

## Editorial

# Once upon a time

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Editor

Once upon a time, in a land of make-believe, the Guilford College Housing Department decided to have a competition. Oh, what fun! What pageantry! We'll have a competition for alternate housing, they said, and invite all the old houses and any new proposals to participate. For prizes we'll offer the same old house and two houses down at the lake which we can't promise will be available. What a gala affair!

Well, there is no Prince Charming or happy ending in this fairy tale. With calculated ineptness, Bob White and company managed to make the valuable alternate housing into a farcical game, in which he makes the rules and shuffles the deck. The alternate housing proposal, formerly a chance for interested students to offer Guilford an enriching asset, has been molded into a political pawn in a bias-ridden game of housing chess.

Try to picture this: the setting is a simple, smoke-filled room in the basement of Bryan Hall, where Bob White offers a hand-picked committee of twelve a set of alternate housing proposals. Several have already hit the trash can before the selection process; others bear signs of influence peddling. A minimal effort has been made to ensure that the proposals are at all uniform or answer certain basic questions.

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A difficult vision to conjure up, to be sure, but this is the way that alternate housing was awarded to the winners, gleaned from keen competition. It is easier to imagine such a scene in Daley's Chicago or Nixon's oval office, but certainly not on the campus of a Quaker college.

Instead of overdoses of zealotry and bureaucracy, a little common sense should have accompanied the decision to expand alternate housing in the coming year. A way to increase enrollment and obtain more money without any further capital investment, namely, move students into existing additional housing, was found, and the excellent decision to fill these new houses with alternate housing proposals was made. But the methods used to implement these decisions were at best, unfair and improper, and at worst, grossly criminal.

Permanent alternate housing proposals should not have been embroiled in the lake house competition. As permanent houses, the existing houses (George White, Dana House II, French and German House) have attained stability, have acquired house belongings, and have become a valuable campus attraction. Their value would have decreased tremendously if the situation was more temporary and the house's eventual extinction constantly in mind.

Since new alternate housing situations have been created, new proposals should rightfully vie for a permanent spot in them, but this contest should be impartially judged by a properly selected, broadly-based review board, which could also be used to periodically review existing alternate housing proposals to ensure that the houses in question are performing according to their proposals. As new houses open, new competitions are held.

With a concrete policy as guidance, the Housing Office should manage to untangle this year's mess, which is exactly what needs to be done. Reload the starting gun, for the race should be re-run, minus a few existing warhorses this time.

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## Handicapped Ramp

The new ramps being constructed on campus seem to have experienced an initial spurt of activity, and nothing more. The ramps, which are being added to the library and the Center for Continuing Education, will provide handicapped entrance to these buildings as stipulated by law. Unfortunately, construction seems to have been indefinitely stalled since the first digging approximately two months ago. Perhaps visions of foot-deep snow drifts still haunt the constructors' imaginations.

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## Dana Scholarships announced

The following people are winners of Dana Scholarships for 1980-81:

Alexander, Kathy  
Beattie, Edward  
Beer, Sandy  
Braegger, Rosemarie  
Bray, David  
Breneman, Todd  
Carpenter, Daniel  
Carey, Brian  
Cheren, Isa  
Davis, Jessica  
Deich, Deborah  
Diehl, Ellen  
Doss, Bruce  
Earl, Janette  
Easley, Dale  
Esch, Brenda  
Faulstich, Elizabeth  
Givens, Stanley  
Glassman, Ellen

Gurley, Mark  
Hall, Ronald  
Harvey, Stephen  
Haywood, John  
Hodgin, Christina  
Holcomb, Alfred  
Holliday, Laura  
Hoots, Jonathan  
Horton, Margaret  
Hull, Alan  
Hurley, Donna  
Ide, Susan  
Johnson, Jo  
Jones, Eleanor  
Jones, Martin  
Kuhn, Jennifer  
Lindsay, Stephen  
Luehrs, Howard  
Maharajh, Roberta  
Maharajh, Shakuntala  
Mawhinney, Megan  
Maynard, Andrew

Meikrantz, William  
Merritt, Frank  
Merz, Ann  
Millner, Keith  
Morton, Lisa  
Nugent, Denise  
Oppelt, Karen  
Paul, Linda  
Pettingell, Roger  
Plaut, Conrad  
Porter, Roy  
Riback, Stephen  
Roetzel, Carol  
Shields, James  
Shuford, Susan  
Smith, Patricia  
Stone, Anne  
Sullivan, Dawn  
Tomarchio, Frances  
Trout, Steven  
Toren, Bellanne  
Weiner, Leslie