

ENERGY

Energy audit comes to Guilford College

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funding for the team, which will have until April 20 to complete the auditing process.

Goldman broke down the auditing process into the basic steps: the team begins by looking at the energy-using systems in each building. They examine and observe plugs, appliances, mechanical systems, and air conditioning and heating systems.

"We determine a strategy to increase the efficiency of the system, with detailed savings and implementation costs," Munro said concerning the steps of the auditing process.

"The Energy Audit is giving Guilford an opportunity to save money and be more sustainable," said Goldman.

Goldman showed excitement about Guilford's opportunity to make changes to the campus that will replace outdated systems with newer automated systems. The school will also implement changes to buildings if the energy auditing team calculates that the changes to the systems will result in a payback plan of two years.

The auditing team keeps one of the school's main goals close to heart while it

works on documenting its findings. The school currently spends on average \$1.30-\$1.60 per month for every square foot of physical building space on campus, and the auditing team is working hard to help the school achieve a goal of spending only one dollar per square foot.

Varnell explained the benefits of the energy auditing procedures.

"The audits are helping us get another evaluation of where we currently stand in terms of energy consumption after nine years of sustainability projects," said Varnell. "The only way to address (possible energy reductions) is to identify them."

Some of the buildings that the auditing team has examined thus far include Dana Auditorium, Duke Memorial Hall, Bauman, New Garden Hall, and Pope House.

Varnell spoke about the opportunities for the community to be involved in sustainability efforts on campus, but also spoke of stewardship more universally.

"It should be a cultural expectation," Varnell said about the responsibility of people to live more sustainably and to take costs into consideration.

Summer recap: what you missed

By Adrienne Matson-Perdue and Isaac Cook
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Campus was a whole world away this summer, but now you are back and there were some developments over the summer that you probably missed.

HEAT bus subscription ends

In May, the contracts for student transportation with the HEAT and GTA buses expired.

"The main reason was \$80,000," said Aaron Fetrow, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

Two-thirds of the operating costs for the HEAT contract were covered by a federal grant. The remaining costs were divided among the colleges on the circuit, according to enrollment.

The federal grant ended, leaving Guilford College footing an \$80,000 bill when the total ridership only drew around \$2,000. The college tried to keep paying, but the ridership numbers were too low to maintain the costs.

"At that cost, it was cheaper to buy bus passes," said Kent Chabotar, president and professor of political science.

"The other reason was, quite frankly, we had a lot of student feedback that the HEAT bus was not very effective timing-wise," said Fetrow. "Paying that much for a service

that was questionable was a real difficult thing to do."

There are solutions for those who actually needed the HEAT bus, such as bus passes.

"They are \$50 a month," Fetrow said. "So let us say we have 20 people who need a bus pass to actually get here for class. That is \$1,000 a month, times 10 months is 10 grand. We are still far ahead of the \$80,000."

Students in need of a bus pass paid for by the college may contact Fetrow at the Office for Campus Life.

Guilford College named "Best Buy"

Over the years, Guilford has received accolades, such as its place in the book *Colleges That Change Lives*. Over the summer, it gained a few more. Guilford has recently been named a "Best Buy" in the pages of the 2012 edition of *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*.

"It is not just about price," said Chabotar. "It is about outcomes, too. You are comparing what you get for what you pay."

Alongside this, *Forbes Magazine* rated Guilford number 239 out of the 650 colleges profiled in their "America's Top Colleges" list and sixth out of the 19 North Carolina colleges.

For more things you may have missed, go to www.guilfordian.com

Class of 2015 ready to "GO"

By Elisa Valbuena-Pfau
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Two years ago, rumors of placing students in off-campus housing abounded, and getting to the front of the lunch line seemed to average the same amount of time as an evening class. This year, not so much.

According to Randy Doss, vice president for enrollment services, the class of 2015 followed the same trend as the class of 2014 in downsizing the first-year population — 360 this year as opposed to 371 last year and 460 the year before.

Other differences in the class of 2015, which hails from 33 states and eight countries, is the male-to-female ratio — 55 percent male as opposed to last year's 52 percent female.

In a departure from orientations of years past, the controversial "Todd and Amy" lecture was replaced with a new program called "Sex Signals."

The principal difference between "Todd and Amy" and "Sex Signals" is, by and large, the tone and structure. While "Todd and Amy" was a lecture by a lawyer about the potential lawsuit awaiting students who have inebriated sex, "Sex Signals" focuses on reading between the lines and using your intuition to avoid a calamitous, potentially unwanted sexual situation.

In "Sex Signals," two actors do comedic sketch routines and incorporate members of the audience by asking them to give one actor a pick-up line to use on the other actor. In between the lines, the actors put the show on hold to provide the educational aspect of what was happening. These breaks in the routine allowed the actors to go into more depth about a variety of topics, ranging from dating to coming on too strong.

"To some people, Todd and Amy

sounded too legalistic," said junior Taylor Seitz, a Guilford Orientation (GO) leader. "I had some friends who would listen to it for entertainment or look for legal loopholes. I feel like the whole tone of it put a lot of people off."

Other changes to orientation included a skit called "Maximize Your Buzz," the general message of which was for one to understand their alcohol limit and be cautious. The yearly orientation carnival had a highly popular "Survivor" theme, replete with dog tags and, in another popular change, a trained hypnotist.

Altogether, the changes made to this orientation were met with upbeat enthusiasm. First-year Zirkle Chandler said that the programs were "funny, educational and worth it."

While orientation appears to have changed for the better, there is still room for improvement. Megan Stern, a junior GO leader, had a suggestion to maximize cohesion among the first-years in the future.

"I would like to see in future orientations all the first-year get together on a field and participate in exercises that try to strengthen mutual experiences that they've had in an effort to get to know each other better," Stern said.

Overall, the orientation process went very smoothly. Stern had particular praise for Jen Agor, associate dean for Campus Life, and for Campus Life as a whole.

"Jen Agor and the Campus Life staff completely did an excellent job; they did a great job to try and make orientation excellent," Stern said. "Without Jen Agor, there would have been no structure. Jen Agor was right on point all summer."

The new first-year class will become more acclimated to Guilford College over the next few weeks, but orientation remains a success according to those involved.

•Community Senate Update•

stuff we did

We received a lot of input about what students want done at our input meeting

We are recruiting seniors; applications are at the Info Desk

stuff we're doing

stuff we're gonna do

The first full Senate meeting is next Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Boren Lounge

Contact senate@guilford.edu with proposals, questions, anything!

stuff you wanna see done