

## Students Should Have Priority

Saturday, October 29, the YMCA used Bryan parking lot as a base for their biathlon competition. During the previous week, students found notes on their cars asking them to have their cars moved out of the parking lot by 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Car owners were then called that Saturday morning and told to move their cars. Students were not informed of why they had to leave the parking lot or where they could find a place to park during the day; the biathletes' cars filled Binford's parking lot. Students were not informed of the event being held.

In addition, students parked

in Binford Parking lot were detained while trying to leave the lot while runners were coming in. Biathletes used Binford Residence Hall facilities throughout the day, so that off-campus "guests" were in Binford all day, causing inconvenience for students as well as a potential security risk.

As representatives of the student body at Guilford College, we as the Community Senate feel that our rights as students were not respected in this matter. We believe that any future decisions regarding the proposed use of college facilities such as the parking lots, residence halls, cafeteria, etcetera that affect students' daily routines and

schedules should be assessed using the following criteria:

(1) Is there an alternative area available for use that will not inconvenience students?

(2) Will students receive benefits from the activities of outside groups using the facilities?

(3) Can adequate publicity informing students of the activity and the inconveniences be provided in a timely manner?

After the proposed facilities usage is assessed using these criteria, we ask that the proposal be submitted to Senate.

The Guilford College Community Senate

## Make Students Responsible for Actions

Last Saturday, October 29th, Union threw one of the largest quad dances of the year. Most everyone had a good time dancing and running around in crazy outfits, except for the people who had to clean it up.

The quad was littered with silly-string and streamers, the usual results of dances. In addition to this usual trash, there were also beer bottles and splattered pumpkins. The mess was so huge that it was decided the clean-up process would begin on Sunday morning. But, of course, it wasn't, and when Monday morning rolled around, guess who finally started

cleaning the mess? Once again, the Housekeeping staff, old reliable, came to the rescue.

This editorial does not criticize Union - for they have done a fantastic job this year. It criticizes the poor treatment of Housekeeping staff who are constantly mistreated and taken for granted. First, the Housekeeping staff should not have to clean any student activities' mess; it should be the organization's responsibility.

Second, the Housekeeping Staff's core responsibility are cleaning the bathrooms and emptying the trash, and anything beyond that should not be left for them. If students

insist on trashing the quad, then it should be their responsibility to clean the mess.

Making students responsible for their actions will motivate them to take better care of their community and when someone does break a bottle he will have to contend with his peers. Like it or not, Bryan is a community, and every resident has the right to live in a clean and safe environment. In addition, the Housekeeping staff would appreciate all the support it can get, since their job is one of the most difficult on campus. But if students continue to abuse the Residence Halls then we have the choices of either cleaning up the mess or live in it; just don't dump the trash on the Housekeeping Staff.

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Bryan Residents

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## Piper Corrections

I would like to thank Linda Kreem and The *Guilfordian* for the Nov. 7 article, "Piper Undergoes Changes". The rest of the editorial board and I feel that we are creating a very strong issue this fall.

I do need, however, to correct a few errors which appeared in the article. As much as I wish the Piper had gone to press, our work with Greensboro Printing will not reach that stage for a couple of weeks. The

issue, at 40 pages, will be considerably larger than it has been in a number of years, not smaller. John Lamiman and Linda Brown were both invited to attend the poetry selection meeting, but both had previous plans and could not make the meeting.

Again, we appreciate the coverage and hope the Piper will be well-received when it appears in the second week of December.

Jonathan Lawson  
Piper Co-Editor

## Library Carries Racist Publication

Last year Guilford College divested all endowment funds from companies which conduct business in South Africa.

The Guilford College Library uses our tuition money to subscribe to and display one of the most exclusionary and racist magazines published in the world. The *South African Panorama* magazine features informative articles on South African artists, political leaders, and businessmen -- all of them white. Black South Africans are portrayed as unimportant to South Africa's culture, economy, and politics.

Our subscription supports apartheid directly since our money goes directly to the publisher, the South African Bureau of

Information, a department of South Africans current oppressive regime.

The *South African Panorama* sits upon the self of our library as a symbol of Guilford College's support for apartheid and social injustice in South Africa. I must protest our support of this oppressive system.

Let's divest from apartheid. I hope that every member of the Guilford College community will speak out against this publication. Guilford College must end its support for apartheid. One subscription to the *South African Panorama* and the system of racial injustice which it espouses must end.

Mark Aman

## Regrets in the Video Age

As a senior, I profoundly regret that I will graduate before experiencing the educational revolution about to take place at our college. I'm talking about the planned telecommunications project that will connect every residence hall to a computer, video and cable television network.

I'm happy to see Guilford putting its \$1.75 million gift to good use rather than let it idle in an investment portfolio or waste away in a minority or academic scholarship fund.

Indeed, a PC on every desk and a remote control in every hand is "one of those great giant steps in the life of a college." It will destroy the dreaded "inertia of parochialism" faster than any semester abroad, internship, international student, worldly professor or guest speaker ever could.

Considering the residence hall part of the "academic workplace" is a work of pure genius. I cringe when I think of all the time I wasted there, simply relaxing and chatting.

Now, students are sure to become more serious and scholarly when in their rooms, careful not to damage their educational tools.

By placing all the information in the world at students' fingertips, Guilford will have no need for the expensive new library. Consider this an opportunity to really do something good for South Africa -- send them *all* of our books! The library can be made into an art gallery and arboretum which the \$6 million is being spent on anyhow.

Guilford students will also receive the educational benefits of cable television. We all know how cable TV has enriched our society -- only a total ignoramus doesn't know what Australian football is. As a conduit of the media industry, Guilford will put a world of entirely pertinent, un-biased and accurate information at the foot of our bed. Who needs discussion with boring professors when you have 100 plus channels and a video library to tell you all you need to know?

Going to class will be a tedium of the past. Instead,

professors will videotape their lectures for liesurely home viewing. Some of the more homely faculty will be replaced by a more handsome lot as students, who take classes on a pay-per-view basis, will select courses taught by the most mediagenic professors.

Turning in assignments through the computer mail will ensure us that we will never have to look a professor in the face again. This will come in handy when your paper is two weeks late. If you happen to bump into one, you can say, "didn't you get my paper? I zapped it to you last week. It must still be floating around somewhere out there, maybe in that strange blue radioactive glow that surrounds the telecommunications building."

In all, the new telecommunications project will ensure for us that Quaker value of "the edge" by fostering self-reliance, individualism, and rapport with machinery, three qualities necessary for success in the modern world. It's too bad I won't be around; at least I won't have to pay for it.

Rich James