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A walk in Guilford's woods

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Humans have a great advantage over trees because we are able to change our environment instead of having to adapt to it. When we object to the weather, we build shelters with heat and air conditioning. When we grow tired of the water Mother Earth supplies, we make factories to produce Coke and Pepsi.

The list of human encroachment on nature is endless, and in many cases cannot be helped. Just remember when walking through Guilford's woods, to have respect for your elders, the trees. Look, smell, touch, listen, but do not leave any remnants of human life other than your

footprints. For some of us, nature is as close to God as we can get.

Corrections

In the Sept. 11 issue, we misspelled Angie Durocher's name in the women's soccer article.

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In the Sept. 11 issue we also attributed the photo of Almost Midnight Bowling to Andrew Smith. Rich Montgomery took the picture. Andrew Smith took the photo of David Barnhill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misinformation can be dangerous

To the Editor:

Student and faculty interest in the Student Health Center is always welcomed. We are, after all, here to respond to the needs of the students. And sometimes it helps to set straight some misinformation that in an emergency could cause problems or even harm. None of us wants that.

Coverage for health service is provided for students during non-office hours according to procedures that have been used for many years at Guilford. Any problem that cannot be handled Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., is not ignored but referred to a varied network of alternatives from emergency first aid to hospitalization. R.A.s and campus security personnel are well-versed in the procedures and should be contacted as judgement warrants. This system has worked very well for us and is supported by our staff physicians as well as the college administration.

It is surprising to read that students might be told by trusted members of the community that they should not get sick except at certain times because they cannot get help otherwise. It's not true. It's not informed. And it is dangerous, because a student might need help but think it's not available.

If you have an emergency at any time, we can and will help through our coverage for such times. If you are injured in chemistry lab we are even there, through the first aid supplies we provide gratis to the Chemistry Department. If any readers have any questions or would like to offer constructive suggestions, they are welcome to stop by for a visit.

Charlotte Schmickle, R.N.
Director, Student Health Service

Boredom a cause of drinking

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Jacob Stohler for responding to a statement I made in the August 28 edition of **The Guilfordian** regarding the use of alcohol on this campus. There are numerous reasons typically given for drinking alcoholic beverages.

Last spring the Piedmont Independent College Associate conducted a survey on this and other campuses on the use of alcohol and other drugs by college students. Boredom was listed by a number of students in answering the question, "Why do you choose to drink alcoholic beverages?"

If we can assume that these responses are accurate, Guilford must take seriously the implication that we are not doing enough to create a vibrant environment for its student body. Many initiatives are underway this year to address this issue. Senate, SRC, Student Activities, the Student Development staff and many others are developing programs and activities which will meet the need for involvement.

Our efforts in the residence halls this year will join with many other groups and organizations on campus to eliminate boredom and to more fully engage students into the life of the college.

Richard Ford
Director of Residential Life

End sexist language

To the Editor:

I was pleased that the Guilfordian staff chose to inform students about the division of Anne Ponder's IDS, Honors, and academic advising responsibilities. I was disturbed, however, by a quote attributed to me which used "he" when referring to all Guilford students. As students in my classes can attest, I am very careful in my speech and writing to use inclusive language (she/he, him/her, etc.). Although this point may seem trivial to many, the implications of using the generic "he" have been studied in psychology with the results consistently showing that people think of or image males when "he" is used as a generic term. I remember thinking during my interview with Betsy Vance that my use of "she/he" and "him/her" might sound awkward but that the principle was important enough to demand such language. Perhaps, Betsy did not "hear" my inclusive language or thought it more correct to use the more generally accepted generic he. Regardless of the reason, "he" excludes females who make up approximately half of our student population and such terminology perpetuates a masculine standard in our language. I would encourage all writers for **The Guilfordian** and, indeed, the Guilford community to become more aware of their use of noninclusive language and its implied meaning.

Kathy Adams
Coordinator of Academic Advising

Thanks for spirit

To the Editor:

After experiencing my first football game at Guilford it seems appropriate to kudoize some VIPs.

So our "hats off" to:

- That great Kazoo marching band!
- The cheerleaders — who never quit!
- Scott Huger — now he's got spirit!
- The Spirit of Guilford — you're super!
- The residence halls, great signs and participation!
- The new mascot — Quake — how special!
- Roger Johnson, our volunteer cheerleading coach — enthusiasm!
- The football team — great spirit, determination, fun to watch.

All Guilford College students at the game — your enthusiasm and participation was great.

What I observed Saturday was exciting — and to think — we've only just begun!

Phil Roach
Director of Athletics

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