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photo by Charles Almy

Art students take a break during the 70° weather Wednesday to mug for the camera on the Hege-Cox lawn.

## Carbon monoxide poisoning at Lodge spawns concern

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Three Guilford students, residents of Frazier 35/36, suffered a prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide leaking from a crack in their gas heater on Dec. 20. The heater was replaced by maintenance after Paul Coscia, Steve Terrill and Chris Chickering all woke up feeling ill from the effects of the lethal gas. According to Coscia, he felt so dizzy he "couldn't even stand up."

"I felt horrible," he said, "I was dizzy so I just lay down and went to sleep. I remember laying there and then I hear Steve get up. He was talking about how sick he was and how he just kept on almost passing out. I fell back asleep and when I woke up, Steve was asleep on the couch. I was on the other couch and Chris was on

the floor sleeping. I was late to an exam. Halfway through the exam I had to stop because I thought I was going to throw up."

According to John Lindstrom, director of the physical plant, maintenance checked the heater the night before when fumes were reported and apparently found nothing wrong with it. They suggested that some stacked crates obstructed the air intake, causing the fumes, and instructed the residents to move them. It is not clear what role, if any, the crates played in the malfunction of the heater.

"It just happened to wear out," said Lindstrom in an interview Wednesday. "There's no way of really knowing what's going to happen."

Joe Freeman and Neal Dewan, who share the room with the heater, felt something was wrong over a month before it was replaced.

"The first week of cold weather we called maintenance in right away because the heater was

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## Campus altercation prompts judicial action

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Two Milner residents will go before the judicial board Wednesday to face charges stemming from an incident Jan. 12 in which one student was taken to the hospital to be treated for knife wounds.

Alvin Washington, a freshman from Raleigh, N.C., and Jason Rhyne, a freshman from Statesville, N.C., have been named as defendants in the case. Guilford College is bringing charges against both students.

According to sources who wish to remain anonymous, the two students allegedly became involved in an argument earlier in the evening at an off-campus party on New Garden Road which eventually escalated into a physical altercation involving a knife upon their return to campus.

Residential life filed a report on the incident describing what happened based on interviews with Rhyne and Washington and witnesses, but the administration declined to release that report or discuss its contents. Furthermore, Rhyne declined to talk about the incident and Washington could not be reached for comment.

According to witnesses, Rhyne and sophomore Tom Harrington bumped each other at the party at New Garden. After exchanging words, Washington reportedly got involved in the situation about 12:30 a.m.

According to a source who read the incident report and a witness at the party, Washington had smoked marijuana earlier in the evening and Rhyne had been drinking alcohol.

About 2:30 a.m., according to witnesses, Washington stood outside Rhyne's room holding a stick. After an exchange of words, Rhyne allegedly pushed Washington and the two fell to

the floor. Washington is then said to have pulled out a knife and cut Rhyne across the face and then the back as he tried to get away.

It was suggested afterward that the incident was racially motivated, but according to sources familiar with the report, both defendants stated that their actions were not the result of racial feelings.

The incident prompted a memorandum which was released Thursday from the dean of student's office referring to the incident and reminding students of Guilford's policies toward respect for persons.

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