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A HOME FOR SEASONED AND CURIOUS MOVIE WATCHERS AND MAKERS WITH A CLOSETED LOVE OF FILM

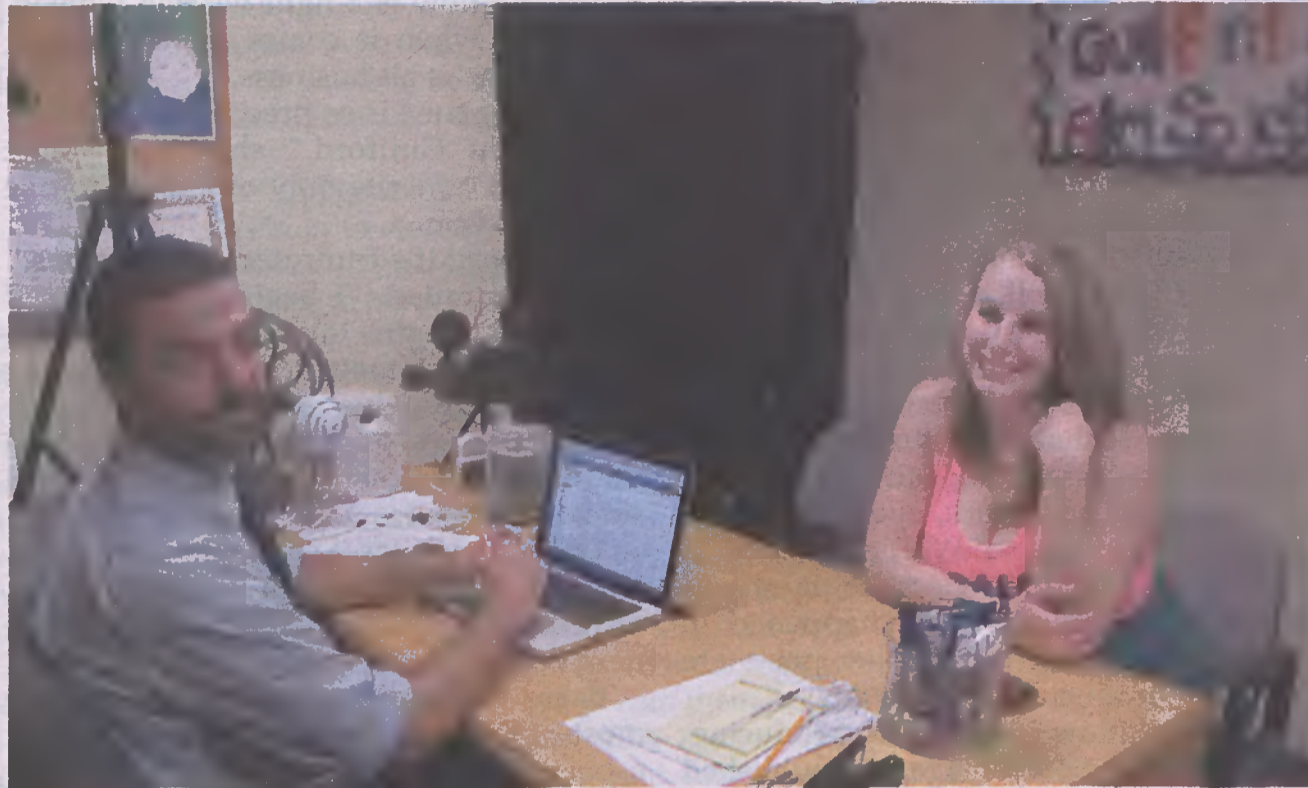
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Sitting in your room alone, in the dark, watching "The Notebook" may sound like a great way to spend a Wednesday afternoon, but Guilford College has a better alternative for film lovers: The Guilford Film Society.

"Everybody watches movies and everyone enjoys (film) on a different level ... but if you appreciate film for its bigger qualities as art, you need to be around people that understand that and experience it the same way you do, so that you can talk freely about how you appreciate film," said Visiting Assistant Professor of Film and Theatre Studies Chad Phillips, faculty adviser for The Guilford Film Society.

