

# Mary Hobbs vs. English

## Friendly Competition Takes on A New Meaning

Due to the growing misunderstanding and lack of communication between the maintenance staff and students, a maintenance forum was held on Wednesday, November 9, in the gallery of Founders Hall.

The forum, a joint effort by the Student Affairs Committee and Students Residence Council, attempted to help illuminate some of the problems shared by maintenance personnel and residents at Guilford College as the number of work-order delays continues to mount around campus.

"The forum was basically a chance for students and maintenance to talk over some basic problems they see in the system. This was not a bitch session, but a constructive forum to establish communication and understanding," said Leigh Pate, secretary of the Community Senate and key organizer of the event.

Pate stated that there were three basic objectives of the forum on Wednesday: establishing communications, gaining ideas for improvement of the maintenance situation, and detailing some of the basic problems students and working personnel were having with the general maintenance process.

She believed the meeting was a success, but expressed some disappointment with the overall turnout. Approximately 30 to 40 community members attended the forum, including faculty members, administrators, maintenance personnel, and student residents.

Among the issues discussed were problems with screens for residence hall windows, the ice and snow policy during inclement weather, general work-

order delays, poor workmanship, and maintenance staff morale.

Maintenance pointed to a computerized work-order system, and the possibility of implementing an "adopt-a-hall" program with faculty and students as solutions to some of the common problems expressed in the forum.

They were also careful to emphasize the need for students to work with maintenance personnel by not continually destroying previously completed jobs. Many of the staff pointed to the destruction of safety and fire equipment as a major factor in work-order delays and cost.

In addition to representatives from the maintenance staff, the housekeeping staff was represented by cleaning veteran Vera Wydell, an employee of Guilford College for over twenty years. Wydell echoed some of maintenance's suggestions including the need for students to have more respect for their campus. She stated that she could understand the desire for students to have a good time but stressed the importance of cleaning up after oneself.

With the forum providing the initial problems to be addressed with maintenance, Pate believes the SAC and SRC can now move to begin to eradicate some of the common complaints of both students and employees.

"The forum has been a very good exchange," said an enthusiastic Pate. "I believe a basic understanding between both students and maintenance has been established with should be helpful as our committess attempt to solve some of these problems."

by Tamara E. Bury

Has anyone been wondering what the deal is with all the midnight shaving cream showers, toilet paper assaults, and screaming Hobbs women running across campus after hours?

Rumors have been circulating throughout Mary Hobbs and English. Could the controversial term, sexual favors, be associated with these two prestigious halls? What has prompted all of this behavior, and what is going on?

About three weeks ago, Teri Reger, Hobbs' Hall Director, was driving along and had this sudden revelation: Scavenger Hunt! Why? "Because the Hobbs residents wanted to do something *to* English!" (A panty raid, so to speak).

However, the English residents seemed less than thrilled to involve themselves in

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"This survey is basically a ludicrous undertaking," stated Schuman. "There is a weakness in its basic design. Every institution, no matter how objectively you judge it, offers its own unique strengths and weaknesses."

Schuman, who earned his B.A. at Grinnell College and his Ph.D. at Northwestern University, both of which are recognized by U.S. News as two of the best institutions in their respective categories, says his most enriching educational experience was obtained while receiving his M.A. from San Francisco State University, an institution not ranked by U.S. News in its survey.

Larry West also agrees that such rankings are superficial and subject to criticism. "Although the criteria for selection are your typical gauges for academic excellence, I would say these rankings by far do not tell the whole story, and I would discourage anyone from just limiting their college selections to one magazine article."

Both Schuman and West were also careful to point out that Guilford has been cited before in U.S. News as one of the best schools in the nation when classified in smaller regional liberal arts categories instead of national liberal arts categories. They both also stated that Guilford has experienced highly favorable write-ups in magazines such as *Changing Times* and books including *Best Buys in American Education*. Many articles have praised Guilford as being one of the best institutions per cost in the nation.

this endeavor. The Hobbs' women then decided to provide additional incentive. They offered "sexual favors" to the winners because they were so confident of Hobbs' ultimate victory.

The next day notes began circulating to every resident of Mary Hobbs, "If the only prize offered are your sexual favors, we don't want any part of this competition." They were even written in Japanese to the Japanese foreign students. Chaos quickly ensued because some of the residents had not been informed as to the nature of this competition. Retaliation was inevitable.

Mary Hobbs cunningly chose the notorious chicken threat. It read, "If you want to prove you have the balls to be a rooster, accept the scavenger hunt challenge, Sun. Nov. 13 Founders." This was delivered

by about eleven women last Thursday night at approximately 1 a.m. The plan was to stealthily slip the flyers under each door and cluck three times. However, they were accosted by a number of English men armed with water and shaving cream. The screams resounded throughout campus.

Other incidents included entire toilet-papering of all cars in the English parking lot, and total devastation of the Mary Hobbs dining room via paper towels. This rambunctious behavior is now being kept in check through threat of the dreaded write-up.

"All of this," claims Mary Hobbs, "was done in good-natured flirting fun." And, this Sunday between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mary Hobbs and English will engage in a heated scavenger hunt. Question: will the loser pay up?



Panel addresses maintenance issues photo by Carol Irwin

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## Phon-a-Thon Raises \$13,000 in One Night

by Susan Nelson

We've all done it. Called home for money. "Hey, Mom," we begin, "How are you?" Then we slyly asked for a bit of hard cash, "Just a few extra bucks so I can pay the phone bill."

But, imagine calling your parents and asking for over \$13,000! That's what twenty Guilford students did November 2nd. By phoning some 1400 parents, Phon-a-thon participants made \$13,334 -- and made history as well. Although Phon-a-thon fund-raising has been successful in the past, never has so much money been raised in a single night.

Lillian Lyndrup, coordinator for the Loyalty Fund, credits dedicated and energetic student callers with the triumph. The students, some attracted to the phone bank by free food incentives and some by the valuable telemarketing experience, made a multitude of calls to parents of students

presently enrolled at Guilford. The fruit of their labor was added to the Loyalty Fund, which topped \$41,000 this semester.

Although the students are paid to participate, for many the paycheck is not the only enticement that keeps them faithfully dialing. Lyndrup believes that students find the Phon-a-thon rewarding in several ways. Aside from interesting conversations with parents and alumni, students develop good communication and marketing skills.

Lyndrup admits that telemarketing can be a difficult job, but says: "Selling something you don't understand or believe in to people you don't know [can be difficult]. But, here you're selling something you know and believe in. You have something in common with the people -- they're usually alumni."

Amanda West and Carol Irvin, Phon-a-thon participants, added, "most are glad to give."