

Room Search

The search of certain men's residence halls before Thanksgiving vacation was a shameful example of misuse of administrative power, and clearly shows the need for a more definite set of procedures concerning authority for and conduct of any future action of this type. The Pathfinder has a vague statement concerning search of rooms. It states that "The College reserves the right to inspect student rooms when necessary in order to insure proper use of facilities in compliance with regulations." The delicate matters of procedure and personnel are left untouched perhaps purposely. Several days after the search the Student Personnel Staff was given a policy statement which closely paralleled the National Student Code, but at the crucial time of the search, no one knew of such a policy.

The persons involved in the search should be rightly concerned with the theft of food, as we all should, but their reaction to it smacks of vigilante justice.

Rooms were searched in many cases without the presence of the students living in them. Some rooms were searched when the occupants were out of town, and the group failed to notify them that their rooms had been searched.

The Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students, endorsed in principle by the Student Affairs Committee in 1967, provides a good base for a definitive set of regulations concerning student privacy. A workable set of guidelines for Guilford could be drawn from this, leaving no loopholes which could allow this type of action to occur again. The unsigned statement issued by the group cannot fulfill the need for a signed, public apology. This type of haphazard operation should not be repeated.

Kyd Brenner

Orphaned Again

The GUILFORDIAN is again an orphan, and I feel guilty leaving it abandoned. However, I'm not sure that if it hadn't been so totally abandoned when I found it, then it might not be in the predicament it is now in. What I'm saying is that this baby is too big for only one or even several parents.

Right now Guilford College Community, you are getting a weekly eight page tabloid newspaper for the lowest possible price. This price is \$5301.00 from student activities fees. This works out to \$189.32 and thousands of student hours weekly. And you aren't paying for those student hours. With \$150.00 more per week, we could produce a technically superb paper. We could get typing and lay-out professionally done, and we, the editor and staff, would have time to be students.

This is the situation. You are taking students who have paid for the opportunity to be students at this institution and convincing them to do tasks for which they could be getting paid at least five dollars an hour in the real world for you for free—and at the same time asking that they continue to be students. Because there is no credit for GUILFORDIAN work those who have the full time job of producing a newspaper must also be full time students. As for me, there is only one full time Jeanette Ebel, and I prefer to be a full time student.

As for the GUILFORDIAN—People, you cannot continue to get something for nothing by tricking those students who would serve you by promising them rewards of "gratification," whatever that may be, or "experience." If we'd wanted job training in the offset printing business we would have thought of some cheaper way to get it, and if this community extends any significant amount of gratification to the small group of people who are really dedicated to giving you the GUILFORDIAN we must have been too frantic to notice. You pay teaching assistants \$500 a year; Resident Assistants, \$700; and athletes up to \$2,474 per year. Some of you community members have told us, don't judge our priorities by the appropriation of our money, but I find it hard to do that and I find it very hard not to think that the GUILFORDIAN falls at the bottom of your priority list.

So you see, the GUILFORDIAN is destined to be an orphan. What you should do now is decide whether you, the college community, want to adopt this waif by supplying it with some support either to the editor and business manager (who can help to raise some of that weekly \$150 through advertising revenue) or to production costs of the paper. If you can decide that you don't need a paper, then discontinue it. Please don't continue to place the very students who love you most and would serve you most in such untenable situations.

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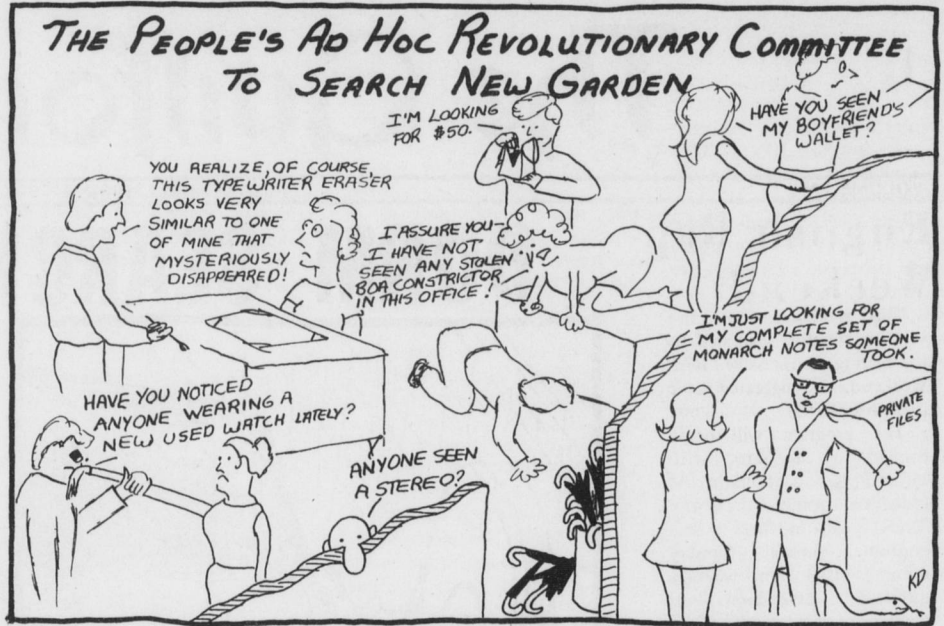
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Letter: The Draft BSC supports strike

