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## Rand Paul's sexism comes to light

My first encounter with Kentucky Senator Rand Paul occurred in February.

On the flat screen television at my gym, I watched him ramble on about how parents had the right to decide whether or not their children received immunizations. I knew that the study that said vaccines led to autism had been debunked due to faulty science. My first thought was to tune him out.

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That was until Paul, who had recently announced his candidacy for the Republican primaries, held his fingers to his pursed lips and shushed CNBC news anchor Kelly Evans.

Evans laughed off the gesture in an attempt to maintain her composure. I, on the other hand, felt as if he had personally reprimanded me, and I looked around to see if my father had entered the gym. Looking back, the appropriate response would have been to remove my earbuds and start a "Gym Rats against Rand Paul for President" page on Facebook.

I am not one to make rash decisions; Paul and I had just met. So, instead I did what anyone would do after a first date — Internet stalking.

I was drawn to the comments left below the video clip of the Evans interview. Much of what I read discussed Evans' capacity for using her mouth for other things not worthy of mentioning here, how wrong she was for not allowing Paul to speak, how she needed to be put in her place and other chauvinist ideologies that brought me fear.

If Paul was able to attract every misogynist on the planet from one unintelligent display on national television, surely he should not be allowed to run a country. We could, however, call him Grand Marshal and let him lead a parade, but let's make sure he bypasses 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

While the masses slowly began to question if Paul had an issue with the media due to his somewhat combative actions during his Evans interview, those questions turned into something more once he went to war with the NBC Today show co-host Savannah Guthrie on April 8.

During the interview, Paul repeatedly interrupted her, accused Guthrie of editorializing and basically schooled her on proper interviewing techniques.

While some still wondered if Paul had a problem with the media, I began to wonder if he had an issue with women in general. It was as if he was on his own personal crusade to put women in his perceived place for them,



Presidential hopeful Rand Paul came under criticism after interrupting a female news anchor.

one interview at a time.

"You get ticked off, grab your pitchfork and go into politics," said Assistant Professor of Political Science Robert Duncan.

Duncan's words raged through my ears. However, I wasn't quite ready to sharpen my pitchfork just yet and jump into the wagon with the rest of the townspeople.

Instead, I continued my undercover work via Google and came across an interview on abortion that Paul had with Philip Elliott from The Associated Press.

I noticed that while he may have been slightly short with Elliott, it was nothing compared to the interviews he had with women.

When he spoke to women he came off as antagonistic and he would not allow them to finish their statements before feeling the need to step in to correct them.

"I notice that he doesn't answer the questions being asked of him, and he is particularly combative when speaking with female news anchors," said Rebecca Gibian

'13, former Guilfordian editor-in-chief and journalism student in University of Southern California's master's program.

When Paul spoke with Elliott, he started off in a calm state and his shoulders were relaxed. He waited until the question was complete before he answered and did not appear defensive during the interview.

"I think I've been universally short-tempered and testy with both male and female reporters," Paul said to CNN's Wolf Blitzer.

While that may be what Paul is saying to male reporters, his words to the women tell a different story. He seems to be projecting his internalized misogyny.

"There are only three ways to change one's deeply held values: if they study and learn something different, if they have a significantly emotional experience or if they have a frontal lobotomy," said Duncan.

As a journalist, I have always felt safe within my field until I encountered Paul, an individual who thinks of himself as a giant and claims to be a man.

## FCC ruling ensures net neutrality

FCC PROTECTION SAVES INTERNET FREEDOM

In March, the Federal Communications Commission reclassified the Internet from an information service to a telecommunication service. This ruling will ensure the permanence of open Internet by giving the FCC more room than ever to regulate Internet service providers.

The need for keeping an open internet falls under the idea of net neutrality.

"Basically... the concept (of net neutrality is that) companies that handle internet traffic cannot filter certain kinds of traffic to give preferential treatment to (companies like) Google or Yahoo," said Brian

Grimes, who works for IT&S.

