

# How many more?

By The Editors

Well, it has happened again. Another attack on a late-night student. Can the blame for the incident be directed anywhere but at the disturbed mind of the assailant? No. It's the real world out there and there are no ivy-covered walls protecting our campus from these dangers.

Unfortunately, things happen and help is needed. What, then, is protecting the students of Guilford College? The Guilford security system is the most accessible form of help which the students have. They must feel that they can depend on that system in times of emergency.

But can they? It took security nearly half an hour to reach the party in need of help Monday, October 5. This is not to say that the guard on duty was at fault for the delay, but that the communication system does not always work effectively.

Until this incident Guilford has had only one security person on duty at night. This person would be in charge of "making the rounds," checking locks, etc., and taking calls for assistance. According to Director of Security, Bob White, a lack of funds has kept the one-guard procedure in effect. This policy has been revised since the October 5th incident. There are now two guards on night duty. The revision is certainly a step in the right direction.

There are, however, several concerns about Guilford's security system which remain unanswered. What kind of action is to be taken after such an incident occurs? Who should be notified? It seems only reasonable that Guilford students should expect members of Security to follow "proper," reliable procedures. It seems careless that the police were not called until eighteen hours after the incident occurred. The police were eventually called, not by Security, but by the coordinators of the victim's dorm who were not informed of the attack until the Guilfordian reporter began asking questions. The Dean of Students, who is responsible for overseeing Security, had not been told about the incident by 4:50 the next afternoon when the reporter approached him for comment. This lack of communication within the system is almost frightening.

One explanation for the reluctance to call the city police has been that the victim did not seem to want to be interviewed. This the victim denies. Another reason submitted in response to Guilfordian questioning was that the description was not a complete one...that perhaps the assailant had changed his clothes within a few minutes of the attack. We find this excuse totally unacceptable. It seems that an immediate description and account of the attack would be bases enough for the police to warn other unsuspecting victims of the danger. Common sense has it that police notification would have resulted in an area search for the assailant, as well as the very important act of informing dorm counselors so that they could, in turn, warn the students. If students are not informed of the dangers, their chances of walking blindly into them are greater.

Where do we go from here, then? How many attacks of this sort, or worse, will it take before something concrete is done? Short of hiring armed security guards, which blatantly violates Quaker philosophies, we would suggest following President Rogers' suggestion of teaching non-violent methods of self-protection. Awareness-raising workshops within the dorms would be helpful. Above all, we hope that the Guilford Security system will work to improve its communications procedures.



*From the president's desk*

## Fast for world hunger

The scope of world hunger is hard for us to imagine. Most of our lives we are surrounded by people well-fed, sometimes over-fed. How can we make real our knowledge of the human tragedy in many places in the world? How can we deepen our compassion and support to help such people?

Severe problems exist for people in Cambodia and Vietnam. But one striking area of the world today where people are suffering severely is in Somalia. Refugees are streaming into Somalia from the Ogaden Plains in Ethiopia at the rate of over 1,000 a day. The country of Somalia is poor. There is barely enough food for its 3.6 million population. But in the past four years that population has swollen by approximately 2 million refugees. They are hungry, cold, and sheltered only by the most primitive tarpaulins. Many of the children are starving. And many of the refugee camps have little or no water except what can be trucked in. There are no blankets and no wood for fires because once a camp starts the bushes and trees around are quickly consumed.

Students and faculty at Guilford College can do something to help. I am personally grateful that we have set aside a day in November as a time for fasting. Not only will this day provide some financial assistance to



the American Friends Service Committee who is working to alleviate the hunger of such refugees, but it will also give us a time to become more vividly conscious of the difficult struggle of people less fortunate than ourselves. I urge as many students and faculty as possible to participate in this day of fasting. I hope also that we will be able to gather in meditation to reflect on issues of global responsibility in the distribution of resources and in the humane care of people through the world.

For those who do not eat regularly in the College dining area, I urge you also to participate in the fast and to send a contribution through the office of the Dean of Students to the American Friends Service Committee to help in this project.

William R. Rogers



## Letters to the Editors

Keep those letters coming; it's better to debate an issue without settling it than to settle an issue without debating it. All letters must be submitted by Sunday, and should be no longer than 200 words in length. Letters can be left on the office door in upstairs Founders, or mailed to Box 17717.

### Beans to you

Dear Picky Eaters,  
You people make me sick. Always leaving food on your plate and complaining about how you don't have enough to choose from. It's a plain fact that you pay for all the food that you waste, so if you didn't waste so much then we probably would be eating better food and more of it. Beans to you!

Karl Miller

### QFS: Up and away

Dear Editors,  
I am writing in response to your editorial of two issues ago, "A Boost for WQFS," and John Steely's letter of last issue, "Watts the story." Both articles have some very valid points, while at the same time they lack some history which I feel needs to be added.

In the fall of 1979 WQFS was granted funds by the student senate to raise its power. At that time there were several people, including both the Board of

Trustees and the student senate, who were concerned about the station's broadcast quality. Out of this concern came the formation of the WQFS Advisory Board. Representatives from the Board of Trustees, the student senate, the faculty, and WQFS sit on this board.

This board has worked along with the station staff to improve the broadcast quality over the past two years. Now, as the station is standing on the threshold of a new era, the board feels much more confident that WQFS is ready to go up in power than it did two years ago.

One of my concerns with Mr. Steely's letter was his statement to the effect that we now feel that WQFS has a more professional sound than some commercial stations. I think we do sound more professional than some commercial stations, but at the same time that does not mean that we cannot improve. No matter how long you have been doing something, there is always room for improvement. I feel that WQFS is continuing to try and improve its broadcasts.

I hope that I have answered the concerns raised in your editorial. In my opinion, WQFS is ready to go up in power. We have come a long way from where we were two years ago. I would like to thank the staff and all of our listeners and friends for their support in making WQFS what it is today. If anyone in the community has any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to bring them to my attention.

Sincerely,  
Tim Little

Station Manager

### Great expectations

Having just reading the article in the Guilfordian on the honor system, I feel moved to respond with a slight 'slap on the wrist' for anyone who may have lost faith in it because it does not "work" perfectly here and works even less perfectly in larger schools. Fortunately, this school is small enough for its expectations to be communicated and to be fulfilled or unfulfilled in a more personal way than is the case in larger institutions. The

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