Recent attack at North Apartments raises questions about campus security

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It's easy to feel as though nothing can go wrong at Guilford, but that illusion was shattered on the night of Sept. 7 when a student was attacked outside of his apartment.

"Guilford is a safe campus, but because of that, we think that nothing (could) happen," said Director of Public Safety Ronald Stowe.

The student was walking behind his apartment when four men who did not go to Guilford attacked him.

"I heard a lot of screaming, and I just thought they were having fun," said junior and witness to the event Dale Prince. "I got a text around one thirty (a.m.) that the cops are here."

Fortunately, the student in question is doing well, though he did not escape the event unhurt.

"He went to the hospital," said Prince. "He did get whiplashed with a gun."

As soon as the event was reported, Guilford College joined the police in figuring out how this could have happened.

been investigating," said Stowe. Although strangers don't usually walk onto Guilford campus, it does happen.

"Being open makes it easier for people to come and go," said Stowe. "It could allow access for things to happen."

Although students generally do feel secure at Guilford, an open campus can still make students

"Anyone can walk on and walk off," said sophomore Aaliyah McPherson. "I don't go outside by myself at night."

For some students, having an open campus has led to concerns that such instances may occur more often.

"It's something that I sort of assumed may have happened before," said junior Amburee Edwards.

Although this instance may have sparked fear, the hope is that it will also make students mindful.

"I regret that this incident happened, but I hope that something good will come of it in that it will bring awareness (about safety) and make more people think," said Stowe. "The hope is that it brings awareness that things do happen."

As a community, there is a lot do more." "My office and campus life have we can do to make our campus a safe place and encourage safety.

"We are a safe campus,"

Tips for Campus Safety

- Keep your doors locked, and do not loan out your keys to people.
- Be aware of your surroundings. If a situation feels suspicious, leave.
- Use caution when posting content to social networking sites.
- If going out, let someone know where you are going.

If you need assistance, call Public Safety (336) 316-2909

said Kristie Wyatt '08, wellness education coordinator on campus, [but] we can always surroundings."

students to be proactive in protective bubble. ensuring their safety.

"Keep your doors locked," said and Stowe. "If you get a bad feeling community director for Shore about a situation, listen to that Hall, English Hall and Pope instinct and remove yourself from House. "People in general feel safe that situation. Be aware of your

One thing Guilfordians tend Public Safety encourages to forget is that we don't live in a

"We can have a false sense of activities ... but use caution."

community ... anyone can just walk in," said Wyatt. "That's something we want to make people understand, as well."

That being said, students don't need to shut themselves off in order to be safe.

"We have to walk that line," said Stowe. "Get involved with student

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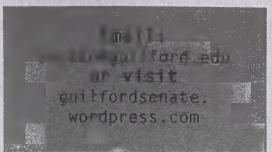
The Senators Program is back and our new Senators met for the first time! Meetings are still open for all community members. During the meeting we had an open forum to discuss important campus issues and goals for the year and explained how consensus works.

next week's plans

Guilford's accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. requires that each school in the association submit a Quality Enhancement Plan when applying for reaffirmation of accreditation. Guilford will be applying for reaffirmation of accreditation in a few years and we are now in the beginning stages of selecting a QEP.

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