Many students spend at least some time procrastinating on YouTube or streaming movies and television shows online, but The Guilford Film Society offers something the Internet cannot: community.

"I just have an anxiety about putting my stuff out there and putting my film interest out there, geeking out about film," said senior Douglas Reyes-Ceron, Guilford Film Society member. "I've always been



Faculty adviser **Chad Phillips** and president **Lindsay Vanderhoogt**, junior, meet to discuss events. The club offers movie screenings, along with a community for anyone who loves films.

a little bit hesitant about doing that, but through film society I kind of realized, 'Okay, everybody else has the exact same anxieties and worries that I do.'

"It makes me feel a little better ... (knowing) there are other people, like me, that love film, talking film and can embrace film the way I've been wanting to do for a while."

The Society offers itself as a home for seasoned film watchers and makers, as well as for curious students with a closeted love of films.

to a viewing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in the Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Auditorium on Oct. 29.

In addition to hosting movie screenings, Society members have the opportunity to see movies in theaters for free. For example, on Oct. 3 the Society and a few other lucky students had the chance to see "The Master" without charge.

Towards the end of the year, film lovers should keep their eyes and ears open for The Guilford Film Society's "Homegrown Film Festival," which features many Guilford College student films.

Unfortunately, what we've got here is failure to communicate. Despite all of the great events and opportunities the group offers, the Society still needs more members.

"I think that there's a big hesitation sometimes (to join new clubs), especially with freshmen or upperclassmen who think they're already settled in and they don't really want to try new things," said junior Lindsay Vanderhoogt, Guilford Film Society president. "But I think that if you are interested in something, it's good to try to break out of that shell and try something new and meet new people. We have our arms open and our doors open."

Next bi-weekly meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 31,  
3 p.m. in King 123

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# New hookah bar in town is more than meets the eye

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There is something different across the street. When you approach the new attraction, a blinding sign reads, "Welcome Back Guilford College Students!!!" You walk into the venue and it's Greensboro's newest hookah bar: the Royal Hookah Lounge.

Hookah bars are usually popular hangouts among college students, as they are a great place to relax and have a good time with friends — a place of serenity where you leave all your worries behind.

"(Smoking hookah) was a good way to bond with my friends, mostly," said junior Caroline Peck of her past hookah-bar experiences. "It put everyone in a good mood and was always a good time, and I think it's popular for those reasons, plus the fact that it's not illegal."

Royal Hookah Lounge is co-owned by alumnus Shadi Abdallah '07 and Ziad Majjar. Abdallah was a member of the Guilford rugby team and a resident advisor in 2006-07. He also worked for Public Safety.

Abdallah had one thing in mind when he opened up the hookah bar: "I want to give back to Guilford. I went there for four years, so it's the least I could do."

The Royal Hookah Lounge has around 150 to 200 flavors of hookah, high-speed Wi-Fi and coffee and teas available, and they plan to have some specials on Halloween.

During the day, the lounge aims to be a coffee shop and a place for students to hang out, play poker or even board

games if they so desire. They want to be recognized as more than just as a hookah bar.

"We want this place to be a place where students can enjoy themselves without having to smoke hookah," said Abdallah. "We also want this to be a place where students can do their homework."

Cigarette smoking is also allowed inside the Royal Hookah Lounge, as they want customers to enjoy themselves and relax without having to change locations in order to smoke a cigarette.

For those who do not know what a hookah is, it is tobacco smoked from a stemmed instrument with water in a chamber at the bottom. The person inhales through a long tube, called the hose, causing the water to bubble in the water chamber and create smoke.

Majjar stressed that "hookah is not a drug. It is, in fact, flavored tobacco."

The Royal Hookah Lounge strives to please their customers and guarantee a great experience. Its location close to campus means that this lounge has the potential to become a Guilford hot spot.

Mention this article during your next visit to the Royal Hookah Lounge and receive 15% off!



**Chase Noble** blows smoke rings while inside the new hookah lounge. Students who have visited enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.