

The GUILFORDIAN

The Weekly Guilford College Student Newspaper

From The Editor:

Paper aspires new look

Welcome to another year of *The Guilfordian*. This special orientation issue is designed to acquaint new students with the newspaper and to update the community on campus news.

The editorial board is eager to enter a new phase of *The Guilfordian*, in similar spirit to the one that brought this paper back into existence five years ago. We have many new ideas, and come from a diverse background. Primarily, however, we want to direct our energy toward transforming this newspaper into a more professional enterprise.

Last year proved that this paper can become a credible weekly newspaper serving the Guilford College community by reporting news, sports, the arts, the personalities and the opinions of the members of this college. This year it will move to become a professional school newspaper.

We will teach and learn proper writing style for a newspaper, and we will present the design and layout of a paper that has a more "public" readership. We also intend to sell advertising just as any accredited newspaper must.

Participation with *The Guilfordian* is a valuable learning experience for the staff as well as the editorial board. Indeed, we have time constraints, just as other Guilford students. But we have all decided, that in our interest in journalism or previous experience with a newspaper, we would set aside some time to learn and teach the printed media. We have seized the opportunity to be part of the only organization on campus providing a forum for published news and opinion on campus.

Becoming part of the *The Guilfordian* team promises to be a worthwhile learning experience.

To those who are new and afraid that the opportunities with the newspaper would be devoured by upperclassmen, I refute any such claims because I became part of *The Guilfordian* one year ago as a freshman with no previous media experience. The size of the student body at Guilford makes it possible to join any organization. I urge you to join ours.

You can commit as much or as little time to your newspaper. Anyone may sell advertising and become acquainted with the local businesses, report on sports events and meet the athletes on campus, or tackle a local political shift and delve into the intricacies of the administration. Our schedule is weekly to allow all students to be flexible in their involvement. All that we ask is that you be prepared to share your ideas, learn from ours and enjoy working with an ambitious and productive team.

The first staff meeting of
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will be held Sunday, Sept. 1, at 7:30
in the Gallery. Anyone interested
in participating should attend.

Perspectives

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Painter Boulevard looms again

Chris Ward
Perspectives Editor

As the 1991-92 academic year begins, the Guilford community is again threatened by the prospect of Painter Boulevard, a proposed superhighway that would divide Guilford's property.

This noisy and intrusive motorway, designed to relieve traffic congestion around Greensboro, would destroy the Guilford Woods and hundreds of homes.

In order to avert this catastrophe members of the Guilford College community must unite to fight the construction of Painter Boulevard. We must voice our opinions to the elected officials of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Instead of protesting all proposals for a loop road, however, we should urge the NCDOT to adopt another proposal, known as the Bell/Glazner Modified Western Alternative.

The alternative proposal would spare the ecologically sensitive Guilford Woods by swinging the road west. This route would use already deforested and less-populated land outside of the city at a savings—compared with the Eastern Alternative—of approximately

\$20 million. In addition, the Western Alternative would more effectively relieve traffic congestion, because the plan provides a link between the eastern and western sections of the loop road at Groometown Road.

The plan for Painter Boulevard is not new and neither is Guilford's opposition to it. Students, faculty and administrators of Guilford College cite several factors including the incalculable environmental damage Painter Boulevard would cause to Greensboro's "buffer zone" of trees and bodies of water, including Guilford Pond. This zone provides a needed area of oxygen-producing trees to neutralize the carbon dioxide from auto emissions.

The construction of this route would displace many families, prove the most expensive of three proposals and also destroy an area listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Guilford Woods was part of the Underground Railroad which sheltered runaway slaves during the nineteenth century.

By following the lead of President Bill Rogers and others who have already lent their support to the Western Alternative, we can

make an enormous contribution to Guilford's future while addressing the needs precipitated by Greensboro's growing size.

Unity and strength in resolve will convince elected officials of NCDOT that there are both political and moral reasons to adopt the Bell/Glazner proposal rather than the Eastern Alternative.

I strongly urge you to voice your objection to Painter Boulevard in the most forceful way possible. In order to prevail, we must let our opinions be known. If we are successful in this task, the unifying force that results will make Guilford more cohesive and therefore more productive in opposing this danger than ever before.

Take this opportunity to make a difference in your own life as well as in others by writing NCDOT chairman L.J. Ward at P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh, N.C., 27611.

Editor's Note: President Rogers announced at Faculty Meeting last week that NCDOT may wait until next May to decide upon which alternative they will construct.

Communist hard-liners still threaten cause of democracy in Soviet Union

Chris Ward
Perspectives Editor

As I watched Soviet tanks roll through the streets of Moscow last Monday on CNN, I was quickly reminded that fledgling democracy is an institution that can be taken away at any time by the forces of despotism and totalitarianism.

Despite six years of reforms by Mikhail Gorbachev, a "gang of eight" Soviet hard-line communists was able to throw the nation into anarchy for three days. This period represented the greatest threat to world peace since the beginning of The Thaw. Much of the world feared a return to the Cold War and a new, hard-line government in the Kremlin.

Although the suddenness of the coup surprised nearly everyone, we must remember that this failed takeover was staged by desperate men who realized that their last shreds of power were about to be taken away. All of the plotters against President Gorbachev were known opponents of his reforms,

and their fear of becoming obsolete in a semi-democratic Soviet Union drove them to violate the Soviet constitution and replace Gorbachev with a junta of conser-

vatives.

It is men like those in this "gang of eight" whom we must never

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