

# The Guilfordian

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Victory Over What?

## Last Wednesday Night

Last Wednesday night a sizable segment of the Guilford College male population celebrated Guilford's admirable basketball victory in a most immature, uncivilized, and disgusting manner.

Some celebrated by hurling bottles, firecrackers, and assorted debris into the 1968 Men's dormitory courtyard. Others chose to demonstrate their appreciation for the basketball team's success by blowing up a toilet in Milner Dormitory.

Still other Guilford gentlemen expressed their pleasure for Guilford's good fortune by starting confrontations between different groups of students by shouting racial and ethnic slogans.

However, after the excitement died down, it became apparent that in their "good cheer" this segment of Guilford's male population had actually formed a conspiracy to deprive Guilford students of their much desired rules changes.

In fact before the last bottle had been

removed from the New Men's quad by a hastily formed clean up squad Guilford students began to realize that they, by their own actions, had placed in serious jeopardy hope for the passage of the unit of Living Proposals at the April Trustee Board Meeting.

Obviously after the events of the past week, all hope for the success of the Unit of Living Proposal at the April Board meeting is in the ability of the students to convince the Board of Trustees, by their actions, that they are mature enough to assume the new responsibility that the proposal requires.

With this in mind, we urge all Guilford dormitory house councils to follow the example of the 1968 Men's Dormitory House Council and adopt tough measures to curb dormitory disorders.

We also urge the students to cooperate fully with their house councils in enforcing such regulations. The reputation of Guilford's student body and the future of the Unit of Living Proposal is at stake.

## Eye Of The Beholder

A Greensboro district judge ruled Friday that the Swedish movie "I Am Curious (Yellow)" does not violate North Carolina's anti-obscenity laws.

Judge Kenneth Carrington, in dismissing charges against the manager of the Janus Theatre, which dared to show the film, said: "Obscenity is in the mind of the beholder."

Greensboro policemen arrested Janus' Halsey Melone two weeks ago when "I Am Curious" opened its engagement. The Chief District Prosecutor, Ross Strange, charged that the film is part of a Communist plot to corrupt the nation's morals.

It is a common charge by American super-patriots that one of the stepping-stones to a

Communist takeover is the weakening of a nation's morals by getting the people "interested in sex," and other obscene things.

It is a logic which has been used extensively by certain disseminators of news in this area, who feel that "obscenity" and Communism go hand-in-hand.

We are grateful that once again this lugubrious notion has been legally rejected.

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## MS The Young Adult Crippler

Multiple sclerosis, better known as MS is a chronic crippling disease of the central nervous system. When a person is a victim of MS the myelin sheath or protective covering of the nerve fiber deteriorates. This leaves a scar that blocks the passage of nerve impulses to activate muscles to perform their tasks properly. Although MS is usually a slow crippler it is a progressive one.

The most common symptoms of MS are partial or complete paralysis of parts of the body, tremors of the hands, loss of coordination, pricking sensa-

tions in parts of the body, like pins and needles, extreme weakness or fatigue, staggering or loss of balance, speech difficulties such as slurring, severe bladder or bowel trouble, noticeable dragging of one or both feet, and double or otherwise defective vision such as involuntary movements of eyeballs and numbness in parts of the body. In many cases early symptoms disappear, only to reappear at a later date, frequently in more severe form. In some cases these remissions last for years enabling the MS victim to carry on a normal pattern of life until there is a reoccurrence. Even though all

these symptoms may not be present in an MS patient they do sometimes occur in multiples.

The most tragic and dangerous fact of MS is that it occurs between the ages of 20 and 40. This means that it not only affects the victim but the family of the victim. A father must find another breadwinner to support his family. A mother can no longer take care of her home and family. Children in MS families are forced to shoulder responsibilities that they are not prepared for.

Although progress is being made toward possible solutions, more must be forthcoming.

## Letter To The Editor Pride? Or Fear?

Dear Editor:

I would like the privilege of saying a few things to the fellows and girls:

It was a glorious evening. Everyone was thrilled and excited and showed it. You had a chance to get rid of your exuberance. You yelled yourselves hoarse in Winston-Salem. Here, on campus, you shouted, blew your horns, kissed your girls and boys, plastered the place with Tissue, muddied the Dorms. Everyone would have shrugged their shoulders, smiled and cleaned up and looked forward to the next step up the ladder: Kansas City. And then what happened? Vandalism and destruction. Why?

Oh, I know not everybody was responsible for the unfortunate happenings - but aren't there enough of you ready and able to set and enforce your own rules and to stop while spirits are high and everyone can go to sleep in a happy frame of mind? Why must a night that could have been a wonderful memory be destroyed? We love to be proud of you.

What's going to be when you come back from Kansas City, when - win or lose - we'll be proud of you again. Can we be proud? Or afraid?

Ask yourselves that.  
Your friend,  
"Mom" Bass.

## 4-Course Load, 4-Day Wk. Asked

Dear Editor:

The Educational Policies Committee is commended for its consideration of significant curriculum and structure changes. Most notable among these are the four-course load per semester, the four-day class week with one day open, and the revision of the social science requirement.

We further urge the Educational Policies Committee and the faculty to seriously consider the elimination of the foreign language and physical education requirements, as additional steps in total curriculum reform. These reforms will provide an important step toward making Guilford an academically vital institution.

The four-course load would allow the student to concentrate more on each of his subjects. The present five - course load makes it extremely difficult for the student to devote ample time to each of his courses. The result is learning without depth. Furthermore, professors could have more time to prepare for their courses with fewer courses to teach.

The four-day class week provides an immense amount of flexibility for professors to structure their class time. In addition, interesting classes can barely scratch the surface of a subject in the space of 50 minutes. With one day free during

the week there is time for innumerable opportunities such as internships, field trips, special seminars, symposia, speakers, independent and cultural events.

Along with the elimination of the social science requirement, the ends of academic freedom and individual responsibility would be furthered by the elimination of foreign language and physical education requirements. To be sure, these disciplines have a place in the liberal arts college but by making them required they become self-defeating.

In addition the language departments could spend more time on intermediate and upper-level courses thereby attracting more majors. The physical education department could devote more energy to developing a comprehensive intramural program.

As students we want to see significant curriculum reforms part of the development of genuine academic interest and involvement at Guilford College. We feel it important that these curriculum reforms be instituted as soon as feasible. Therefore, we, the undersigned, sincerely urge the faculty and administration to put certainly some if not all of these changes into effect for the academic year of 1970-71.

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