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## Disturbance Involves Firearm

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About 4:15 a.m. Saturday morning, several students residing in Bryan Dorm's western quarter awoke suddenly to shouting coming from the road between Bryan and the Frazier apartments. Minutes later, at about 4:20, more Bryan residents were aroused, this time, they say, by a loud crashing sound.

Many rumors began circulating after the disturbance, and it is difficult to pinpoint the exact sequence of events or who perpetrated them. But a compilation of information given by those involved and witnesses has led the *Guilfordian* to construct this basic sketch of what may have happened.

About 4 a.m. on Saturday, two black students from A&T parked their car in the road alongside Bryan, and entered the dorm, allegedly looking for a specific Guilford student.

Upon entering the dorm, the two men encountered several male Guilford students, and asked them where they could find the student. Words were exchanged by the two parties, although the exact content of their conversation is not known.

It is the understanding of the *Guilfordian* that a possible cause for the violent events that came about is that the A&T students used the term 'homeboy' in reference to the white students present. Supposedly the meaning of the word was misunderstood, and the Guilford students took it for a derogatory label.

At some point, all of those involved moved out to the street between Bryan and the Frazier apartments. Verbal exchanges between the two parties got louder.

He is alleged John Motta, a Guilford junior, kicked one of the black men. This may have been the action that touched off a fistfight between the two A&T students and approximately six Guilford men. Many of the Guilford students were later identified as lacrosse players.

About 4:15 the first Bryan residents were awakened. Two witnesses who woke up at this time later stated that they went to their window on the third floor of the dorm, surveyed the situation, called security, and returned to the window to watch the

events that followed.

Both witnesses also made references to what they understood as racial slurs being tossed about.

Moments later, one of the A&T students was seen with a gun in his hand, which was grabbed by a Guilford student.

About 4:20, several more students suddenly woke up to the sound of a loud crash, which was evidently caused by the Guilford student's breaking the car windshield with the stock of the gun.

The residents who awoke to see this incident also called the security guard immediately, and returned to their window to see what was going to happen.

They say that the next thing they saw was the same Guilford student pounding on the ground with the stock of the gun. Two of the witnesses then say that they saw what appeared to be large sticks being held by Guilford students.

At this time two witnesses state they were able to identify John Motta, Kyle Kesselring and Stewart Nichols as students among the group.

While this was going on, three witnesses state that they saw a light-colored truck pull up to the street by the dorm. They identified the driver as Curtis Stabler, and state that they saw him get out of the truck with another gun.

Whether or not this object was indeed a fully intact fire-arm or just a portion of one has not yet been determined.

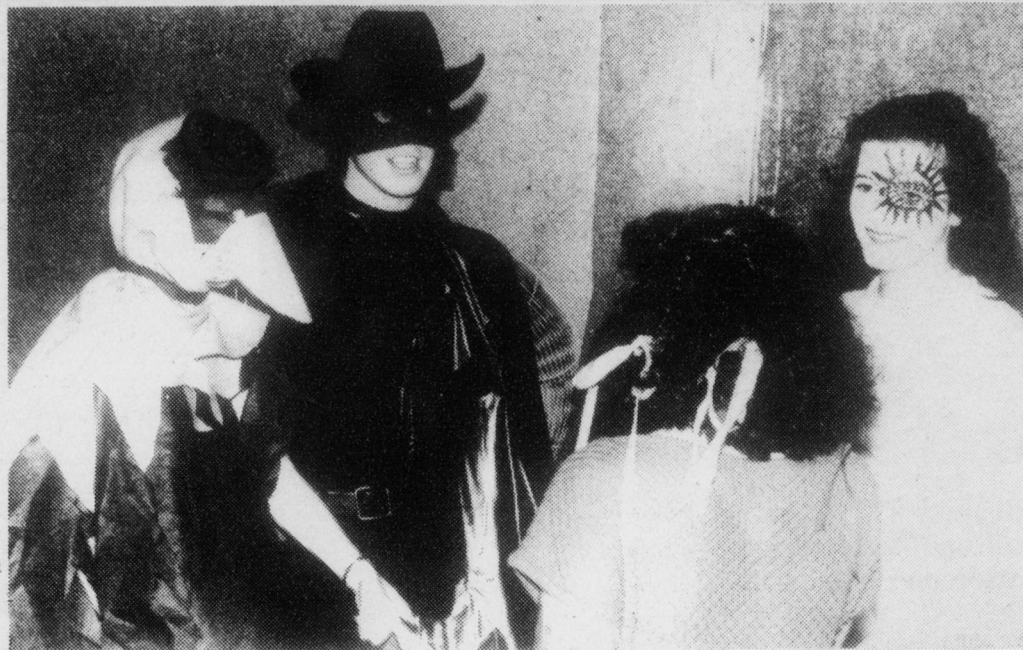
The witnesses say they saw Stabler approach the group with the gun, and exchange some words with them. About a minute later, he put the object back in the car and left the scene.

