

Summer's coming and you don't have a plan

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So you're sitting on the living room couch, watching your third straight hour of *The Real World*, and your parents ask you for the fourth time to please empty the dishwasher. As you shoot them the look of death, you wonder when the hell it's going to hurry up and get dark so you can go out, sit in some park and drink cheap beer with the few remaining friends you have left from high school. After three and a half months of this, returning to Guilford starts to look pretty good.

Does this summer sound familiar? Don't worry. There are literally hundreds of places and organizations looking for slackers just like you.

Summer offers a long span of time for students to do whatever their little hearts desire. Interning, volunteering, traveling, and just plain old outdoorsy jobs are all refreshing alternatives to a summer at home. Making money and improving a resume are nice incentives, but so is the opportunity to meet hot foreign people.

Here are just a few ways you can look into having an exciting and (dare I say) productive summer.



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Summer jobs range from camps to Capitol Hill

Internships:

Internships are the way to go if you want hands-on experience in your area of study and want to earn college credit at the same time. Though most are unpaid, all are important for getting you active in your potential career choices. You can intern with your favorite newspaper, at a dance company, or on Capitol Hill. You can even find an internship fighting the drug war!

Applying for internships can be daunting, so Guilford is here to help. The Career and Community Learning services can help polish your resume and cover letter; faculty sponsors can help point you in the right direction and give you

some good leads. This year summer interns can earn up to four credit hours for the fall semester. Don't worry - there is very little red tape involved.

For more information, contact Emily Schmidt, the Career

Counselor for Internships, at eschmidt@guilford.edu.

It might also be helpful to look at these websites: www.internship-programs.com, www.careerservices.com, www.internjobs.com.

Volunteer:

Volunteering at home is both challenging and rewarding, but volunteering abroad spices things up a bit. You can use this opportunity to brush up on your foreign language skills, live and work with people from different countries, and take time to do a little traveling. International work camps are plentiful and are established all over the world. Most organizations require a simple registration

process rather than a full application. They typically cost between \$200 and \$400 and last anywhere from two to six weeks. Most programs have no language proficiency requirement. These short-term, team-oriented projects include anything from organic farming to AIDS education, environmental projects and setting up music festivals, or working with children. Accommodations vary from living with host families to cooperative living in schools or apartments.

For more information, check these web sites:

www.volunteerabroad.com, www.takingitglobal.org, www.ciee.org, www.i-to-i.com.

If going abroad this summer isn't part of your grand plan, volunteer a little closer to home. This way you can serve your own community and try to save a little money at the same time.

Here are some websites for more information:

www.volunteermatch.com, www.4laborsoflove.org, www idealist.org.

Seasonal Jobs:

Summer jobs don't have to mean living at home, mowing lawns and baby-sitting. While the pay is never extraordinary, working out-

doors with people you don't know is a bad way to spend the summer. Seasonal jobs suit a variety of interests: being a raft guide, working at a camp, being a tour guide, and even driving a car wash. Some jobs are straightforward job searches that allow you to sort through a list of job types.

To find out more, visit these websites:

www.summerjobs.com, www.campscamps.org, www.actionjobs.com, www.rat.com.

Summer School:

Graduating in four years is a challenge to many college students, so look into your options at university or college. Some schools offer some credits or special classes that are obscure classes that your school would never offer. You can find that many schools offer courses are cheaper than Guilford's and most of them transfer over. Just be sure to check with the Registrar's office.

If all else fails, by staying on your couch, playing video games, and drinking cheap beer, you can have a nice departure from the norm.

The Liars: A new, beautifully tumor-inducing album...

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"They Were Wrong, So We Drowned" (TWWSWD) is the latest from NYC-based indie band Liars, released on February 24th, 2004.

The album starts unassumingly with a clear bell tone ushering in the first track, "Brocken Witch."

That tone is the only clear, ringing bell on this album, filled with grating dissonance and jangling distorted guitars behind vocals that seem done in quick take.

They sound like spoken word meets Radiohead - if Thom Yorke were in the mood to listen to funeral dirges.

Just from reading the track titles on TWWSWD, you can tell this band is a little off. Tracks include "There's Always Room on the Broom," "If Your (note: yes, it's supposed to be "your") a Wizard Then Why Do You Wear Glasses?," and closing track "Flow My Tears the Spider Said."

The moods on the album range from slowly melancholy to inharmoniously upbeat to downright creepy, and the album is very

diverse, if consistently jarring.

A major factor in the album's moodiness is the excellent production by David Andrew Sitek, of fellow NYC band TV on the Radio. Sitek layers parts within one another, creating a cohesive sound from a band whose influences include everything from '90s electronica to '70s art-rock to Beck and back again.

Sonically, the album may be dissonant and schizophrenic, but it's always interesting and always keeps me guessing. Lyrically, it's just schizophrenic.

TWWSWD is a concept album. A

concept album about witches.



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New York City band The Liars

Yup, witches. I don't

Nor do I get what lyrics like "lung/Spider web/From my head" have to do with. I'm fairly certain the message in the lyrics is missing, but one can

The lyrics, like the Radiohead-esque album, are even more cryptic, though being too cryptic. Like "We are the army through the red haze" and the end of "Brocken Witch: Hands and it Will Happen" (which basically changes the active word - cry, die, c