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## WAYNE'S WORLD

...the latest updates in campus security...

Let's see now... the state of North Carolina now says it's OK to carry a concealed, loaded handgun. All you have to do is seek out instruction and obtain a permit.

The theory was that carrying a weapon is everybody's right, and that the more God-fearing, law-abiding folk who do so, the better.

Now we're beginning to wonder. We're wondering because so many businesses and institutions are passing rules banning handguns that it's virtually impossible any longer to know where one can carry a gun and where one can't.

For example, North Carolina says it's legal to carry your pistol, but it's not legal in an airport (by federal law), all courthouses, and most public places and other busi-

nesses.

So here's the question: If the state says it's legal, but much of the world says it's illegal, what's the point?

And this brings us to Guilford College. First, merely uttering the word "gun" gives a few of us around here the heebie-jeebies. Second, if Security can't have them, you can't either. And last, but certainly not least, North Carolina Statute 17-269.2 prohibits having guns on an educational facility.

Please, if you have any weapons on campus—especially BB guns—get rid of them. You can't have them. They're against the law. If you are caught on campus you will be charged through the college's judicial system and also through the Guilford County Court.

Please don't take the risk. If you're not sure what to do, contact Wayne Meadows, Department of Campus Safety at x2906. Any information given or reports taken will be kept strictly confidential.



B. WAYNE MEADOWS

Sara Johnson

## Beer garden showcases issue of consensus

BEN THORNE  
 staff writer

Serendipity offered Guilford students a wide variety of activities this weekend, but one of the most talked-about events of Serendipity never happened. Senate did not approve the beer garden in what turned out to be one of the longest, most grueling sessions Senate has faced this year.

The beer garden came up for discussion last Wednesday, March 27. Senate had not discussed whether or not to approve the Garden earlier because more crucial decisions affecting our student activity fees and publication budgets had to be made first, according to President Stephanie Jennings. The issue's depth became clear when Dave Fleig began questioning the possible negative results that might happen from alcohol consumption.

Among his concerns were drunk driving, but Fleig focused most on the uncertainty of the event. "It just seemed like we didn't know what the results [of having a beer garden] would be. There were a lot of opinions, but

it was all just speculation," he said.

The rationale behind the beer garden was a desire to get older, off-campus students to participate with the rest of Guilford during Serendipity, bringing the community together. Also, several senators felt that it would help prevent drunk driving by giving students a place to drink on campus. Some senators, such as Peter KIELTY and Steve Marasco, felt it was logical to have a Beer Garden, since Guilford already allows open drinking outside the apartments.

Despite these arguments, Fleig and other senators, such as Tony DeCicco, felt that allowing Serendipity to have a beer garden could possibly endanger students. Fleig also felt that if senators allowed the beer garden to occur, and the results proved dangerous to students, then Senate was responsible.

"I'd have to say it's up to each senator to find a balance between representing one's constituents and following one's ethics. Ultimately you're responsible for the decisions you're a part of," he

stated.

Fleig felt such an ethical conviction to oppose the beer garden that he chose to block consensus instead of standing aside—a rarity in the consensus process. He made the decision because "I thought it was an important issue with possibly severe consequences. I did and still do feel strongly about it. I felt it was a bad decision to make and why I didn't want to stand aside. Then I would still be part of a decision that I believed was wrong."

After meeting later that night in a special session, Senate still could not come to consensus. However, Jennings felt that there was no clear leaning in Senate as to whether they should use majority vote, which Senate has not relied on in two years. Therefore, after hours of tense yet tolerant debate, the beer garden proposition was officially dropped.

Jennings asks, "Consensus is great when it's easy, but do we want to give up that principle when it becomes really difficult—that is, when it really matters?"

## The Service Corner

from the folks at Project Community...

JOCELYN NEWSOME  
 staff writer

The race began at 10:00, but eleven Guilford students had to get up early on a Saturday morning to carpool to Grimsley High School Stadium for registration. It was March 23, and the race was The Human Race, sponsored by the Volunteer Center. The Human Race began in California twelve years ago, and Greensboro began its own version last year.

The race acts as a community fund-raising event, 25% of the money raised going to the Volunteer Center. Each group racing is allowed to choose where the remaining 75% of the money raised is donated.

The walk/run is followed by a

picnic, and every participant is given a "I won the Human Race" ribbon. The Guilford students walked the 5 kilometers in a group, having collected approximately \$200 from Guilford students, staff and faculty.

"A lot of thanks to the people who walked," commented Noah Wood, a walker and Guilford organizer. "It's a big accomplishment to wake up at eight and walk. And thanks also to everyone who donated... we collected everything on campus, and didn't have to go out to businesses at all."

Guilford students decided to use the money to help send two children to camp again this summer. The two sisters were once homeless, and the students hope

to raise enough money to help them go to day camp for the summer.

Since \$200 would not cover even a week for the two, Homelessness Awareness has decided to donate the proceedings from their Annual Homelessness Awareness Dinner. Anyone who would like to make donations, or would like more information can contact Project Community at x2137.

"It was such a great day—just wonderful. The walk went by pretty fast, and it was gorgeous... I just wish more people had walked, but overall I was really happy with the outcome of the race," remarked Susan Stanley, another walker.

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