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Welcome to new trustees



The Guilford College Board of Trustees has chosen Seth Macon and Howard Haworth as chairman and vice chairman of the board, respectively. Both are Guilford graduates.

Macon, left, vice president and director of Jefferson-Pilot Corp., was the 1978 recipient of the 1978 Guilford College Distinguished Alumni Award.

Haworth, right, president of Drexel Heritage Furnishings, is a former editor of the Guilfordian, chairman of the Honor Board, and letter winner in tennis, track and football.

Campus plagued by thefts

Estimated total loss: \$1500-2000

By Kathy Carlson

For the past two weeks, Guilford has been plagued with thefts.

According to Bob White, Director of Housing and Security, there has been a total of five major thefts on campus: four in Binford and one in Bryan. In each case missing articles essentially consisted of gold jewelry -- easy to steal, movable, and valuable. And in each case the thefts have occurred due to the carelessness of victims, all of whom left their doors unlocked.

As Bob White pointed out, gold is desirable and likely to be in nearly every woman's room on campus in a jewelry box either on the dresser or in a top drawer. "People are very unimaginative about hiding valuables," said White.

The police have arrived on campus at reports of the thefts and have been helpful but not

hopeful. In every case there is little hope of retrieving the stolen articles. "There is much buying and selling of gold," said Bob White, "and buyers require no identification or proof of ownership, which makes gold so easily movable." The thief is doing a profitable business as the estimated total loss in Guilford's five thefts is \$1500 to \$2000.

The thief is also fairly cool and brassy at his work. He's been seen walking down the halls of Binford, not just on the first floor, knocking on doors as if he were visiting someone. Anyone seeing him would understandably not suspect a thing. The description given by Bob White is of a black male, 20-25 years old, about 6'1", 175-180 pounds, and he has a beard and mustache. No Guilford student is suspected.

The best advice to everyone is to LOCK YOUR DOOR! Whe-

ther going next door or to the bathroom for five minutes, lock it. "Five minutes is ten times the amount of time needed to steal you blind," said White. Also, students should be more imaginative and illogical with where they keep their valuables. Don't make it easy. An open door is an open invitation, day or night.

With the exception of one theft, all have occurred in the daylight hours, usually from ten to eleven thirty in the morning. Don't overestimate the power of daylight!

If one should happen to see anything suspicious, report it immediately to a coordinator or intern, or contact Bob White in the Housing Office. White realizes the probability of false alarms in such cases, but does not want that to stop reports. It's better to be safe than sorry, and even false alarms could act as a deterrent to further thefts.

Y.M.C.A.-Campus: successful venture

By Mark Gurley

Balancing the needs of the Guilford College student body with those of the Greensboro Metropolitan YMCA has been a complex, though successfully, met challenge. Scheduling conflicts, equipment delays, and administrative dissension are potential problems as two large institutions join in an ambitious venture.

Geoff Miller, director of the Physical Education Center, feels that these problems have either been avoided or handled exceptionally well. He especially gives credit to the YMCA for its cooperation. He points out that the YMCA's help is crucial. The few problems that resulted from the relationship have been resolved.

Students had complained about the 25 cents charge they had to pay for towels. This charge was stipulated in the original financial agreement with the YMCA. At first, they

thought the towel fee was needed to cover the expenses of the service.

Miller, however, took the students' complaints to the YMCA directors, and they readily agreed that their existing income could cover the cost of towels. "As of today," Miller says, "towels are free. I think it was an act of good will on their part."

Many persons also felt that Guilford College alumni should not have to pay in order to use the facility. They now pay the full YMCA membership cost. Miller argues that the agreement is fair, citing the very high number of alumni in Greensboro. "The YMCA felt that free access would be unfair to other members, and would hurt its drive to recruit. I can sympathize with its position."

He thinks that the YMCA offers Guilford alumni a bonus anyway. "Alumni are not restricted to either Y or College

hours; they have access to the facility during both times," he says.

Aside from the work required to integrate college and YMCA scheduling, a few minor annoyances plague the director.

The pool must be heated by hot water hoses, for instance, because the pool's heating sink does not generate enough power to do the job. The root of the problem, however, lies in the gym's overall heating system. "The energy system still has some kinks in it that need to be worked out," Miller admits. He attributes these "kinks" to a contractor's failure to complete his work, not to the engineering or design of the system itself. "Once all of the work is completed, the system will function properly," Miller says.

The installation of glass coverings for the pool wall, and locks for the locker room, has also been delayed. According to Miller, these items have failed to arrive from the companies from which they were ordered. In the case of the locks, a worker's strike prevented their delivery. Similarly, two remaining sets of basketball goals for the new gym have not yet arrived. Despite these delays, Miller expects the equipment to be here soon.

Another problem, which greatly troubles the director, is student apathy. Citing the low response from the questionnaire asking for criticisms and suggestions which recently appeared in the *Guilfordian* (which students were asked to tear out and send in), Miller claims that students should not complain if they refuse to

inform the gym's staff about their specific problems.

"The primary purpose of distributing the questionnaire was to get feedback from the students concerning additional time for recreational use, and the operation of the building in general," says Miller. "As of this date we have had only two responses, which to me is very frustrating."

Nevertheless, the director invites student input: "If a student has a legitimate problem, I encourage him to write it down and send it to the Physical Education Center."

An area where the suggestions of students would be likely to have an effect is scheduling.

Some students have wondered why the pool is not open during the mid-afternoon. The pool is closed, Miller points out, because students have exhibited virtually no interest in keeping it open at that time.

"One big factor to take into consideration is the cost analysis," Miller says. "Does one or two people swimming during an additional hour justify the hiring of two lifeguards, operating the lights, and the other costs involved?"

The director emphasizes the relatively heavy use of the pool during hours already scheduled for campus use. During the month of October, a total of 381

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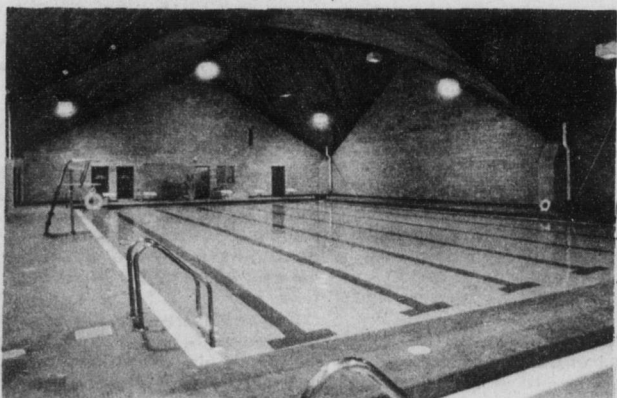


Photo by Jack Mohr

Students can have input on pool scheduling.



Photo by John Mottern

"It's the best damn play I've ever seen."

Dan Pleasant

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