafeteria requires you to show your I.D. to the two students checking I.D.'s at the door. Also known as checkers, these two student employees help the cafeteria keep track of how many students are eating during meals. I.D. numbers are crossed off for the Grill Room system. If one can't eat in the cafeteria, due to classes or other reasons, they are entitled to eat in the Grill Room, after the Cafeteria closes. Their I.D. number is proof that they did not eat in the cafeteria.

Sounds simple doesn't it? Actually this system is abused and has caused problems and concern for Epicure, the name of Guilford's Food Management Students need to recognize the importance of the I.D. system and respect it.

Some of the things that could be extremely helpful would be to recognize areas that need

cooperation. The first is to realize that checkers are not computers, yet one day will probably be replaced by them, and need time to read and check I.D. numbers. Would it be possible to slow down when coming through the door?

The second area is if you could call out your own I.D. number, and wait until you hear the checker call your number before walking through the door.

Thirdly, please bring your I.D. to the cafeteria. It is Epicure's policy to see an I.D. with a number in order to verify that you have paid for the meal plan. Day students can either buy a blue meal card or pay for meals separately.

Cooperation with this system is much appreciated. It is not the most efficient system, but until another replaces it, the system needs to be respected.

Finally, could you pick up your tray after eating, and take it to the conveyor belt? You can't expect "Mom's cooking" at college so don't expect her to clean up after you!

Thank you
Diana Wurster

Ride 'em Cowboys?

Are the days of the American cowboy over? Is the trust and companionship shared by cowboy and horse alike to be destroyed by society's newest laws?

Could "Home on the Range" be replaced by "Down on Main Street?"

Apparently, that's what residents of Lincolnton, NC thought when Darrell Samuel Dellinger of Lincoln County rode a horse while under the influence of alcohol in Lincolnton's Christmas parade last December.

District Court Judge George Hamrock applied the new DWI law to horseback riding and fined Dellinger \$100, revoked his license for 30 days and in addition, stuck him with \$35 in court costs.

Law makers were no doubt aware that the DWI law would decrease alcohol sales and the number of alcohol-related traffic accidents and deaths.

Indeed, there is a marked decrease in auto accidents and alcohol sales. Dollar volume sales of hard liquor dropped 7.1 percent in bars, restaurants, and ABC stores in October, 1983 from October 1982.

But were state law makers conscious of the far-reaching interpretations and effects of their law?

And on a final note, where is an old cowpoke suppose to go for fun these days?

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