Greg Gwyn, a junior, heard the noise and went out to the street to find the group of Guilford students standing over and yelling at one A&T student who was on the ground. Gwyn tried to pull the students away in an attempt to stop the fight. He then proceeded to a nearby group that was engaged in a scuffle and tried to break them apart.

On Monday, Gwyn commented that he "didn't want to see a fight, and did everything I could to calm them down."

Arriving at about the same time as Gwyn was Doc Roberts,

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Despite high temperatures in the old gym the Halloween Dance October 27 was generally considered successful.  
Photo by Andrew Stuart

## Library Fire Alarm Found Inadequate

By Tracey Clark

The fire system installed in the College Library has been inspected by Greensboro officials and found to be inadequate. The system does not meet the most recent North Carolina Fire Codes. Pending a more thorough investigation the College will be required to do additional work in the Library to insure the system meets Code.

Following the *Guilfordian* article of September 26 in which the library's new fire system was described, Steve Marks, a Guilford student with an interest in fire prevention, phoned the Fire Prevention Bureau inquiring about North Carolina Fire Codes. Marks was referred to Captain Jim Smith of the Greensboro Fire Department. Smith was unaware of the system installed over the summer.

The North Carolina Fire Code states that is a building is existing before a certain date the owners of the building are not required to install fire safeguards, such as emergency exits of fire alarms, that are specified in modern regulations.

However, by law if any system which is to provide fire protection for the building is installed, that system must meet present day regulations. This is to say that a 1912 system installed in a 1912 building is not adequate. If any system is installed in the 1912 building it must be consistent with 1984 systems.

approximately \$7,000.

All of the buildings on Campus with the exception of the Field House were built prior to the new codes. The College is not legally bound to install fire protection systems whatsoever.

Yet over the past two years the College has voluntarily equipped all of the dorms with fire alarms, exit markings and fire extinguishers. These systems meet present day Codes.

Alternative housing has been equipped with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers and also meet code.

In these instances the necessary permits were obtained and the systems were approved. The cost of these systems has

been somewhere between five and ten thousand dollars.

The new system in the library was installed without the required permit from the Fire Department at a cost between \$700 and \$900. The system is intended to provide interim protection.

Following Marks' inquiry Captain Jim Smith inspected the system which had been installed in the Library. Smith is sympathetic but is required to enforce the stipulations of the code. The College has discussed the planned addition and the comprehensive fire systems to be installed at that time, three years from now.

The College may be forced to spend the estimated \$7000 to upgrade the system.

## Prof. Courtney Dies

Fred Courtney, The Jefferson-Pilot Professor of Management, died of a heart attack Sunday, October 21.

Courtney came to Guilford from Industry in 1965 and founded the management department.

As he wished there was no memorial service, but the college has established the Fred I. Courtney Scholarship Fund in Management, in memory of him.

Courtney was described as a "professor with a following among the students" by Ed Caudill, another management professor. Caudill also described Courtney as a "private" man.

A native of Salem, Mass., Courtney was survived by his wife, four children, two grandchildren, mother and sister.

Courtney's classes have been picked up within the department.