

## Film concentration finally offered on campus

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Starting this semester, Guilford students interested in film do not just have to enjoy their hobby on the side anymore — they can use it towards a concentration.

A "film and video" track is now part of the Guilford catalog of concentrations, listed as one of two tracks in theatre studies. Students concentrating in it must take 17 course hours as well as create a thesis film at the end.

"It's unusual to have a film program at a small liberal arts college," said Professor of Theatre Studies Jack Zerbe. "Fortunately, there is a strong enough demonstrated interest in film here that we wanted to make this proposal happen."

The strong interest came mostly from students in film classes, who felt that the credit they received should go towards something other than just electives.

"It seemed silly that we had all these film classes that didn't add up to a degree of some kind," said senior Noah Forman, a film concentrator.

"Students kept asking me, and

we kept talking about it," said Assistant Theatre Studies Professor Chad Phillips, who teaches many of the film classes. "The more there were people interested in film classes, the more we said there should be a concentration."

A year ago, Phillips and Zerbe drafted a proposal for the concentration. After a series of revisions, it was submitted to a committee and approved. Currently, Forman is the only official concentrator, but the program is expected to expand.

"At least a dozen people are interested. As soon as the word gets out, there will be a lot more than that," Phillips said.

"It's a really great medium, but there isn't enough awareness," said first-year film student Isabel Kelliher. "There are a lot of people who love film and could be really great at it, but they don't know about it."

One way of raising awareness is by hosting a film festival, such as The Homegrown Film Festival, scheduled for the end of April.

It will feature films by Guilford students in three categories: documentary, narrative and experimental/animation. The Homegrown Film Festival is currently open only to Guilford students, but that may eventually change.

"When we do this at a bigger scale than just the college, I want it to be something that will distinguish us," Zerbe said. "For now,

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it's great to just have a place for students to show their work."

Entries for the festival can be submitted to Phillips' mailbox starting now. They must be in either DVD or VHS format.

In addition to awareness, a challenge that the film program

faces is the availability of equipment on campus. IT&S offers cameras, microphones, and laptops with editing software for rent, but both getting a hold of and using these can be a problem.

"I was filming some of the walk out, and I missed a lot because I had to run to IT&S and fill out the paperwork. Then I had a fine of \$2 because it was a little late," Kelliher said. "It's limited access to very poor equipment, and it really puts a damper on things."

"We definitely don't have the equipment yet that we're going to need, but I think that part of the challenge is dealing with what we have," Forman said. "We have the equipment to at least create something that has artistic value or merit to it."

As the program expands, so will the equipment available. Another area Zerbe hopes to see expand is the amount of student films that tie in with Guilford's activist nature by highlighting

community issues and concerns.

"I'm hungry for students to take on something substantive that's either a concern in Greensboro or here on campus that shedding light on through the lens of a camera would help us understand better," Zerbe said.

The film program will continue to grow in the coming years, but not so far as to establish a film major. Creating a major would require many more resources than are available now, according to Phillips and Zerbe.

"To go to the realm of major is light years ahead of where we are now," Zerbe said. "That we have at least a concentration is very exciting."

Regardless of the limitations, those involved in the program feel that as long as students continue showing interest and support, the concentration will do well.

"The more people that know about it and care about it, the further the film program's going to go," Kelliher said.

"It's going to start out and build. There's enthusiasm here," Phillips said.

## Sophomore Jennifer Scholl falls from 3rd-floor railing

*She expects a smooth recovery and quick return to classes*

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At 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 26, sophomore Jennifer Scholl fell from a railing on the third floor of Bryan Hall, landing on her back in the mulch in the northeast corner of the courtyard.

The railing she fell from serves as a protective barrier between the walkway outside of the residents' suites and the courtyard three floors below.

Scholl's boyfriend, sophomore Jimmy Pratt, said she blacked out in mid-air. When she woke up, she was responsive to questions from emergency workers and was able to tell them her age.

According to Scholl, she received several injuries including three small fractures in her spine and a severely broken foot.

She has limited mobility and, to avoid further damage to her foot, has been confined to a wheelchair. In the hospital, she was able to walk using a walker and crutches.

Her roommate, sophomore Lane Lambert, said that she believes Scholl's foot

may have hit the brick wall that encloses the mulch that she landed on, accounting for the serious injury to her foot.

Scholl was released from the hospital on Sunday at 3:30 p.m., Lambert said, and she returned to campus briefly before traveling home to recuperate.

"I'm at home for about a week until I get a little better," Scholl said on Monday, "but I am going to try and come back to classes this semester. I just need to wait until I'm less damaged and more mobile."

A tree was removed from the spot where Scholl fell the first week of winter break, and the work in the courtyard was completed and the mulch was put in on or before Jan. 15.

Lambert said that this mulch might have saved Scholl from injuries that are more serious.

"She's so lucky she fell the way she did, because if she landed on concrete, things would be a lot more serious," Lambert said. "If there's any way you can fall the right way, she fell that way."

Several Bryan residents looked on as emergency workers arrived on the scene.

According to Sophomore Trevor Collin, police arrived within five minutes of the fall.

"I've heard a lot of people say how shocked they were by how quickly the cops responded," Lambert said.

According to Lambert and Scholl, many of her friends expressed concern and visited her in the hospital.

"I did have some of my best friends come and visit me," Scholl said, "and I got a bouquet of some of my favorite flowers, white roses, while I was in the

hospital."

Brianna Robinson, an R.A. in Bryan, showed "Friday Night Lights" in the second floor lounge of Bryan on Friday and passed around a get-well-soon card to anyone who wanted to sign it.

"She is very loved," said one of Scholl's friends, sophomore Juliana Janisch.

All who were questioned said that they are looking forward to her recovery and return.

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