

FIGHT CLUB

Staff/faculty fight club found in woods, campus flooded with mysterious soap

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He won't be able to deny it much longer, however.

Hall Director Justin Shreve '11 was the first to uncover the scandal. After overcoming his fear of retribution, Shreve shared his experience with The Guilfordian.

"Kent Chabotar pulled me into his office one day trying to recruit me for the club," said Shreve. "I turned him down and thankfully he let me go. I've just been too scared to say anything until now. He threatened to send Jim Hood and Diya Abdo after me if I snitched. Lit teachers are no joke. That is not something you take lightly."

After hearing Shreve's testimony, seniors Shanon Rule and Bennett Christian came forward to share their experiences as well.

"I was walking through the woods one night and I saw Kent Chabotar and Ron Stowe wailing on each other," said Christian. "I mean don't get me wrong, I miss the rawness the bonfires brought out in people. But that was too raw."

"I didn't know what I was seeing at first, but when I got closer I was like, 'dude,'" said Rule.

Junior Grace Chafin also divulged her now-confirmed suspicions.

"I went out to clean up trash around the bonfire pits and I

saw a freaking tooth lying on the ground," said Chafin. "So be on the lookout for someone missing their lateral incisor, because they're definitely in on this."

When presented with these testimonies, President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar stopped rapping his bruised knuckles on his desk and let out a defeated sigh.

"We all have a way to deal with stress," Chabotar admitted. "Organized violence and Guilford College — it might seem strange to have those words in the same sentence, but whatever."

Thanks to the student testimonies, rumors about the illicit club spread through campus like wildfire.

Though Director of the Friends Center and Campus Ministry Coordinator Max Carter has yet to be definitively linked to the club, students have their suspicions.

"I noticed chunks of Max's beard started disappearing a couple months ago," said junior Allison Semmler. "I didn't think anything of it before, but now I'm not sure."

After being forced out of the woods all year, students will surely be outraged to hear of the administration's new use of the area.

"It kind of takes the irony out of the fact that our mascot is a fighting Quaker," said Chafin. "Now that we know the truth, I think it's time we take back the woods. Bring back bonfires! I just hope we won't have to fight the administration for it."

New "Housing Games" to replace traditional housing application process

By Meg Holden
OVERLADY OF FEATURES

After a record-shattering 96 percent of Guilford students "just forgot" to fill out their housing applications this spring, Residence Life will be implementing a new system for the housing lottery in 2013. Next year, the housing application and lottery process will be replaced by a Hunger Games-style fight to the death among eight students.

Game Maker Kris Gray and Head Peace Keeper Susanna Westberg expect that the new system will streamline the housing process.

"The housing lottery has to be mandatory for students to participate," said Gray. "No matter how many emails we send, Buzz messages we post or posters we hang, we have never gotten more than about 20 percent of students to fill out their housing applications on time. (Westberg) and I had a meeting and realized that if we can't change the students' behavior, we just have to change the system."

Now, instead of relying on students to take five minutes out of their busy February schedules to fill out the online housing application, Residence Life will host a compulsory "Reaping" at the beginning of March. One student from each of the eight residence halls (the North and South Apartments count as one "hall" each) will be chosen as Tributes to participate in the Housing Games.

The eight Tributes will compete during the last weekend of March as part of the Serendipity festivities. The last student standing will receive

housing and meal plans free of charge for the rest of their stay at Guilford, and the students from the winning residence hall will be up first for room selection.

"(For example) if the Tribute from Mary Hobbs wins, then all the Hobbs residents will choose their rooms first," explained Gray. "The first runner-up might be from Bryan, so the Bryan residents get to choose their rooms second, and so on."

Like any major overhaul, this new system will not be without its challenges as Residence Life implements the changes.

"We're still working out a few of the details," said Westberg. "There will have to be a system for ranking Tributes who die simultaneously, and we aren't sure yet how to assign rooms to transfer students."

Despite the administration's enthusiasm for the Housing Games, the changes have some students worried.

"I just don't think such a dramatic change is necessary," said junior Elizabeth Dzugan. "Why not use a Goblet of Fire to make room assignments, like they do at High Point (University)?"

