

## Ghosts could be cause of mysterious bruises

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Two weeks ago, a first-year in Founders Hall lifted his leg into the air and pulled down his pants in front of me.

No, he was not exposing himself.

"I keep waking up with these strange bruises," said first-year Darion Bayles as he pointed to dark purple markings on his leg.

He lowered his leg and set his Ouija board-encased phone aside.

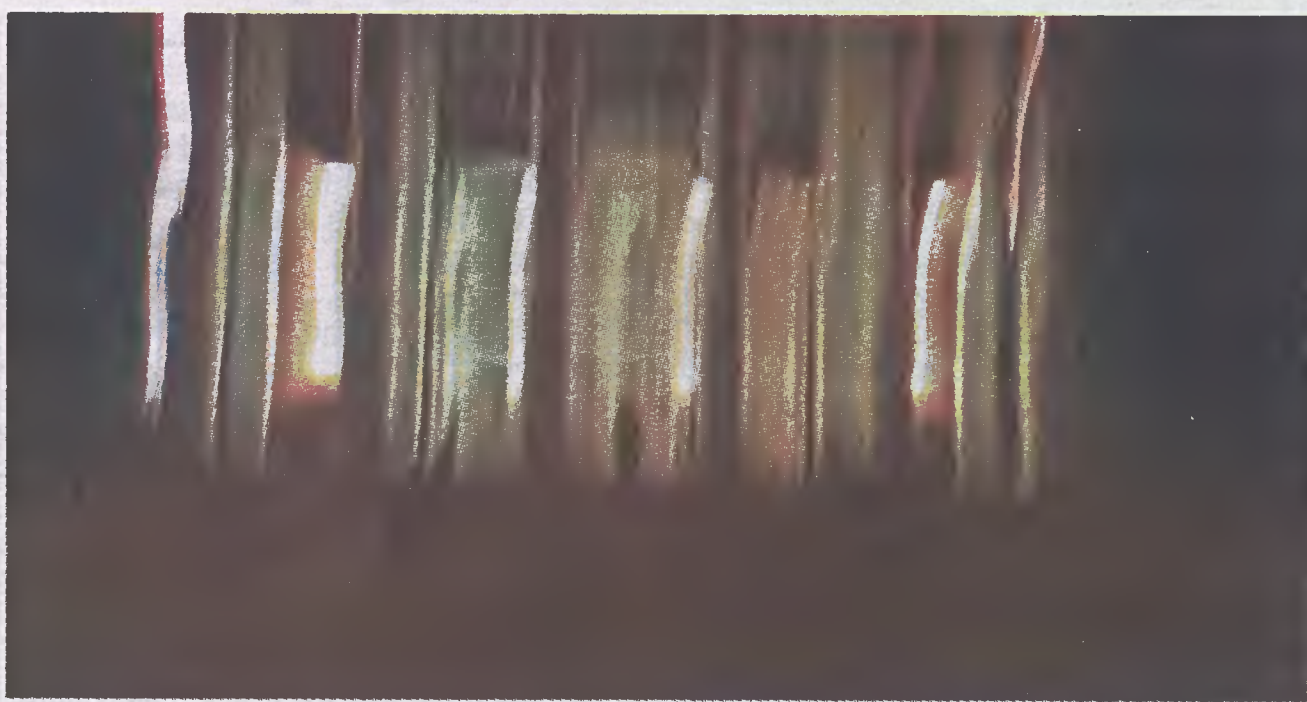
"Dude, it's like the possessed lady from 'The Conjuring,'" I said to him. "She kept waking up with strange bruises just like you."

"I think a ghost is messing with me," said Bayles.

Sure, it might sound crazy at first, but before dismissing Bayles as a paranoid lunatic, take into consideration the fact that many claim to have encountered ghosts on Guilford College's campus.

According to Initiative on Faith and Practice Gifts Discernment Coordinator Frank Massey, Guilford is home to many ghosts, or "spirits" as he calls them.

"I know of three spirits in Dana (Auditorium)," said Massey. "There are also two in Mary Hobbs Hall and many in the woods."



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Just like Guilford's students, these rumored spirits come from many different backgrounds.

"Here in Dana, there is a civil war soldier that guards the second floor and a little girl that stays on the stage," said Massey. "I even know of a family of Native Americans who live outside Hege-Cox (Hall)."

After hearing this, I met with Bayles and we snuck into Dana together at midnight in pursuit of Lucas, the Civil War soldier.

After 30 minutes of waiting, we saw nothing, although Bayles claims to have felt a presence.

But what about Bayles' bruises? Are there reports of spirits in Milner Hall that haunt residents?

"While I don't know of any spirits in Milner, I am sure that there are some," said Massey. "I don't know of any instance when a student has been hurt, but I believe a spirit could cause a person harm if they

wanted to."

Not everyone is convinced, however, and some students renounce the idea of spirits residing on campus.

When I sat down and mentioned the spirits to two of my friends, I saw this renouncement firsthand.

"Ghosts aren't real and they don't exist at Guilford," said Early College senior Parth Vaidya. "Even if they did exist, they're not going to team up and haunt Guilford, because they'd spend too much time arguing over their supposed differences."

Vaidya's friend, however, did not appreciate his stance.

"In 50 years, I'm going to see you dead and know it's because of a ghost," said Early College senior Sydney Lockhart to Vaidya.

Like Lockhart, senior Ivy Baharain also believes in ghosts.

"I have experienced ghosts in Mary Hobbs," said Baharain. "There were ghosts in my room, and my roommate and I had to flee to The Hut for the night."

Perhaps Bayles, like Baharain, has a ghost in his room. Or maybe he does not.

All I can say is that Bayles' bruises have convinced me to stay away from Milner. Ghosts and I do not mix well. Especially ghosts that like to bruise their victims.

## Earn credits, take J-Term classes

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It is almost the end of the Fall semester and you might be wondering if you want to take a class during J-Term. You start asking yourself: Can it help me graduate on time and have a smaller course load at the end of senior year? Should I take this opportunity?

First, you ask yourself: What is J-Term?

"It's a period of intensive study on a single subject that engages students in ways that are often not possible during semesters," said Director of Study Abroad Jack Zerbe.

As time goes by, you are still unsure. You pause and think, "I should find out the cost."

"The most obvious change is a dramatic price reduction for on-campus experiences," said Zerbe. "While last year a 4-credit experience cost \$1,384, now it costs a flat fee of \$500 without a grant."

"That sounds like a great deal," you think. Before you make your decision, it is important to check out all the options.

One course is "100 Ways to Change the World," taught by Project and Communication Manager Kim Yarbray.

"This class will give students the opportunity to engage with the issue areas of sustainability, incarceration and education through action, visits with people working in those areas and the related literature," said Yarbray.

"My class is about the Art of Bookbinding," said part-time lecturer in English Andrew Saulters. "We will have an exciting and engaging series of weeks making books by hand."

It is time to make your decision. You

have figured out the cost and courses, and you are almost ready to go.

Registration takes place the week of Nov. 11 to Nov. 18.

If you prefer to take things slowly, do not want to get in a panic at the end of your senior year and want to be sure to graduate on-time or early, then J-Term may be the right choice for you. Open your eyes more widely, because it is time for you to explore, gain new skills and experience new things this January.

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### Calendar of January Term deadlines

**Monday, Oct. 28**

Grant application deadline for J-Term.

**Thursday, Nov. 7**

Students notified of acceptance for activity and grant awards for programs at Guilford.

**Nov. 11-18**

Registration for J-Term at Guilford and for Spring semester 2014.

**Friday, Jan. 3**

J-Term begins at Guilford, unless your experience begins on another date.