What this means is that Internet Service Providers, like Verizon and Time Warner Cable, cannot favor some sites and companies by speeding up their content or hinder other sites by blocking or slowing theirs.

If an ISP could slow a competitor's service, think of the power Time Warner Cable would have over Netflix. ISPs could also charge companies in exchange for faster service and delegate slower service to those that cannot pay.

Dividing Internet service into fast and slow lanes would prompt Internet users to view faster sites over slower ones they may have otherwise used. Similarly, some companies would have a competitive advantage over others depending on how much money they can spare to pay fees. Any of this would jeopardize the Internet's freedom and openness.

While some may argue that these new rules give the FCC too much power to regulate ISPs, they are necessary. Preserving net neutrality will keep the Internet free from bias by big companies and friendly for innovators, startup companies and new ideas.

David Karp, the founder of Tumblr, wrote a Politico article in which he explains how net neutrality keeps the Internet fertile for innovation.

"Using the Internet, people can turn hobbies into jobs and passion into revenue," said Karp. "No matter how big or small anyone's ambitions, and no matter what their resources, (everyone) gets the same opportunity to succeed."

In addition, the FCC claims it will use a light touch in regulating ISPs by only putting into practice a fraction of the regulations usually reserved for utilities classified under telecommunications.

First-year Ezra Stark thinks there are advantages and downsides to the ruling.

"From where I see it, the government should be involved in making sure the Internet is open, like with net neutrality," said Stark. "But I don't know about regulating the Internet like a utility or the FCC using a 'light touch' to regulate."

I believe the light touch is the FCC's best option. The FCC is clearly committed to maintaining net neutrality with only as much government regulation as needed.

The arguments made against the ruling have come from ISPs themselves. Verizon made an argument that the FCC was making this ruling in its own interest.

Still, I would rather put my trust in the FCC than Verizon. While it is doubtful that the FCC created this ruling to serve themselves, it is clear that ISPs could profit if there is less regulation in place.

Considering this, is quite likely that the light touch regulatory hand is in place to appease ISPs and courts since lawsuits are already underway from companies upset with increased regulation. To turn the full power of Title II, or telecommunications regulations, on ISPs would surely prompt even more lawsuits.

However, overall this ruling is the FCC's best choice. It is better to ensure net neutrality than to leave the freedom of the Internet in jeopardy.

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Calling for pay equality and transparency

A time of extreme stress and frustration calls for conversation. As the reality of the deficit and unequal pay at Guilford hits home, we are relieved to have open forums to discuss what our college is going through. Student forums like the one President Jane Fernandes led on Monday encourage a sense of openness, and we, as students, ask that this transparency becomes an indispensable part of the restructuring process.

This crisis also provides an opportunity to look at our Guilford College values: community, diversity, equality, excellence, integrity, stewardship and justice. As the College finds its identity and

we move to recover from this budget crisis, we must hold ourselves accountable for how we live out our values.

One potential way to uphold these values is to implement an equitable wage plan that lessens the inequality on our campus. One possible plan would tie the highest paid Guilford employees to the salaries of the lowest paid. This way, if one salary was shifted, they all would change. Not only would this kind of wage plan help eliminate the excessive amount of money spent on administrative salaries, but it would also foster a more collective and trusting community at Guilford. We can look to

models such as the St. Mary's College proposed fair wage plan for guidance.

As community members, we should make sure to take part in the conversations that influence Guilford's future. This includes participating in public discussion and staying informed on the college's status even as we move into summer. We ask the administration to ensure that Guilford community members who cannot be on campus for major decisions have access to up-to-date plans for potential policy changes in the form of email or other communication.

All should use this opportunity to speak up

and organize together. Those with questions, concerns and ideas about the future of the college should make sure to be heard. Open forums are one opportunity for conversation, but community members can also email ideas@guilford.edu to share their thoughts with the administration.

As we struggle to understand how our college will survive the budget deficit and also resolve pay inequality, it is important to remember what drives our identity as Guilford community members. In actively participating in the ongoing discussion, we should intentionally create policies that reflect our core values and step forward with integrity.