

Rule 1.0; Continued Discussion

Beginning this fall, first-time students who failed to earn a grade-point average greater than a 1.0 were suspended or dismissed from Guilford College.

As a Guilfordian columnist, as a letter to the editor writer, and as Associate Academic Dean, we met together earlier this week to discuss the new academic policy headlined as "Rule 1.0" in the February 5 issue of the "Guilfordian" and the subject of a letter to the editor in the February 19 issue.

We support the new policy because we have become convinced of its positive effects on the students separated from Guilford College and on the college as a whole.

The Admissions Committee, the Clerk's Committee, and the faculty agreed that this change in academic standing policy was necessary because "last year the list of students separated (suspended or dismissed) from the college at the end of the year was very similar to those who were in extreme academic difficulty at the end of the first semester."

This new policy permits the college to interrupt a student's academic career with the following statement quoted from a separation letter.

It is encountered and what decisions you made this semester which resulted in this poor academic performance, and that you take steps to address or treat those difficulties while you are suspended from Guilford College.

It is the intention of the faculty to separate you from the college at this time before you do irreparable harm to your academic future."

Poor academic performance in the first semester is a symptom which may help in diagnosing other problems with studenthood.

Examples of difficulties students may encounter in a first semester in college might include: misplaced priorities in management of energy and time, lack of readiness for college, personal trauma, lack of commitment to academic pursuits, lack of self discipline, or feeling disconnected with life at Guilford in and out of

class.

Each student separated from the college has an opportunity to appeal that decision if important individual, extenuating circumstances require a reconsideration.

We also agreed that it is institutionally important for Guilford College to maintain high academic standards. Commonly, academic problems exacerbate other difficulties.

Approximately 15% of students whose grade point averages were 1.0 or below last semester demonstrated no other symptoms of personal or social distress, but over 80% of this group, according to statistics provided by Nancy Cable-Wells, V.P. for Student Development and Dean of Students, also violated the college social code during the same period of time.

This new policy helps to affirm the centrality of the academic life at Guilford College, both for those students who are separated from the college and for those students whose grades indicate a more successful connection with their studies.

For the above reasons, we support this new policy.

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Union Blues

By Wendy Lavine

Think fast, what have you done on the weekends since returning from winter break? Been to many Union sponsored events? Doubtful. The Union is suffering from what Richard Thatcher, co-chair of the Serendipity Committee, calls, "a burn-out."

Last semester there were concerts every three weeks, a few (too few) dances, and some good coffeehouses. There were also a couple of off-campus events that ended with some discipline problems, but they were not Union's fault. There seemed to be some form of Union entertainment every weekend.

This semester there has been a coffeehouse. Some mediocre movies. A concert sponsored by the Blues Preservation Society. In the second week of February, the first Union-sponsored concert. And right before spring break, the first quad dance. The previous two dances have been sponsored by AACS.

So, the questions remain, what has Union been doing, where have they been?

This year the Union has \$53,700 for conventions, dances, concerts (Serendipity included), films and publicity. But there were some stipulations handed out along with the money: recommendations were made to offer events on both weekends and weeknights that would provide entertainment alternatives to alcohol consumption.

Previously, films which have been successful have been current, popular ones. Jon Hatch, chairman of the Film Committee,

defends the movies shown by recalling the survey given to students earlier this year. But considering the selection of movies that the students could choose from, there was the choice of picking somewhat bad movies over extremely bad movies.

The students have not had Union to rely on for entertainment and instead are going elsewhere to find it.

Many people have noted that the televisions in the grill room and Dana lounge are constantly on. There is a problem with off-campus partying and with excessive drinking both on and off campus.

According to Dick Dyer there have been more write-ups to date than there were in all of '86-'87. Dyer does say that some of these are because of stricter parking violations and a better housing staff, but there have also been vandalism, illegal parties and other judicial offenses.

Of course the students don't have to accept this inactivity sitting down, so to speak. Instead of just complaining they can make a difference.

There is a constant lack of people willing to work for Union. Thatcher says that people are always welcome to come to a meeting and make suggestions or changes. Meeting time is 5:15 on Wednesdays in the student organization offices. Perhaps fresh ideas are needed. Or at least some motivation.

Let's not secede from the Union. And let's not have to wait until Serendipity to enjoy ourselves on campus.

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Choir Tour Schedule

Here is the revised schedule of this year's Guilford College Choir Tour. If you are in any of these areas, please come out and support the choir. Bring your family, friends, and pets (if paper-trained). Admission is free.

What more can you ask for?

MAR. 4- WESLEY MEMORIAL UNTIED METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH POINT, N.C. 8:00 P.M.
MAR. 5- CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GREENSBORO, N.C. 8:00 P.M.

MAR. 6- FIRST FRIENDS MEETING, GREENSBORO, N.C. 11:00 A.M.
MAR. 7- ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RICHMOND VA. 8:00 P.M.
MAR. 8- WISCONSIN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON

D.C. 7:30 P.M.
MAR. 9- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM, N.J. 8:00 P.M.
MAR. 10- FREE DAY-NEW YORK CITY!!!
MAR. 11- CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN, EASTON, MD. 8:00 P.M.