

Choir tour kicks off March 1

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The Guilford College Choir is gearing up for their Spring Break '96 concert tour of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States. Students involved in the choir will perform nine concerts in North Carolina, Virginia, Washington D.C., New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

Choir director Ed Lowe has chosen a variety of songs that he feels will appeal to everyone. The choir will begin their concert with standard choral music that Lowe feels is "high-brow literature that will live on forever."

The performance will continue with a selection of secular classical music followed by folk songs of the United States and other countries. The '96 concert will come to a close with the excitement of spirituals and songs from Broadway musicals.

The '96 tour is sure to be exciting and is meaningful in many ways. According to Lowe, the concert tour has a large impact on the students involved, allows for continued interaction with the alumni, and helps to promote the college.

"One of the beautiful things about the tour is what it does for the



Photo by Jeremy Sebets

Ed Lowe directs the Guilford choir in song

young people in terms of their own personal development," said Lowe. He feels that many students find the tour to be "an eye opener" and allows them to "broaden their outlook on life."

Many of the members of choir realize the great experience that the tour can be as well.

"The choir tour is going to be a lot of fun. It is neat going to all the different places," said second-year choir member Meredith Polak

The tour also allows the college to keep in contact with its alumni. President Bill Rogers joins the choir

onstage and updates the alumni on the activities of Guilford College.

The students are involved as well since their families tend to be alumni. For those host families that are not alumni, the students serve as "ambassadors of Guilford College." The choir further promotes the college through the concerts and receptions that follow.

For all students involved, the Guilford College Choir is beneficial to students, alumni and the college itself. All students are welcome to join the Guilford College choir next year and receive a credit for the class as well.

Maintenance ready to crack down on pet policy

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If you are a resident student at Guilford College, come "pet-less" or prepare to face the possibility of judicial charges and fines.

The college's new "Pet Policy," stated clearly in the student handbook, says: "Pets found in residence halls, alternative housing or the student apartments will result in judicial charges and billing the resident and/or pet owner for mandatory fumigation and cleaning."

It also warns that any violation of this policy, "can result in relocation of the student occupant to a different residence hall."

The policy does make one exception, however, for fish, "if they are kept in a sanitary condition."

The likelihood of judicial charges being brought against a student is in direct proportion to the cooperation of the student in removing the pet from campus grounds within 24-48 hours. If the animal is relocated, the result is usually a written reprimand.

The cleaning and fumigation bill can be counted on, however, and, according to the Maintenance Department, the average cost is \$40.

George Segabade, the associate director of residential life at Guilford, emphasized that this policy is "strictly upheld." He also added, for those of us wondering about the barking dogs right next to the security offices, that CCE and married students living in the Frazier apartments are "allowed to keep pets they had prior to moving onto campus, but no new ones are allowed."

So, why all the fuss? Not only are there state and local laws that prohibit it, but it would create a nuisance problem.

Several of the RA's main concerns were: the noise factor, flea infestation and "the sensitivity of others in the hall"—allergies, in other words. Objections were also based on the possibility of dog or cat bites, escaped pets and simple consideration for those who may not be comfortable around animals.

If, of course, these do not seem like valid reasons to you, you could always broach the subject with the Student Residence Council.

Hilda Martin, residential life office secretary, said that attempts have been made to change this policy before and "any student has the right to try," but "that it would be non-productive to do that." In fact, Mrs. Martin said that the result of such an attempt would be "chaotic."

There have been illegal pets on campus before—mostly dogs, cats and ferrets, but not many. Segabade said that there were "a few every year, the most in any particular year was probably five." He also added quickly that the school does try to respect the privacy of its students and tries to refrain from doing room searches or anything of the sort. The clandestine critters were usually "encountered by chance."

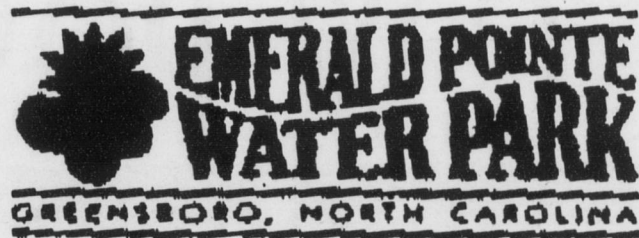
We should all appreciate the reasons behind the policy and try to conform to its guidelines, and if nothing else, consider the consequences before attempting to sneak a pet onto campus.

True, fish are not always the most entertaining pets, but they are allowed, and they are better than the alternative—nothing.

Week Ahead

FEBRUARY 2 - 9

Sunday, February 25	8:00 pm: NCSL. Dana Lounge. Contact: Heather Glissen (x3545)
7:00 pm: Catholic Mass. The Gallery. Contact: Chris Hoffman (x3837)	
Monday, February 26	3:35 pm: Community Senate. Boren Lounge. Contact: Stephanie Jennings (x2310)
5:30 pm: Quaker Concerns. Boren Lounge. Contact: Ruthi Scotti (x3329)	8:30 pm: InterVarsity. Boren Lounge. Contact: Angela Lett (x3677)
6:00 pm: Square Dance. Sternberger. Contact: Jessica Piekielek (x3190)	9:00 pm: H.E.A.R. Passion Pit. Contact: Annaliese Pollack (x3111)
7:00 pm: NGM. Boren Lounge. Contact: Chris Posten (x3614)	
8:00 pm: Guilfordian Staff Meeting. Passion Pit. Contact: Cory Birdwhistell (x3598)	7:30 am: InterVarsity. Boren Lounge. Contact: Robin Lichtenwalner (x2643)
Tuesday, February 27	8:00 pm: Guilford Ultimate. Passion Pit. Contact: Dylan Ahearn (x2608)
7:30 am: InterVarsity. Boren Lounge. Contact: Robin Lichtenwalner (x2643)	9:00 pm: Women's Awareness. Boren Lounge. Contact: Patricia Herrera (x3147)
5:15 pm: Holy Eucharist. Moon Room. Contact: Jim Prevatt (294-1282)	
Wednesday, February 28	
Thursday, February 29	



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