

# Editorials

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?



THE SAME THING THAT'S BEEN WRONG WITH IT FOR OVER THREE YEARS...

## Who Will You Elect?

If you haven't noticed, it is election time again at Guilford College. This means that a few "tickets" have scrambled themselves together and made the decision to attempt to take some responsibility for the working of the community.

The importance of the leadership positions of the Union and Senate are debatable, just as the other leadership positions on campus.

On one hand, they are elected each year by a student body whose "fantastic" voter turnout is about half. The much complained about student apathy comes strongly into play when considering the limited selection of candidates as well as this apparent casual attitude toward participating in the community by voting.

On the other hand, these organizations are capable of influencing the "spirit" of Guilford. The Senate not only doles out the Student Activity Fee—but can feasibly address many concerns of the students it, as a body, is meant to represent. The Union not only plans activities to "entertain" the students, but helps to provide alternatives to a strict academic diet, which in turn, will aid the community as a balance of interests.

The diversity of interests Guilford College contains proves to be both a virtue and a destructive force for the community. Of late there have been few issues that have caught the attention of the wide range of interests.

Voting on Thursday and Friday for these major leadership roles on campus is an opportunity for large scale participation of the various factions of the college to vent their opinions and desires for the future of the community? Will this forum be used?

## Letters to the Editors

### Stohler

A letter to friends.

Some of you have asked me about my plans to leave Guilford College at the end of this academic year. By this letter I want to tell you about my leaving, to allay some of my own feelings of awkwardness about leaving, and to invite conversations with my friends in this difficult transition time in my life. I cannot alter the fact that I will leave Guilford, but I can determine the manner in which I leave.

My decision to leave Guilford College, made sometime last year, was not initiated by my choice. Review of my work and accomplishments by the College judged them to be unsatisfactory in certain ways to fulfill the institution's goals and standards. After a number of conversations with my immediate supervisor, I accepted that judgement. At the same time I was offered and I accepted the option of remaining in Guilford College's employment until May, 1984.

It has been difficult for me to accept a judgement like this on my work at Guilford, a judgement which I admit as both personal and professional. I have been working very hard in recent months to understand better my ways of doing work and of relating to others, and I have been trying to learn how to work and relate in more effectively and personally satisfying ways. It is also quite important to me to affirm that I have performed many parts of a responsible, demanding, and time-consuming job very ably, and I take genuine satisfaction in this. I realize that this can be a time of growth and personal and professional redirection for me.

I am not presently clear about what I will be doing or where we will choose to live after this summer. I will be looking for a position in arts administration or in student personnel work, and Sara will be looking for a position in her field of education.

I, along with my family, am sad at the prospect of leaving Guilford College where we have had many friends and experiences and where we have lived for almost ten years. We value highly this place, this community of people, and this time of our lives we have spent here. We will be loathe to say our goodbyes and we will hope to carry friendships from here into the future.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Stohler

### Feminism

Dear Editors:  
I am writing this in response to the letter submitted from an outside source (thankfully!) on the subject of feminism. I would like to stress that this is not the position of the majority of the evangelist Christian community, especially those of us at Guilford College.

I, personally, am a moderate supporter of "feminism" and feel that Mr. Johnson is taking the scriptures he uses out of context, reinterpreting them to suit his own purpose—that is initiating a battle against militant feminism.

He begins by associating the "dramatic increase in broken homes, spouse and child abuse and sex crimes" with "the women's decision to wear the pants." I feel this is incredibly simplistic. What about the men who have neglected their children, abandoned their families or in some other manner managed to avoid their responsibilities? The point is that the blame must fall on both parties; it is not any specific action of either sex, but rather a decline in our recognition of the moral problems facing society today. This decline is what the prophesis of scriptures refer to.

As for the fact that Jesus "strove against feminism," Mr. Johnson manages to lift the verse "Women, what do I have to do with you" competely out of context. This remark comes out of the story of the miracle at Cana.

His mother asked him if he would do something about the fact that there was no more wine in this wedding celebration. He answered with a Hebrew idiom which is translated literally as "Woman, what to me and to you." Any good modern translation of the Bible will have this more clear exposition of what Jesus said in a note. By the way, Jesus responded to his mother's request and did as she asked. It

### Lynch's Line

by Janice Lynch

Last week, Michael Jackson's attorneys announced that they were considering the possibility of a negligence suit against Pepsi-Cola for the recent scorching of Jackson's head on a Pepsi soundstage. I have given this some consideration as well. Lately I have been disturbed and overwrought by the number of Coco-Cola products on the market.

I am a confused woman. Should I drink Coke? Diet Coke? Nutra-sweetened Coke? Caffeine-free coke? Caffeine and sugar-free Coke? Is Coke it? Is there any difference between Coke in the gold can and Coke in the bottle? Will Nutrasweet cause cancer? I only want sugar but the labels are hard to decipher. I've spent hours wondering whether I should just give up and switch to Cheerwine.

I'm worried about small children. At night I cry for my five-year old cousins. When I was eight I spent hours happily entertained with a bottle of Coke and my most recently lost baby tooth. My mother warned that Coke would rot my teeth and I designed a science fair project to disprove her theory. You know the one—drop your tooth in a Coke and wait for it to dissolve. What will my cousins do when they reach this juncture? How will they account for Nutra-sweet?

might be added that it was Jesus who kept the Pharisees from stoning a woman for adultery by saying "he who is without sin among you let him throw the first stone at her." (John 8:7).

I agree with Mr. Johnson on one point that "this nation needs to reverse its ungodly direction," but this direction has not come about as a result of the feminist movement. I believe that God is appalled at the injustice done to

women in his name. The change of direction must come from within, from an awareness of our need and a corresponding reliance on God to save us and help us change our world for Him.

Once again, I sincerely hope you do not take Mr. Johnson's letter as representative of the Christian stand. It certainly is not mine.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Williams

## Lynch Cries to Daddy

Caffeine? No Caffeine? Saccharine? What lost children they will be!

I'm worried about young parents. When I was a child I took aspirin mashed in Coca-Cola syrup—the taste did more than a thousand aspirins to assure a quick recovery. What child in full possession of his faculties would knowingly ingest Tab and

aspirin? What unknown horrors will Nutra-sweet wreak on those small stomachs? How will they prepare diet Coke syrup? Thousands of parents will suffer needlessly as they search for better ways to disguise medicine.

In the meantime these concerns leave me little time for the real work of the world. I can't

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