

The Week at Guilford

Week of April 17-23

17- Men's tennis vs. Virginia-Wesleyan, 2 p.m.

-Serendipity's Chalking the Sidewalks, 2 p.m., in front of Founders

-Bands Squat and LOA, Founders patio, 2 p.m.

-Karaoke, caf, 6 p.m.

--Serendipity dance, Bryan quad, 10 p.m.

-Movie, *Animal House*, lake, 1 a.m.

18- Bands on the field, 12-4 p.m.

-The Boot Camp Cliq, field, 6:30 p.m.

-Burning Spear, field, 8 p.m.

-Edwin McCain, field, 9:30 p.m.

-Dance, apartments, 11 p.m.

19- Divided Sisters meeting, Boren Lounge, 4 p.m.

20- Discussion, Racism for White Folks, Commons, 6 p.m.

-Dick Dyer Memorial awards for campus leadership, caf, 7:30 p.m.

21- Aids@AIDS features Sister Soleil, lake, 8 p.m.

22- Jazz ensemble concert, Underground, 8 p.m.

-Union midnight bowling, 10 p.m.

23- Theatre Studies presents *Pieces of the Quilt*, 8 p.m., Sternberger Auditorium

-Union's student coffeehouse, Underground, 9 p.m.

Martin

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ture of the investigation explains any discrepancy in the details of her account. Her interrogation took place over many sessions, and minor details escaped her recollection between them.

Questions such as whether or not she was sitting or standing during the attack, and when and where security guard Nick Martin arrived on the scene, have been presented differently by the various news sources.

Guilford College Director of Security Sylvia Chilcott stated that she is "out of the loop" concerning the investigation since it was handed over to the Greensboro Police Department. In response to accusations about the lack of involvement on Guilford's part, she explained that the campus department "cannot handle a case of that magnitude." Chilcott, whose first year as security director was kicked off by the traumatic incident, declined to comment on the closure of the case, but did state: "we are 100% behind Molly and will do whatever we need to do to support her."

Because there were no witnesses to the assault, the entire investigation has consisted of Martin's account versus the police department's skepticism. "The main factor has become my guilt or innocence," she said. She expresses frustration with the assault on her character manifested in media accounts of the case.

"You can't defend yourself," she continues.

Martin also pointed out a sexist element to the investigation. Senate members who have backed up her accounts concerning the condition of the Senate office have been largely female. The invalidation by the police department: largely male.

Greensboro Police Officer Gary Cundiff stated that a registered letter was sent to Martin before the Easter holiday to notify her that the case would be closed. He explained that the holiday might have been responsible for a delay in its arrival.

"We have investigated all leads available," he said, "and there was nowhere else to go." Cundiff stated that the case may be re-opened if any new information surfaces concerning the attack.

Concerning the closure of the case, Martin stated: "I can start to heal and not spend so much energy fending off slings and arrows." Although she expressed the belief that the police department, particularly detective Tim Parrish, provided a comprehensive investigation, she is still unsettled.

Sylvia Chilcott bemoaned the lack of closure on the issue of Martin's attack. "We need to close it on our own as a community. We need to make sure that [similar incidents] never happen again." Of Martin, she commented: "The woman has my total respect. She handled herself as a true lady."

Some students observe National Day of Silence

◆Day recognizes the struggle of members of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community

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Although the campus may not have appeared any quieter than usual last Wednesday, April 8th, many usually vocal people chose not to speak.

The students were participating in the National Day of Silence, which was launched in 1996 at the University of Virginia by Maria Pulzetti, a graduate of the high school where Don McNemar was principal before he came to Guilford College.

Students participating in the Day of Silence were quiet between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Cards they handed out to those they encountered explained the mission of the day:

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today... the Day of Silence is to acknowledge those [members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community] who have been silenced by hate, oppression, prejudice and misunderstanding. Listen to the voices that are missing today. What can we do to end the silence?"

First-year student Sue Farley had an interesting experience at the bank. Only after the teller had finished serving her, Farley said, did the teller realize Farley was not speaking. When the teller asked her if she couldn't talk, Farley handed her a card. The teller read the card and told Farley, "This is very interesting. I'm going to have to think about this." She then asked Farley to return later so that they could talk

about it.

While Farley is only one of many who participated, there is no official count of how many students observed the day.

Sophomore Daniel Summers, one of the day's coordinators, wishes more could or would have joined in. "We're sorry we didn't have as many people participate as possible," he said, adding that next year the event will hope-

fully be better publicized to increase involvement.

Summers added that even though the day was part of a national observance, it has a special significance at Guilford, where silence is an important part of Guilford's heritage.

While Summers believes that

the community at Guilford is fairly tolerant, he adds that even here there have been attempts to silence the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community.

Last October, signs celebrating that October is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Month were ripped down and torn in Founders. Messages written on sidewalks for Pride month were erased and changed.

"There are people on this campus who are gay and who aren't out," said Summers, noting that even in this community which calls itself tolerant some people are afraid of or unwilling to deal with harassment.

Summers believes that many members of the gay community at Guilford are silenced in other ways.

"There are people who are only out here," he said. "They aren't out to their families."

The Day of Silence is to acknowledge those who have been silenced by hate, oppression, prejudice and misunderstanding. Listen to the voices that are missing today. What can we do to end the silence?—card carried by participants

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