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WAYNE'S WORLD

the latest updates in campus security...

The use of intoxicants has a new dimension today. Over the past few years there has been a growing awareness that the HIV virus infects in ways closely connected to people's use of alcohol and narcotics.

Guilford College seems very concerned about saving the world from industrial waste, degradation of the ozone layer, reckless exploitation of natural resources, nuclear catastrophes and other kinds of environmental pollution. What role do the intoxicants play in the protection of our physical and social environment? And how important are they in relation to people's efforts trying to bring about sustainable growth and international solidarity?

A common feature of what we could term as valuable experiences of being elated is that they emerge in close connection to a certain activity, and/or in company with other people. Human beings are different, and so are our means to get our kicks. But if you ask parachutists, mountaineers, windsurfers, or even skateboarding youngsters, you will hear about strong feelings of excitement and freedom that arise during the activity, not to mention the unbelievable happiness

they feel when they finally reach their goals or push their limits.

The experience you get when you listen to a good CD, go to a great movie, or feel strong friendship could more or less resemble the positive aspects of being intoxicated. Most people know falling in love as the most striking example, not to mention having sex (combined with love, care, knowledge and condoms). This joy and exhaustion can also develop through dance and other physical activities.

Nature, art, the creative processes, and the joy of victory are only some of the innumerable ways to get a natural high.

A common feature of these experiences is their tendency to work from inside and through your body, taking possession of your senses, the nerves and feelings that exist inside you. An absolute condition for these kicks to be as perfect as possible, that these natural means to get high should have the maximum opportunity to work, is that our inner "receiver" is absolutely clear, that our senses are keen, that our brain is pure, and unaffected by chemicals.

So ... if you're determined to get high, try doing it "naturally."



B. Wayne Meadows

Sara Johnson

Conflict arises over poli-sci hiring process

• *The failure to appoint a minority has drawn the attention of several professors around the campus.*

TIM FORBES
 staff writer

The political science position that was filled this semester has been the site of much controversy among the faculty. This controversy stems from the department's failure to hire a minority professor for the position.

A letter from five professors in the African-American studies concentration went out to all those involved in the selection process, including the Provost and the Dean, outlining their dissatisfaction with the process.

"There is a dearth of black Ph.D.s ... one of the concerns these professors had was, we had a black candidate with a Ph.D. who was willing to come here and they let her go," said Mark Leeper, an American politics professor.

According to Professor William Schmickle, the department extended the search for the position for almost two years in search

for a diverse pool. It felt that the candidates they had this February represented a good, diverse mix of individuals.

"We narrowed down the list of candidates and we had a very strong selection of candidates," said Schmickle.

"... I will say that Guilford needs to address the issue of hiring people of color."
 - Carolyn Beard Whitlow

Schmickle did not want to comment on the letter his department received, but pointed out that no professor outside the political science department heard all three candidates give their presentations at the beginning of the semester.

One professor went on record,

stating that it was understandable why this has created such controversy among the professors. "Not hiring a minority went against Guilford's policy of actively recruiting African-American professors," he stated.

"I have no comment on the letter, but I will say Guilford needs to address the issue of hiring people of color," said Carolyn Beard Whitlow, one of the co-signers of the letter. Whitlow also declined to comment on the hiring process for the political science professor, as did Provost Dan Poteet.

The five professors who wrote the letter met with Dan Poteet on Thursday to discuss the issues.

At this point, little can be done about the hiring in the political science department, but the severity of the letter may have an impact on future faculty openings, such as the one in the sports management department.

Inauguration planning already underway

• *Although Don McNemar is still over a month from entering office, committees are hard at work.*

CORY BIRDWHISTELL
 editor-in-chief

The Guilford community will celebrate a new era of leadership Homecoming weekend, inaugurating Don McNemar as Guilford's eighth president.

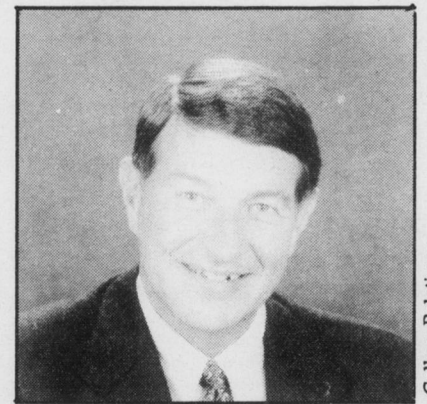
The inauguration committee, chaired by Vice-President for Institutional Advancement Gordon Soenksen, has begun planning for the October 11, 1996 ceremony and surrounding activities.

According to Senate President-Elect Steve Marasco, who serves as a student representative on the committee, "This will be a special year, the beginning of a new era for Guilford College. Obviously, we need to make it a positive experience for everyone."

Toward this end, and in keeping with the inaugural focus on commitment to community, the committee hopes to involve as many students as possible in the festivities.

Further, Marasco says, "The Inauguration is not just this one day, we want to continue the event throughout the year."

While the committee is still working on the details, it has loosely penciled in several components.



Don McNemar

College Relations

Guilford United Through Service (G.U.T.S.) will hold a community service October 5., and Peter Bien, the J.M. Ward Distinguished Visitor, as well as other Distinguished Quaker Visitors, will speak October 7-11.

The inauguration ceremony will take place from 2-4 p.m. on October 11, followed by a reception outside. A jazz band will provide entertainment. The committee is planning a special performance at 8 p.m. As for the details surrounding details surrounding the event, Marasco says, "You name it, it's been mentioned."