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## Woods recognized, move toward national register

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The historical value of Guilford College has officially been accepted on the local and state Register of Historic Places. This makes the college eligible for the National Historic Register. This application, if approved, will increase the chances of diverting Painter Blvd. to an alternative route.

Beverly Rogers, the official Guilford presence at the city council meeting regarding the local and state approval, said that

although this approval will greatly aid the diversion of Painter Blvd., it does not guarantee that it will stop it. Rogers said, "The approval does not say that highways can't be built but it does say that before the land is changed to public use, there must be a good reason and alternative routes to fall back on."

The three major historical issues the college claims valuable are: the rooted influence of Quaker land ethics, the land use during the Revolutionary war, and the land's use during the ante-bellum period as part of the Underground Railroad.

Guilford College used a large

part of the 220 acres as a demonstration farm until 1943 as a means of practicing the Quaker ethic. The administration believed in building the campus on a small area in order to leave much of the land (most of it was given by Quaker farmers) undisturbed. The college still embraces this ethic by using the woods as a forest retreat and by keeping all new buildings within the current campus boundaries.

It is known that during the Revolutionary War, both American and British troops used the wagon road in and near the Guilford woods as they marched to the battle of Guilford Court-

house in 1781.

Along the banks of Horsepen Creek are remains of earthen caves said to have been shelter stations for fugitive slaves trying to escape from the South before the Civil War. These depressions, although difficult to locate by the casual observer, give evidence of effectiveness of the Underground Railroad.

Today the woods are used for recreation, field studies and social outreach programs such as drug rehabilitation through the ropes course activities.

Rogers suggested that Guilford needs to make tour guides (with students as the guides) available

to schools, Rotary clubs, and other public groups. She said, "We need to be generous with the land, this would be a proactive way the woods could be used."

The next four months will be crucial in gaining support for the national historic register. Among those Guilford will seek to support the application will be Con. Howard Coble, Sen. Terry Sanford, Sen. Jesse Helms and Gov. James Martin.

The local and state application was approved with a 5-4 vote. In support of the application are Dick Grubar, Carolyn Allen, David Brown, Alma Adams and Earl Jones. Currently opposed are Robert Mays, Bill Burckley, Tom Phillips and Mayor Vic Nussbaum.

Rogers said it is important for students interested in attending public meetings to know who the players are. She said it's vital to have a broad view on the Painter Blvd. situation while also representing a student position at these meetings, as they are run in a formal manner. If any students plan on attending the public meetings next fall, said Rogers, they should be well informed about the ecological and historical issues rather than the personal ones.

## Changes on schedule for 1990-91 term

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The new telecommunications building is clearly making progress as the academic year closes and this progress is expected to continue until completion in late September 1990.

A new main entrance will complement this addition to the northwest area of campus. The current main entrance, off Friendly Ave., will be used as a secondary one, while the Arcadia Road entrance will be upgraded to accommodate heavier traffic.

The computer services department plans to take residence in the new building over the summer so that it will be working at full capacity when fall semester begins. Other departments (security, education and accounting) will begin occupying the building in stages throughout the fall. Jim Newlin, vice-president for finance and development, expects the entire building to be "oper. and available for use by [spring 1991]." This includes 24-hour study space.

The entirety of the computer network system is expected to take two years to complete, according to Newlin, and it is taking a \$2 million share of the project's entire \$6 million budget.

A combination of funds has made the project

possible. The primary sources of money have been Ed Bauman and contributions from a variety of individuals, corporations, and foundations. Additional funds have come from tax-free bonds, and, according to Newlin, more results of fund-raising efforts are on the way.

Bids for construction of the new entrance will be collected in May, and Newlin expects that project to be "substantially completed in August." This project is being financed by a monetary gift from Jack VanLindley, in honor of Guilford College Trustee Seth Macon. Although VanLindley did not graduate from Guilford, his father and grandfather are both Guilford alumni.

The change from a Friendly Ave. main entrance to a New Garden Road entrance was necessitated by the much heavier use of the latter in recent years. The design of the new entrance will facilitate traffic flow around the campus and make the area more easily accessible. The City of Greensboro plans to move the one traffic light serving campus traffic (adjacent to New Garden Hall on New Garden Road) to the new entrance area.

These are just a hint of the changes the Guilford community can expect to see in the next year. Other planned improvements include residence hall renovations and the construction of new parking areas.



A preview of the proposed entrance on New Garden Road.

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