

The Guilfordian

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DEAR EDITOR:

In response to the first edition of the "Guilfordian" I could not help but notice the lack of interesting articles, lack of humor, and the avoiding of controversial issues that abound on campus. I cannot help but compare the paper with the Junior High newspaper I worked with this summer. They have many similarities.

The value of several articles was questionable. "Lead Trumpet" held little

interest, "Dear Gertie" was fourth grade humor, and "Who Had Whom" was extremely confusing. In fact you had to be familiar

with the particular situation to understand it.

Solutions? Yes. Involve in the paper articles about questions of interest. Examples would be "why does our football team get \$153,000 budget

or more and the soccer and cross-country teams get virtually nothing?" "Give an outline of where our tuition goes." Answers won't come easily, but are needed. Involve music, the cafeteria, politics, and sports (more than statistics). Involve students in the paper through surveys, letters to the editor and editorials.

Advertise the committees, organizations, and clubs

and explain their functions. I hope these suggestions and others are considered.

In a sprit of concern,
 KEN HARRIS

Letters to the Editor

Friends:

Thank you for your enlightened editorial. In my naive way I had always assumed that people who stole books from the library did so out of selfish wishes to avoid the bother of returning them. But your extensive research has revealed that, these modern day Thoreaus are only "pilfering" as a kind of civil disobedience (no doubt at great peril to themselves) to protest the insulting and degrading process of checking bookbags and packs for stolen goods. Hmm...

You say that "Guilford doesn't need a big school atmosphere in its library." Apparently it does if we are going to practice the kind of big school morality that condones the stealing of books. I would advise you to look to your own admonition that "the books are the possession of the whole community," and channel your resentment toward those that "pilfer" them rather than toward those who try, albeit impotently, to protect them.

C. D. Lathrop

Your editorial on the search practices employed by the library staff to protect the Guilford book collection from "pilfering" suggests that the presence of "overzealous" library personnel presents a greater threat to the community than the thieves who are taking the books. This thought would not have occurred to me!

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 [C M R pelfre, booty.]
 To steal (esp. small sums, etc.) page 432 Webster's
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