

## Missing handbook policy causes confiscation, confusion *Public Safety cleans up bike racks, apologizes*

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During fall break, Public Safety officers cut locks and confiscated more than 80 bicycles on campus. Bikes that were either unregistered or locked to anything besides a rack were taken.

There is currently no policy in the Guilford handbook that requires students to register bikes.

"After receiving many complaints of the excessiveness of bicycles that were parked on poles, rails and things other than bike racks, we wanted to clean up the campus," said Keifer Bradshaw, security coordinator.

"Before the fall break we announced in *The Buzz* that if you have a bike please come down to the Public Safety office and register it, and if you have it tied to or connected to anything other than a bike rack please remove it, because during fall break we will be removing bikes from those areas."

Bradshaw went on to say that last semester, a bike registration policy was structured and planned to be included in the handbook.

"Some students are saying that policy is not in the handbook, which is true," Bradshaw said. "We were under the assumption that the policy was in the handbook because it was brought to the table last semester to be put into the handbook, but it was not put into the handbook."

Many students who had their bikes confiscated have grown very angry about the situation. Since fall break, complaints and



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AFTER BREAK, MANY PREVIOUSLY CROWDED BIKE RACKS AROUND CAMPUS WERE EMPTY.

opinions appeared repeatedly in *The Buzz*. Several students organized a public discussion that took place in front of Founders hall on Nov. 1.

"It is imperative that they abide by the handbook," said first-year Hannah Johnston. "Public Safety should be held responsible for any damage done."

Initially, students whose bikes were taken were asked for a \$20 storage fee and a \$5 registration fee in order to recover the bicycle.

"Those fees were waived, and if they came and got their bike on (Oct. 23), the fees were waived after Monday," Bradshaw said. "If anyone charged the fee to their account or had to pay, they will be reimbursed ... the charge will be taken off."

Students are also angry, because they were told that they would not be reimbursed for the locks that were cut off their bikes. "It was posted in *The Buzz* that we were not going to supply the locks, but af-

ter talking to the Vice President of Administration Jerry Boothby, it was agreed that we would go ahead and do it," Bradshaw said. "Bike locks will be distributed to those whose locks were cut, and we have record of it."

When asked about his reaction to the protest and the actions of the students, Bradshaw said: "I'm not surprised, and I'm not worried about it. ... The students can do pretty much what they want to do as far as expressing themselves."

Xan Lovatt is a junior who had his bike taken from a rack outside the new apartments. "Initially I was very, very annoyed," Lovatt said.

After speaking extensively with Bradshaw, he was impressed with how Public Safety was handling the situation.

"I went in there ready for a fight, but I was pleased that he was agreeable and acknowledging fault," Lovatt said. "He was willing to listen."

"I do welcome all suggestions, concerns, and pretty much anything else as far as dropping suggestions and e-mails," Bradshaw said.

Lovatt believes that the intentions of Public Safety were understandable.

"The biggest problem was communication," he said.

## Our eggs come from caged hens

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faced with the inherent, in-your-face cruelty as you would be with battery cages."

Cage-free hens are kept inside farms or warehouses, but do not necessarily have access to the outdoors. They are able to engage in many of their natural behaviors such as walking, nesting and spreading their wings. However, debeaking and forced molting through starvation are permitted.

Berry spoke to Mike Watts, dining services manager, about switching to cage-free eggs in March 2006.

"They said that Guilford would be cage-free by August," Berry said. "It is now November, and students are still eating eggs from battery-cage hens."

Watts did not respond to e-mails or phone calls, and was unavailable for comment.

Malcolm Kenton, junior and member of the HSUS, would also like to see the cafeteria go cage-free. "I've mentioned it to the food service committee, but I guess they didn't see much of a demand for it," Kenton said.

Corporations such as Whole Foods Market, Earth Fare, Jimbo's Naturally and Wild Oats Natural Marketplace implemented cage-free

egg policies. AOL and Google are switching to cage-free eggs in their employee cafeterias. Approximately 90 universities and colleges have enacted policies to eliminate or reduce their use of cage-free eggs, including Dartmouth College, University of New Hampshire, Georgetown University, Tufts University, and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Berry is concerned because Guilford wasn't one of the first to make its cafeteria cage-free.

"Guilford is a Quaker institution and stands up for Quaker beliefs and values," Berry said. "It seems to me that cage-free eggs are consistent with those values."

Kenton believes in the humane treatment of all animals. "The first step is to get people to realize that animals aren't production units," Kenton said. "They deserve respect."

Jon Mangin, sophomore and health-science student, supports the cafeteria going cage-free.

"The treatment of hens in corporate cage farm systems is inconsistent with Guilford's core values," Mangin said. "I think Guilford students would especially be appalled at the treatment of battery cage hens."

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