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## Serendipity: More restrictions to keep the tradition alive

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Although spring is several months away, Student Union has already planned Guilford's annual Serendipity celebration, four days of music, food and fun.

This year we'll see tighter restrictions on students because of previous years' problems with vandalism and alcohol abuse. Each student will be permitted only one guest and greater emphasis will be placed on alcohol awareness.

In years past, students were allowed more than one guest. However, "Last year we had more non-Guilford students on campus than Guilford students," said Serendipity Chairperson, Tony Jones.

Jones stated that the committee had to remedy the problem of the school's liability. The more guests that attend, the more responsibility the school must take to pro-

tect them. This year, students will be held personally responsible for whomever they bring on campus, thus decreasing the school's liability.

The more "outsiders" on Guilford property, the greater the chance for vandalism. Last year several art sculptures in front of Hege-Cox were destroyed and several buildings were vandalized. This year security guards will monitor the entrances and check a list of students and their guests to help control the problem.

Another issue addressed by Serendipity Committee is the alcohol policy.

"Last year was out of control. There was a tremendous amount of under-age drinking. Freshmen were walking around with armbands and getting away with it. This year is going to be the deciding year on whether or not Serendipity stays at this school. A lot of faculty would like to see Serendipity gone because of the school's

liability," said Jones. "If an under-age drinker gets hurt, there goes our endowment."

The committee's goal is to focus on making Serendipity safer for those who don't drink and offering alternative activities for those who don't.

In the past, non-imbibing students may have felt that Serendipity was just a drunken brawl, but the committee intends to change this so that everyone will be comfortable and have an enjoyable time.

"In the past there really wasn't anything offered to those who didn't drink. This year, faculty and students want to see more active events. Last year there was just jello wrestling. We want to get student organizations and residence halls involved too," said Jones.

Last year featured a school-sponsored trip to the mountains on Serendipity weekend. The trip was for those students who

felt the pressures to drink at Serendipity to be too great or for those who simply didn't want to deal with the whole Serendipity scene.

The faculty is having a large voice in the planning of Serendipity, but even the faculty differs on what it wants out of Serendipity. These alternatives range from deleting Serendipity from the social calendar to, making it a day occasion, to making it an international event.

"We are lucky to be having Serendipity this year," said Jones. "There are going to be a lot of restrictions, but it's not because we want to lessen Serendipity as a celebration, but to allow us to keep having it."

Jones said, "We are having restrictions in order to preserve the tradition. This year Serendipity will try and fulfill everyone's needs, not just music and partying."

At this Serendipity there will always be an alternative for every student.

## Appellate Board overturns two sentences, upholds two

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The Guilford Appellate Board last week reduced the sentences of two freshmen suspended from school on drug charges

while upholding the suspensions of three others. The five were found in a Milner room the night before classes began with marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The students' original sentences were set by the Judicial Board in accordance

with a new "One Strike, You're Out" policy adopted by Community Senate at the end of last year. Under the new policy, conviction for use and/or possession of illegal drugs carries automatic suspension. This case was the first to be tried by the Judicial Board this year and at the same time was the first test of the school's new policy.

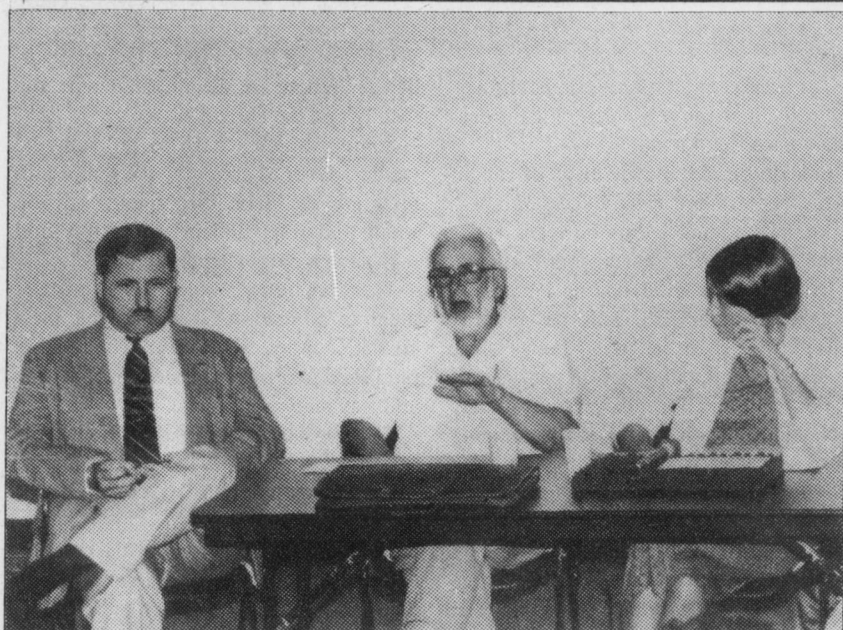
The Judicial Board, under the direction of Dick Dyer, issued a brief on the five students' sentences. According to the brief, two students successfully appealed their suspensions and were given a lesser charge of disciplinary probation for the remainder of the semester. The board refused to overturn the suspensions of two others who appealed, both of whom were already on disciplinary probation stemming from an incident during summer school.

The sentencing of the students under the new policy spurred a student rally and petition drive two weeks ago on the steps of the library. Organizers of the rally expressed their opposition to both the policy and the way in which this particular case was handled.

"The recent suspension of these students—and the precedent thus set for future enforcement," said a statement sheet distributed at the rally, "are intolerable to

us, to the Quaker principles of this institution, and to the very principle of justice."

The statement asserted that there was insufficient evidence to justify the sentences and that the Residential Life staff and Judicial Board were simply eager to test the new policy. Wednesday, representatives of the group presented Senate with a petition signed by some 400 people calling for a review of the policy. Senate is organizing a debate Oct. 3 to discuss the merits and weaknesses of the policy.



The panel at Thursday's forum "should we fit?" in the gallery discussed U.S. options in the Middle East/photo by Charles Almy

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