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Guilford College Library Vandalized

By Ralph Kirkpatrick

During the early morning hours of February 24th, the Guilford College library was vandalized and property was removed. No motive for the incident has been established.

The electric clock that usually hangs on the wall facing the front door had been placed on the bookshelf and had stopped at 3:15 am. Investigators speculate that someone, perhaps a group, entered the library and caused damage to it about 2:45 to 3:15 am Wednesday.

According to Herbert Poole, the Director of the Library, whoever entered the building appeared to have a plan for what was to be vandalized.

"We suspect it may not have been just idle vandalism," said Dr. Poole. "The globe was upended; someone had smeared feces on walls and on some

of the pieces of equipment. They had stolen I believe two computer terminals which belong to the computer center."

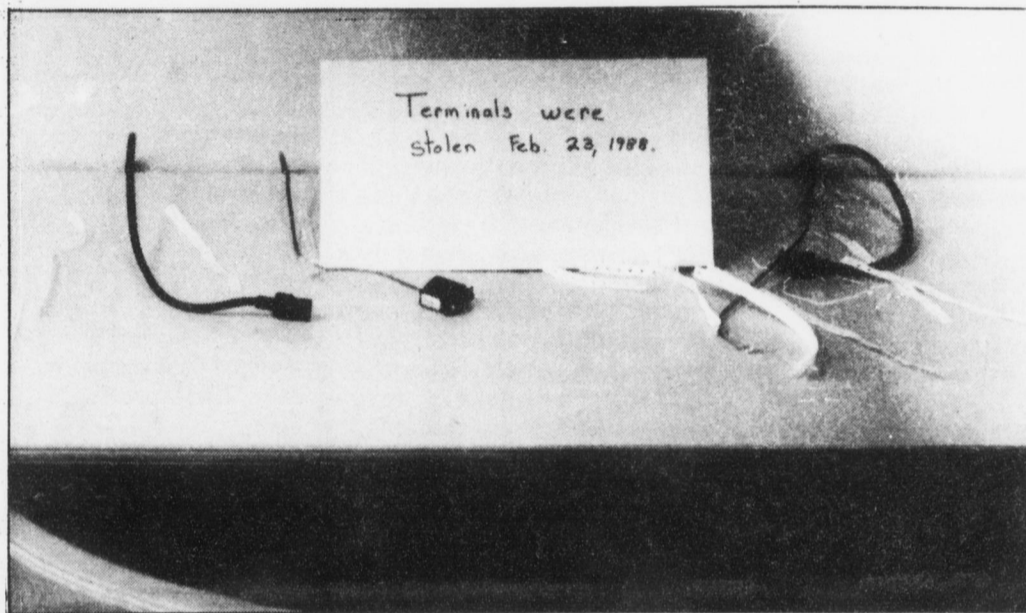
Karen Behm, Circulation Librarian said it was strange that more valuable articles in the library were left alone. The VAX terminals, she pointed out, are useless unless connected to a large system.

A question that still has not been answered centers on the number of participants involved.

Dr. Poole also said that two telephone units were stolen, and that several items had been moved to other parts of the library building.

The method of entry and departure was also unknown, although no windows had been broken.

One of the participants, according to Dr. Poole, must have had a key



Vax terminals have been replaced.

Photo: Eric Buck

because his office, which is locked after business hours, had been entered.

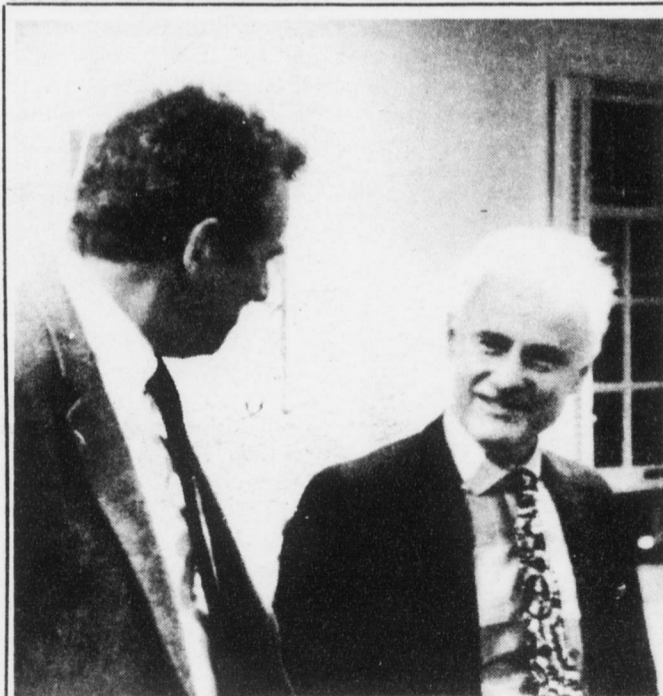
The library does have a security system, but as Behm says, "it is not fool proof."

The Greensboro Police

Department has started an investigation, however they decided not to fingerprint since so many use the building daily. Investigating officer Dave Springer said that there is a suspect.

Guilford College security is also cooperating in the effort.

The library opened an hour late to allow for the staff and cleaning crew to clean up the area that had been affected by the incident.



Charles E. Merrill spoke in the Gallery on Mon. Feb. 22. The title of his lecture was "The love of a good fight--does liberalism still have something of value to offer."

Photo: Eric Buck

Major Changes In Honor Code

By Jay Underwood

The Honor Code, deemed grossly ineffective and inappropriate by many members of the Guilford community, is presently undergoing revision in hopes of reinstating the importance of community and academic integrity in the minds of students and professors.

Faculty members Marlene McCauley and Barton Parks are working closely with the Student Affairs Committee in putting forth a set of proposals that would change the current code significantly.

"As it stands, the Honor Code includes both academic and social behavior," said Mc-

Cauley. "It doesn't always work...students don't pay much attention to it."

Under the present system, if a student witnesses a fellow student who is not 21 drink a beer, then they are both in violation of the Honor Code if the incident is not reported. Thus, the violation is punishable under the same auspices as academic dishonesty.

"We propose that academic dishonesty be governed by the Honor Code, and social misconduct by a separate set of rules and regulations," said McCauley.

In addition, the SAC is proposing the formation of a small honor board, composed of equal numbers of

faculty and students, to hear alleged violation of the honor code. This honor board would be separate from the judicial board, which would hear all major social violations.

The SAC also has suggested the introduction of a minimum penalty of suspension for honor code violations. McCauley emphasizes that mitigating circumstances would allow the honor board to impose a lesser penalty.

Academic Dean Sam Schuman, who issued an alternative to the SAC proposal, said "our goals are the same: to heighten emphasis of academic integrity."

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