

ENERGY

Green initiative to run school on squirrel power

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lithium battery.

"Picture a little squirrel backpack," said Dodders. "It isn't too heavy, and it doesn't interfere with their balance or agility."

The fast, jerky movements of the squirrels will propel a magneto — a magnet free-floating around a coiled spool of copper wire — and charge the battery.

"It's actually the same technology used in those little flashlights that you shake and they light up," said junior and environmental studies major Jessica McGill. "It is also used in car alternators, believe it or not."

According to Dodders, applying this technology to squirrels was a long time coming. Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Jim Dees is pleased that Guilford is on the cutting edge of this

development.

"It seems right that Guilford pioneer the way for some really innovative, energy-saving strategies," said Dees in an email interview. "By going out on a limb, we pave the way for other institutions to do the same."

Greensboro resident Rodger French sees the squirrel-harnessing endeavor as the perfect opportunity to overcome his life-long fear of squirrels.

"When I was five, I saw a kid trying to pick up an injured squirrel that had fallen out of a tree," said French. "Next thing I know, the squirrel latches onto his index finger. The kid starts flailing his arm trying to sling the squirrel off. Around the fourth swing, the squirrel comes off, and so does his finger."

Kim Yarbray, project and communication

manager for the Center for Principled Problem Solving, confirmed that squirrel-related attacks on humans are rare.

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indie duo CocoRosie. The music is known to put the squirrels into a trance-like state, making them docile and friendly.

In this easy-to-handle state, volunteers will be able to slip the vests onto the squirrels.

When the battery is fully charged, a light will flash, signaling maintenance crews to replace the battery with a fresh one.

"We are thrilled that so many departments are working together to take advantage of the natural resources we have available to us," said Yarbray. "And what do we have in greater abundance here on campus than *Sciurus carolinensis*?"

This project is the first of many rodent-related energy projects to take place on Guilford campus. Plans are also underway to harness the energy produced by the constant itching of students plagued by bedbug infestations.

To become involved with this and similar initiatives, contact Dodders via email with the subject line, "SQUIRREL POWER NOW!"

'Radical' waterslide to be installed over lake

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It's budget blowout time for Community Senate, and everything must go.

"We've been very careful with allocations this year, and it's paying off now," said Community Senate President Dana Hamdan. "We have enough Benjamins left for a way radical project."

This is in-line with the newly revised Community Senate bylaws, which now state, "Community Senate shall use any budget surplus for whatever project is deemed to be the most sweet by the student body."

And, after an extensive process of throwing darts at options on a wall, Community Senate has found the most sweet project.

"We realized that the lake doesn't get enough use, probably due to the extensive amount of goose poop," Hamdan said. "So we decided to fill that sucker up with chlorine and construct a giant waterslide so students can splash in style."

The waterslide will start at the top of Milner and empty out

into the lake after a long series of twists and turns.

"We talked to every single student on campus, and they all thought it was a great idea," said Community Senate Vice President Patchouli Oerther. "This is the most diverse project Community Senate has ever undertaken since the last one."

"Senate was very active in soliciting feedback from the community — in addition to our regular Senate meetings, we also held our regular budget meetings," said Community Senate Outreach Co-Chair Zak Wear.

When asked to comment, President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar said, "I'm ready to get my soak on."

"I don't know if this is the best use of money, but I cannot deny that it will be really freaking awesome," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Aaron Fetrow. "No one will ever have to go across town to Emerald Pointe again, thanks to our new Thrill Rides and Beyond initiative."

"I am psyched," said Professor of English Jim Hood. "This is going to attract a much more diverse group of students to Guilford. Senate is making it rain, and we're getting the

benefits."

"One of our core values is excellence," said Assistant to the President for Planning and Management Jeff Favolise. "Let's face it — you can't get more totally excellent than this. This is as excellent as the huge battle in 'Return of the King' or something."

However, the project is not without its detractors.

"I'm very concerned about how this will affect community here at Guilford," said Director of the Friends Center and Campus Ministry Coordinator Max Carter. "Senate says it will improve community, but they're really just throwing money at it. You can't throw money at community because community doesn't have hands, and it can't catch the money and use it."

"I don't think that Community Senate realizes that epic sweetness is not a core value," said Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Eric Mortensen. "There is no flag for epic sweetness, and without a flag, it cannot be a value. They should focus on getting a flag first."

Despite these concerns, Community Senate is moving forward with the project.