"It is pretty controversial," acknowledged Illustrious Leader Aaron Fetrow. "But we have seen time and time again that if you coddle students, you do not get results. It is time for Guilford to go balls to the wall to make the housing process more streamlined."

Senior Zach Lynn voiced concerns about the loss of revenue to the college.

"Seven students will be killed every

year," said Lynn. "That's about a quarter million in tuition that we will just lose — not to mention the fact that prospective students might decide to go elsewhere and avoid the Reaping. But of course, watching students fight to the death will be a fantastic addition to Serendipity."

Though some students have valid misgivings regarding the new system, in a recent survey filled out by all 12 students who read The Buzz daily, over 58 percent said that they "do not care" about the changes to the housing lottery system.

"I didn't know Guilford had a housing lottery," commented one survey-taker who did not give a name. "I don't think most students do. So it doesn't matter much whether it changes."

"This is the type of apathy we are trying to combat," said Gray. "And it looks like hand-to-hand combat is the best way to do so."

The change is expected to positively affect the efficiency of college processes, in accordance with Guilford's second Strategic Long Range Plan.

"Students, mortal combat and Guilford College — it might seem strange to have those words in the same sentence," said Lord and Master Kent Chabotar. "But when you look at our aspirational schools, they are all going in the same direction. Elon (University) and Davidson (College) have both implemented similar practices."

"It is time for Guilford to enter the twenty-first century. We can't do that if students aren't killing each other for my amusement."

PROTEST

Small ASS protests conservative Guilford values

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Rand Grant, that tore a whole new one open," said Mattrick. "This insanity needs to stop now."

ASS's website said that the day's events would include a march through campus and end with a public forum to discuss implementing liberalism as a core Quaker value.

About 10 members took part in the event, carrying banners saying "I Used To Be A Conservative, But Then I Grew Up" and "Conservatism? What Is This, Amateur Hour?"

Members wore red t-shirts, some singing old socialist folk songs, while others passed out pamphlets on communist ideology.

"This pamphlet is just like some of the articles in The Guilfordian," said junior Alexis Hauteur. "It challenged my beliefs, so I threw it in the trash. But I did read the bold print at the top."

The students' reactions on campus were mixed. Some students joined in on the march before heading off to class or the cafeteria. One member reported that two students had signed up to join the syndicate.

However, some students had a tepid response to the protesting.

"These people want to encourage social parasitism," said first-year Dick Sangorum, who identified as a Republican. "If we allow them to spread their agenda — like Obama's advocating in Washington — we'll be living under a fascist-communist regime in no time."

"I don't want to buy my sweater vests from the government," Sangorum added.

Some students drove past the protesters in pickup trucks, roaring their engines and yelling obscenities.

"I saw one of them red shirts and told 'em, 'Listen here, buddy. Think you can just come and complain about right-winged academia? Then you'll try and take away my guns and freedom,'" said senior Hesan Asholle.

"I came to Guilford for a good old conservative education," said Asholle. "I don't need Obama-lovers tellin' me how to think and feel. That's some bull right there."

The Guilfordian contacted President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar, who spoke with local media while the march occurred.

"An angry ASS, pejorative names and Guilford College — it might seem strange to have those words in the same sentence," said Chabotar. "And I'm still confused as to why a random socialist group is protesting the political leanings of a private institution. Aren't there bigger issues to protest elsewhere?"

The march lasted about an hour.

Three party members and one unidentified drunken student who repeatedly yelled, "Let me tell you something about socialism," were arrested. Although there was a brief verbal altercation between the remaining members and police officers, protesters eventually left campus without authorities using force.

Some students, however, felt Public Safety should have reacted quicker.

"The protesters were really terrifying — all 10 of them," said sophomore Sasha Poltroon. "People with radical beliefs usually bring trouble wherever they go. I didn't feel safe at all."

Once the John William Pope Foundation, which provided the money for the BB&T grant, heard that the grant was a reason for ASS targeting the school, the foundation sent out a public apology.

"We apologize for the school's traumatic experience," said a representative for the JWPF. "Understand the money is going to provide students with a rich education — one that emphasizes the necessity for equality, community, compassion and diversity. That's why the grant advocates capitalism."