

Editorial Board

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Statement of Purpose

The Forum exists to facilitate dialogue and expression on matters of importance to Guilford College and its mission. toward this end, active community participation in these pages is vital.

Editorial Policy

Every effort will be made to print appropriate submissions of editorials, cartoons and letters to the editor. They must be signed, with the phone number of the author or artist included and turned in to the box outside the publications suite by 3:00 on Monday before the publication date. Editorials must be no longer than 400 words and letters to the editor must be no more than 250 words. The Guilfordian reserves the right to edit submissions for grammatical correctness and brevity.

Times, they are 'a changin'

By this point, we have all heard about the changes that are about to happen at Guilford. There is an amazing amount of information and even more disinformation floating through the student body right now.

It is easy to respond angrily. Most of the students at Guilford have developed close relationships with at least one of their professors. The students who feel secure and happy here do not want to see the community disrupted. It seems that the Guilford community which we love can never be the same.

Through all of these changes, it is important that the student body remember three things:

1. **DON'T PANIC.** Change is a part of life. Sometimes change can be unfortunate. But we have to remember that this process has just started. It is possible that Guilford can come out of this turmoil even stronger than it was before.

Of course, it also may be the

disaster that so many are predicting. But we do not have enough information right now to decide.

2. **STAY INFORMED.** The first night after Don McNemar's new plan for Guilford was announced, students already were predicting exactly which professors were going to be laid off, some names pronounced angrily and others listed with glee.

Rumors such as these can be dangerous. No one, including Don McNemar, knows any names of any professors that are going to be laid off at this point in time.

If you really care about Guilford, do not sit around and complain that your favorite professors are not going to be here anymore. Find out the facts as they develop.

The paper will help you with that to the best of our ability. We are doing the best we can to report the facts we know in the most unbiased manner possible.

3. **MAKE YOUR OPINION KNOWN.** That does not mean

spray painting on buildings or sitting in your dorm room telling your roommate why you hate the entire administration.

Anyone who has been around Guilford for any period of time should know that people will talk to you. You may feel like people do not listen to you. Maybe they don't.

But if you talk to someone intelligently and respectfully, you may have some influence. It couldn't hurt.

Once again, the newspaper can help you. You can write a letter or an editorial. You can write news articles about what's going on and help inform the student body. We are here to provide a means of communication for the Guilford community.

Withhold your judgement on what is happening right now. It could be a good thing or a bad thing for the community we care about. Do what you can to ensure that it is a change for the better.

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Continuing Education and a Second Chance

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It was high noon on August 7th when I got the dreaded phone call. I had been rejected for re-admittance to UNC at Asheville. I was sure that life itself was over.

I had a mental picture of myself emptying garbage cans for the rest of my life, or worse, gazing angrily over three feet of mahogany at the sea of drunks I'd come to know as my second family over the past three years. A pretty grim outlook for only being 23 years old.

When my mother's boss, the dean of college transfer at Forsyth Technical Community College, suggested the CCE program at Guilford, my thoughts were, "Great, another red tape admissions process!" In retrospect, I see that my notions were ill-conceived and state-university-biased. Not all schools have a general disinterest in giving students a second chance.

From my first phone contact with Charlotte Hamlin to my next day meeting with Jeff Prince, all

the way to registration, the whole process took a little over a week. All unfamiliar territory to a person used to dealing with the "don't know, don't care" policy of the state system.

The CCE department had my ball rolling from day one. No one ever held my hand but rather pushed me in all the right directions. They actually wanted to see me in class and on track by August 26th.

The day Jeff Prince called me to tell me I'd been accepted, one particular quote of his comes to mind, "We went to bat for you, Kelton. Don't screw it up!" Yoda couldn't have said it better himself.

I owe the CCE department a great deal, not a six-pack, not a slap on the back; I owe them my future. When no other college would touch me, Guilford embraced me. With all the department has done for me, the very last thing I intend to do is "screw it up!"