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## Budget cut for study abroad program

♦The program must now be self-sufficient, so many aspects of the trips are being cut

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If you've been impressed by the stories students who've just gotten back from abroad last semester have been telling, be warned. The study abroad program is undergoing some revisions.

Students next year won't have a fall or spring break, won't have any school-sponsored trips longer than a day, won't receive support for cultural events, and won't have extras like Thanksgiving dinner or paid meals with their faculty leader.

At one point, there was talk of charging students a \$150 surcharge for going abroad, but that has now been dropped. However, there will be a charge of \$150 for students taking the theatre class in London.

Why all the changes? The college has, in effect, greatly cut back the study abroad budget. "The Budget Office asked for us to become self-supporting," said Lee

Johnson, director of study abroad programs. "The idea was that we were being asked . . . to subtract an average amount of financial aid for all students."

Basically, although students will still receive the same award from the college, the college will not be spending financial aid money on study abroad programs. While students are paying the same as always, the college is giving less money to study abroad while asking them to pay for more.

One of the biggest changes is in how the college assesses charges for faculty leaders going abroad. Before, the college paid faculty leader salaries the same as when the professors were on campus. The study abroad office paid replacement fees of about \$4500 to replace courses taught by faculty who were abroad. That money was paid regardless of whether replacements were actually hired.

The college is now requiring study abroad to pay both the salary of the faculty



Worth House is the campus center of the newly rearranged study abroad program.

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leaders who are leading programs and the replacement fees. Johnson is upset by what he perceives to be an unfair double counting. Others agree with Johnson that the practice seems unfair. Economics profes-

sor Robert G. Williams says, "It's like trying to turn the study abroad office into a profit center."

Williams applauds Johnson's reaction please see **ABROAD ON PG. 2**

## Student Loan Fund Auction a success

♦15<sup>th</sup> annual auction raises over \$10,000 to be awarded in low-interest student loans

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On Tuesday, March 3, Guilford hosted its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Student Loan Fund Auction. The event, an annual student-organized event, raises money for low-interest loans through the auctioning of items donated by merchants and the Guilford College community. This year the auction was headed by junior Kelsey Ryan and raised over \$10,000.

"It was a smashing success," said director of student activities Dawn Watkins, who helped to coordinate the event. "It was extremely well organized and the majority of the credit goes to the students," said Watkins.

Items auctioned included a pro-flex bike, a two-night stay in Myrtle

Beach, SC, and a hot-air balloon ride.

Established in 1983, the Loan Fund Auction has received recognition as the first student-run educational loan program in the country.

Moreover, the auction received recognition from then-president Ronald Reagan. Every year approximately 100 Guilford College students receive loans ranging from \$500 to \$3,500.

Originally organized to aid with cutbacks in federal financial aid, the auction has consecutively raised over \$8,000 in the past three years.

"The auction is personally important to me because I have a \$6,000 loan through this fund," said Ryan. "I knew heading the auction was a good way to

give support and my organizational skills would help to improve the auction over years past." The Auction committee was comprised of

Victoria Savery, James Norton, Susan Bowles and Steve Karakasidis.

The auction's success or failure is based solely on the donations made and the people who attend the auction. Both those who regularly attend the auction and the students who run it are

often concerned by the lack of support shown by students and faculty.

Professor Laura O'Toole, a regular to the auction said, "it was a lot of fun with some new and interesting touches. However, the turnout should have been better."

Susie Clark, photography professor was also dismayed by the lack of support shown on campus. While some of Clark's pieces were auctioned, little student-made art was presented. "There is a lot of talent at this school," said Clark, "and I would like to see that represented in the items auctioned."

Along with the \$10,000 made at this year's auction, the Guilford Student Loan Fund currently stands at approximately \$500,000 and continues to aid in the cost of college education.

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*When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it—Clarence Darrow*