

Editorial Board

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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.

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Do not impeach Clinton

By Jonathan Carter
STAFF WRITER

It's been a while since new information about President Clinton's affair came out, but it's still the number one topic of discussion.

Just turn on MSNBC or CNN at any time and most likely someone will be discussing the affair, whether or not the president really broke the law, and possible impeachment. Is it really that big of a deal?

Many have complained about the president's immorality. But what about Monica Lewinsky? Obviously, she had just as big a part in the affair as Clinton. No one complains about her immorality. Of course, she isn't a national leader.

Then how about Congressmen Dan Burton and Henry Hyde, both of whom admitted to affairs? Hyde's affair with a woman tore her family apart while Burton had an illegitimate child due to his affair.

Those affairs sound worse than Clinton's, but no one accused the congressmen of being immoral or unfit to lead. Immorality is just something else used to make Clinton look bad, sort of like how some people actually complained that he didn't say he

was sorry in his original admission of the affair.

Let's forget about morality and move on to the official charge of perjury. Basically, Clinton said he didn't have sex when he

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Is lying to the public such a grievous charge that the president should leave office? Politicians have always been known to lie, so is it really that surprising

that we can now prove one of them did it?

I'm not saying that the president is completely faultless in all of this. It was incredibly stupid of him, one of the most closely watched men in the world, to have an affair in the White House.

He might have avoided all this trouble if he'd just admitted everything back in January, but maybe he thought he'd get away with it, like Lyndon Johnson and Kennedy and Franklin Roosevelt and all the other presidents who've had affairs or committed illegal acts. Of course, Clinton is the one who got caught.

The president who came closest to being thrown out of office was Andrew Johnson, who was impeached more or less because people didn't like him. That impeachment is now seen as a historic embarrassment to the country. Do we really want to do it again?

Alcohol policy still has flaws

By Jacob Noble
STAFF WRITER

What was once a problem amongst a select few individuals has now trickled down into a burden for the whole community. It seems that because Guilford has failed to successfully enforce its rules, it has now created new ones, which affect drinkers and non-drinkers alike.

Without the approval of the Senate Judicial committee, somebody in the Guilford hierarchy has implemented new policies handling the possession of open containers.

Currently, open containers at college-sponsored events are prohibited. Violation of this policy may result in a written reprimand. Two of these written reprimands may result in judicial board proceedings. Under this new rule, non-alcoholic beverages such as soda, tea, and water are now prohibited.

While it is comforting to know that Guilford will compensate us with Juicy Juice and Capri Sun, we must accept that this is still a college, not snack time at the nursery school.

This is both unfair and unethical. At a college which thrives on the rights and needs of the individual, it is apparent that the

community is now serving a sentence for individuals who were ignorant of their consequences.

Although concern is appreciated and certainly warranted, Guilford's radical measures are not the solution. The message Guilford is sending is that all open containers are filled with alcohol.

What happens when the diabetic who has his cup filled with orange juice has his container confiscated and passes out minutes later due to an insufficient blood-sugar level?

To say that there is not an alcohol problem on campus would be naïve, but to say that all students on campus are abusing their right to drink is wrong.

What the school fails to acknowledge is that the freshmen class has historically perpetuated alcohol abuse at this institution.

Maybe this problem is resolvable if, instead of FYE 101 classes, whose requirements entail anything but a first-year experience, the school would adopt a curriculum designed to address these and other concerns associated with a student's first year.

After all, who are the ones most likely to consume too much alcohol—the ones who are experienced or the ones who have no comprehension of what a limit is?

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