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Threat of Painter Boulevard subject of information forum



photo by Scott Shaffer

President Bill Rogers presented support for the Bell-Glazner Western Alternative route that would salvage Guilford's woods at an informative forum Wednesday, Sept. 18.

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In an effort to increase awareness about Painter Boulevard, the proposed super-highway that would run through the Guilford College Woods, a forum was held in the cafeteria Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Approximately 75 members of Guilford's community attended the forum headed by six panelists: organizer of the event, Scott Thornhill; Chairperson for Project Community, Carrie Eby; Vice President for Finance and Development, Jim Newlin; Guilford College's attorney, Betty Turner; President Bill Rogers; and Director of the Community Justice Resource Center, John Kernodle.

"I didn't know anything [about Painter Boulevard] until I heard some people talking about it a couple of days ago," said freshman Melinda DeJongh, who attended

the forum to find out what much of the campus has been talking about. "I knew it was something people should be concerned [about], but I didn't know what was going on."

The forum's objective was, indeed, to educate students about the threat of Painter Boulevard. The forum started as a residence hall program for Milner, but grew into a larger project. The program was planned in anticipation of City Council Member Richard Grubar joining the panel, but he pulled out at the last minute. Even without the councilman attending, however, extensive information was presented: both background information, for those just becoming aware of the problem, and current news, for those concerned with staying informed.

Newlin gave a comprehensive account of Painter Boulevard's history, as well as an update on where the plans for the road lie now. Rogers outlined points favoring

the Bell-Glazner Western Alternative over the Eastern Alternative (the route that would cut through Guilford's campus). Betty Turner described what avenues the college is pursuing legally to defend itself against the proposal. In addition, questions (including what students can do to help) were also addressed.

"I found it very interesting to know the history of why it's taking place, where the money is coming from, what the many proposals are and what we can do to stop it," said sophomore Rebecca Sunderland. "It's nice to be involved. I just wish more people would have shown up. . . that more people cared."

Freshman DeJongh voiced the same opinion: "I think a lot of people should get involved. It's worth interest and taking action."

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Soccer players arrested

Reprinted from the News and Record, Sept. 17, by Meredith Barkley

Eight Guilford College soccer players got a penalty kick of a different sort early Monday.

About 1:40 a.m., hours after Guilford had beaten Greensboro College 3-2 in soccer, they were arrested on the Greensboro campus and charged with vandalism.

The vandalism included the following:

- Paint spread on two sidewalks and the athletic field.
- Toilet paper wrapped around the soccer goals and used to spell "Guilford."
- "Guilford" painted in several places on campus.
- An obscenity scrawled on the sidewalk beside Finch Chapel.

"It's unfortunate, that's all there is to say about it," said Kim Strable, Greensboro College's athletic director.

A Greensboro College security guard spotted the vandalism in

progress and notified police. The vandals ran away when police arrived, but the suspects were rounded up easily.

"They had paint on them," explained Charlotte Duren, spokeswoman for Greensboro College.

Guilford agreed to pay for the cleanup, which was under way Monday.

"It's been a pretty intense rivalry," said Phil Roach, Guilford College's athletic director.

"We're going to make sure that the young men understand that they were irresponsible in their behavior," he said. "We're going to use this as an opportunity for a teaching situation."

Roach said he hadn't decided whether the eight will be suspended from the team.

"I don't think it's time to say that because we don't have the total assessment at this point," Roach said.

[The eight were] arrested, then released to the custody of Guilford Soccer Coach Mark Goldsmith.

Reprinted from the News and Record, Sept. 18, by Tim Bass

Eight Guilford College soccer players got a kick in the pants Tuesday, a day after being arrested for vandalism at Greensboro College.

The eight will be suspended from the team for one game and must pay for the cleanup of toilet-papered goal posts and painted sidewalks at Greensboro College, said Phil Roach, Guilford's athletic director.

Roach said he will recommend that the athletic committee place the Quaker soccer team on probation for the rest of the season.

Depending on the team's behavior, the school will consider lifting the probation, leaving it in place or discontinuing soccer from Guilford's athletic program, Roach said.

The players learned of the disciplinary action Tuesday.

"There were a bunch of heavy hearts in our meeting today — and

concern for what they did to Greensboro College and the message they sent there and to the larger community," Roach said.

The players suggested that the team write a letter of apology to Greensboro College and perform a community-service project.

Roach said the students probably will face more action by the college's Judiciary Board, a faculty-student panel that hears discipline matters.

The panel can recommend dismissal, suspension or probation. . .

Charlotte Duren, director of public relations for Greensboro College, said Monday's cleanup of paint and toilet paper cost at least \$337 in labor.

A turf company checked the Greensboro College soccer field for damage by enamel and latex paint poured on the grass.

Duren said the school has not received a bill from the company and does not know how much it will cost to repair the field.