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Guilford legalizes recreational marijuana use

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be documented for smoking marijuana beginning at this spring's annual festival Serendipity.

"It will make our jobs a lot easier to start at Serendipity," said Senior P-Safe Officer John Matthews. "It should also make the transition easier for the students."

After hearing of the new rule, students immediately started to make plans.

"There will be a quad smoke-in on the Saturday of Serendipity," said President of Student Community Senate and senior Tim Leisman. "It's going to be absolutely awesome. I can't wait."

WQFS has recently begun attempting to book musical acts for the event.

"So far, we have Guilford's own Whiskey Fingers," said WQFS General Manager Kate Schwab. "We're trying to focus on quality local acts for a change."

The faculty and staff response to the event has been somewhat mixed.

"I want to remind students that smoking in public or outside will still result in documentation," said Bowles. "Personally, I'm really not looking forward to that many meetings."

"I think this supposed smoke-in is an inevitable consequence of the rule change," said Fetrow. "I may have to join in."

"I'm going to be hosting a donut-in in The Hut," said Carter. "It'll be the healthy alternative. We'll have glazed donuts and Cheerwine."

Guilford is now the third U.S. college to legalize recreational marijuana. Warren Wilson College and University of Southern California both passed similar rules in Fall 2012. According to The Princeton Review, even more schools have similar rules on the ballot for the upcoming year.

"I worked really hard to get this passed," said Leisman. "I love seeing Guilford at the forefront of an important cultural movement again."



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KENT CHABOTAR STEPS DOWN AS PRESIDENT

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On Friday, March 15, Kent Chabotar announced that he would be stepping down as president of Guilford College as of June 30, 2014.

In an interview held later that day, Chabotar discussed his unusual plans for post-retirement life.

"After having devoted more than 40 years of my life to helping prepare students to become responsible adults, I am ready for a change of pace," said Chabotar. "Being at Guilford and having the opportunity to interact so closely with students has sparked this insatiable desire within me to go back to school to learn something new."

Despite his Ph.D. in public administration from Syracuse University, Chabotar is resolute in his decision to enroll at Guilford for the Fall 2014 semester.

When asked about the legitimacy of Chabotar's enrollment as a CCE student at Guilford, Associate Vice President and Dean for Continuing Education Rita Serotkin said, "Well, quite frankly, I can't find anything that says that Kent can't earn another bachelor's degree from Guilford."

"There's no rule that limits the amount of bachelor's degrees that one can earn. If he wants to learn something new, who am I to stop him?"

Interestingly, on the same day, Chabotar also announced his pending lawsuit against The Guilfordian for slander and defamation of character in response to the cleverly edited video interview released at the beginning of the month.

Chabotar's decision to join the study body has sparked quite the controversy among

faculty and administration.

"To put it delicately, many of the faculty members do not want Kent in their classes," said Associate Professor of Political Science Ken Gilmore. "Personally, I would be delighted to have Kent in my class. I think some of the faculty members are intimidated by him being smarter and definitely better-dressed than they are. Or they simply have a misunderstanding of who he is."

"I do not want to divert attention away from the teacher," said Chabotar. "I have been at the center of attention for the last 66 years. And I'll tell you, it's a lot of work. Shaking hands, kissing babies, dodging crowds of adoring fans. I am past my prime and ready for a break."

So if he's not doing it for attention, then why? What does Kent Chabotar hope to accomplish by returning to school?

Critics of Chabotar believe that he is not willing to accept getting older. They believe that Chabotar seems to want to party with students, to somehow become young again by association.

However, those in support of Chabotar's decision far outweigh those who oppose it. Students are excited for Chabotar to join the student body, and faculty is excited for Chabotar to be out of the administration.

"I would rather set my hair on fire than have to read one more of Kent's wordy strategic plans, budgets, renovation color charts or commencement speeches," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Aaron Fetrow.

When asked about what major he planned on pursuing, Chabotar said, "As of now, I plan to get a Bachelor of Arts in Theater Studies. After all, my presidency has been an amateur act. I'd like to become a professional."

Judicial process so pleasant, students try to get written up

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Instead of artfully dodging Public Safety and formulating fantastic excuses, Guilford College students are starting to try to get written up. The issue begs the question of who is to blame: the students, or an overly pleasant judicial process?

In 2005, rap group Geto Boys introduced the "G-Code" to the general population.

One of the most important stipulations of the G-Code is: "We don't trust in the judicial system, we shoot guns / We rely on the streets, we do battle in the hood."

In complete and utter ignorance of the G-Code, students are willingly subjecting themselves to judicial charges, even going so far as to cooperate with the sanctioning process.

Senior Ang Styles uses the judicial process as a method of stress relief.

"Between exams and work-study, I was feeling really stressed," said Styles. "A friend suggested getting written up. The judicial process was great; they listened to all my problems and told me how well I was doing regardless. In the end, we all hugged it out."

"At first we thought it was just our imagination," said Director of Student Judicial Affairs Sandy Bowles. "We thought the students were being careless and were too confident that they wouldn't get caught violating rules and regulations. When the violations started becoming more and more absurd, we realized something out of the ordinary was going on here."

Some students have had to try more than once before succeeding in being charged.

"The first time, I put a pile of oregano on my desk, next to a scale and some plastic bags," said sophomore Mary Jane Beasley. "I called Public Safety with an anonymous tip, but when they searched my room, they didn't fall for the old bait-and-switch."

Beasley realized she would have to step up her game if she wanted to beat out the competition for judicial charges.

"On my second try, I wasn't going to let anything go wrong," she said. "I put fresh batteries in my smoke detector, lit up a blunt of the real stuff and held it in front of a fan pointed at the crack under my door."

That time, Beasley's plan worked like a charm.

"It's a disturbing trend," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Aaron Fetrow. "Students want to experience our judicial process so badly, they're willing to risk their own well-being for a chance at getting charged."

"One of the most common student infractions has always been host responsibility. Now, students are taking it to a whole new level, inviting convicted felons to campus in the hope that they'll do something to get their hosts written up."

In coming weeks, school administrators are expected to meet in an effort to find a solution to the problem. Among the proposed solutions are the use of corporal punishment and the establishment of an on-campus detention center.

"This is not how we want students to see the judicial process at Guilford," said Associate Dean for Campus Life Tammy Alt. "You can call it a hellhole, just don't call it pleasant."