

This Week's

STAFF EDITORIAL

Exploring the greater of Greensboro

Do you tend to find yourself sitting in your dorm room bored? Or have you been caught complaining, once again, that there is nothing to do? If you discover yourself stuck in the "Guilford bubble," do not give up hope just yet. The city of Greensboro is filled with places where you can burst the bubble.

Celebration Station, located at 4315 Big Tree Way, offers a unique park-like setting where every age group has an area to enjoy. Various packages offer unlimited go-karts, bumper boats, 20 arcade game tokens, and 60 minutes of unlimited pizza and soda. The family, food, and fun venue also has a website where online coupons can be printed out. A recent special included a one-hour batting-cage rental for the price of a half hour. Celebration Station offers both an indoor and outdoor environment and is a great place to pass time during rainy days.

For a more relaxed setting, Royal Hookah Lounge is located conveniently right across the street from campus. Some products include Hookah and tobacco products, gourmet coffee and teas, and fresh fruit smoothies. Customers must be 18 years or older and show a valid ID. The staff is friendly and the environment is laid back and tranquil. Royal Hookah is a great place to just smoke some hookah and kick back with friends — a real good bang for your buck. For more information, contact Royal Hookah at their business email, royalhookahlounge@live.com.

Low on money? Greensboro's Bog Garden at Benjamin Park is perfect for a lovely nature walk. It is ranked No. 1 of 17 Greensboro attractions. The Garden offers a place to exercise and take walks in the shade, and you can bring pets. The peaceful, beautiful and colorful setting features elevated boardwalks, natural wetlands, stone pathways, and a plentiful flower landscape. Visitors can enjoy the sounds of water at Serenity Falls — a recirculating waterfall — while viewing the many varieties of plants, birds and other wildlife inhabiting the area. The Garden is located at 1101 Hobbs Road, and is open year-round from sunrise to sunset. Admission is free.

Greensboro is the third largest city in North Carolina, so there is no excuse for being a hermit! Guilford has a small campus but is smack dab in the middle of a metropolitan area. Even though we can sometimes feel stuck on an island, if you take the time to look there is always something to do. For other ideas on how to burst the bubble, check out websites like yelp.com to help guide you in the right direction.

REFLECTING GUILFORD COLLEGE'S CORE QUAKER VALUES, THE TOPICS AND CONTENT OF STAFF EDITORIALS ARE CHOSEN THROUGH CONSENSUS OF ALL 15 EDITORS.

Letter to the Editor: smoking sections allow for connections, conversations

RESPONSE TO "NO BUTTS ABOUT IT" IN ISSUE 3

BY A.C. CANUP
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After reading the article on the new smoking policies, I would like to bring up points that were not brought to the table in the article "No Butts About It." If you have ever walked by the smoking section behind King Hall, I'm sure you have noticed that there is a combination of both traditional and CCE students. This is the only place on Campus where traditional and CCE students mix outside of class.

As a traditional student, I believe that CCE students bring a different perspective on life and a wealth of knowledge to Guilford. CCE students are unique aspect of our community. I would like to continue forging friendships and learning from them outside of a classroom setting. If we go smoke-free (as foreshadowed by Aaron Fetrow's comment), we will lose a vital connection that CCE and traditional students have to each other. No other place on campus do we get to sit and talk with CCE, traditional, professors and staff

in a non-classroom based hierarchy.

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is not in a structured classroom setting. I invite Aaron Fetrow to come down and have a conversation with us and see the diversity of ideas.

My last and most vital point is that if we want to keep Guilford a "College That Changes Lives," don't try and make us High Point University. Don't make

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us Elon University. Don't try to make us every other college out there. This goes beyond the smoking policies. I believe that we are losing what makes Guilford exceptional. We are losing sight of what makes us unique and why many of my peers and I chose Guilford.

Letter to the Editor: stuff you don't expect to see in The Guilfordian

RESPONSE TO "REPUBLICAN TANTAROS APOLOGY" IN ISSUE 4

BY JULIAN STEWART
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As I cracked open this year's fourth issue of The Guilfordian, I did my weekly once-over to look through the issue for face value stuff, like any glaring errors or things that looked out of the ordinary. Much to my surprise, I found a point that made me raise an eyebrow. Funny enough, when I went to my friend's apartment, I was greeted by a similar, "Hey, this doesn't look right."

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So I decided to look more into this nugget of misinformation, as it were, because if we are a school newspaper looking to convey truth, what we publish should be unbiased (in all sections other than Opinion), am I right?

The statement that came to my attention was a sentence in the College Republicans' apology for Andrea Tantaros' "very insightful" visit. The sentence reads, "The Quran is supposed to be an extension of the Old Testament in the Bible," written by Will Moore, Guilford College Republicans president.

Well, I'm not well versed in religious studies, but even I knew something was amiss about this statement. Since I'm a psychology major, I did the one thing psych has taught me to do well over the years: research. After skimming through a related blog, I decided to cross-reference the info I found with people I thought were knowledgeable about the subject such as Director of the Friends Center and Campus Ministry Coordinator Max Carter and Daniel Vasiles '12. Their info on the topic matched what I found on the blog.

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Well, this was a fun excursion into looking into details of certain quotes and stories. I suggest that before you write me off, readers and writers should make sure to pay close attention to works they read and write. Inconsistencies are everywhere, and I got lucky finding this. If you find a few yourself, I suggest you take a trip of your own to look behind the curtain. You never know what you'll find.