Dear Editor:

The problem of the draft is one which faces all men in one way or the other. Most of us have our IIS college deferments for the rest of the year and many for a time after that. But for these men who are seniors the draft is an important problem in a greater or lesser degree depending on the individual. Seniors are faced with the problems which many have put in the backs of their minds until graduation. In addition all of us have some measure of anxiety over our impending fate at the hands of the Selective Service System.

To help a man understand what the draft laws are, what his alternatives are and how he ought to go about his dealings with the draft board has been and is the job of draft counseling. All too often young men are caught having to make difficult decisions without sound advice or counseling. Many times decisions are made on actions taken on the basis of incomplete or false information causing mistakes and problems for the registrant. Draft counselors generally have reliable information or know how to find it. In addition general questions about the draft can be answered reliably for those who just need information.

In order to fill a need on this campus for increased awareness and information about draft counseling a Draft Counseling and Information Seminar will be held Monday night, Dec. 7 at 7:00 in the Leak Room. Dr. Burrows, Dr. Beidler and Sam Greathouse will be present to speak about the draft and problems relating to it. There will be a period for specific questions, discussion, and individual counseling. All students are encouraged to attend this seminar as it is intended to provide real help and information.

The following statement from the Black Students Coalition concerning the strike of blind workers at Skillcraft in Greensboro was released to the GUILFORDIAN by Joyce Wimbish and Rae Herritage, co-chairmen of the Publications Committee for the Black Students Coalition.

As we see it the blind workers who on October 28 went on strike against Skillcraft have the only valid points in an argument which should have been settled four years ago. The workers frustrated at the seeming inability of the different agencies to alleviate the existing problems sought the help of GAPP, the Greensboro Association of Poor People, headed by Tom Bailey. It is in GAPP that the workers found an agency through which they could relate their problems and

voice needs to an unsympathetic public and a deaf management.

In an interview with Tom Bailey and William Wilson, a blind worker with 13 years of experience at Skillcraft, Mr. Wilson spoke freely. He listed the demands of the strikers, gave a detailed account of each and briefly outlined the history of the strike as we see it today. According to Wilson, there is no adequate ventilation system in the broom department, a condition which led to the transfer of 10 to 15 workers to another department due to dust accumulation in the lungs.

Along the same lines it is appalling to note that there are no first aid stations in the building. An industry employing 112 blind people should have medical facilities. Wilson spoke of a worker

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The Human

By Douglas Scott

"Write Makes Might"

I dropped by the Pickwick the other night for a beer and, by process of osmosis, ended up in the men's room staring at the walls. I heartily recommend the process to all for the graffiti is as high a caliber work as will be found in the state (with the possible exception of Harry's in Chapel Hill) and in six flair colors, complete with explanatory text and illustrations. "Porno-revolutionary-dope" will be the classification that it will be filed under in the Library of Congress some day.

I was happy to see the friendly, familiar four letter NO-NO's and endless obscene puns at the Pickwick because I know the idiots who did them spent a lot of time and trouble on them because they like the medium, not because they have nothing better to do.

In Philly recently, I came to the conclusion that every kid on the street carried a spray can of paint with him. Everywhere one looked the walls would be covered with names; gang names

and just names, no obscenity, no political comment. Apparently gang names block off territorial demands, warning off intruders and enforcing group identity. The identity facet is fascinating unto itself on one level, sad as hell on another, considering the kind of self image you must have to write your name on every wall you passed.

Seems there was a kid whose name was "Chewy" who wrote his name EVERYWHERE: on walls, trains, street cars, streets themselves. The cops caught him trying to write his name on an overseas airliner at the airport. Now that's funny. "G7/CAP/4G" was another common mark. Means a gang called Garrard and No. 7th killed a member of another gang called 4th and Garrard. As a side note, gang members usually run in age from 12 to 18.

Now do you see why there's little "obscenity" written on the walls in Philadelphia, that it's happening on the streets?

What the hell kind of society is this anyway?