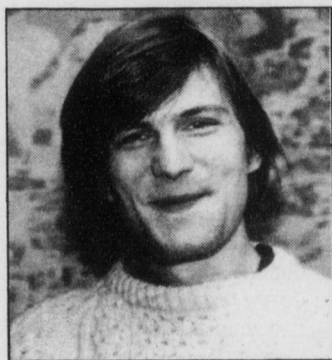
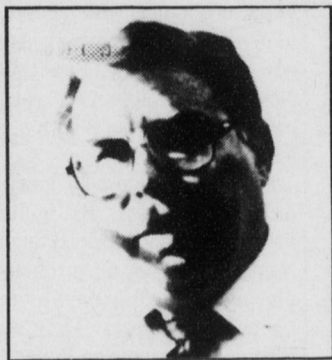


# The Key Policy

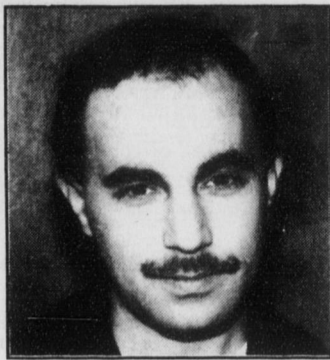
Individuals speak on how the new after-hours access policy will effect students, faculty and organizations on campus.



-Physics major Ted Kroll



-Physics professor Rex Adelberger



-Senior Mike Livingston



-Union President Scott Thornhill



-Chemistry major Lisa Ripperton

**Ted Kroll**  
Guest Writer

This semester, Guilford College has been working on a formal policy to regulate access to campus buildings, specifically during hours after those of "normal" college use. Several views have been expressed in previous issues of *The Guilfordian*, and now I'd like to compile a variety of opinions to help readers understand the complete spectrum.

The reason that I find this issue important is that I'm a physics major, and my work at Guilford depends on me having access to the basement of King; I will do whatever necessary to maintain access to the labs, computers and data reduction room. When I first heard about the school's new policy I was angered— why should I suddenly require permission and external regulation to have access to my work space? Rather than assume that I understood what prompted this need for an updated access policy, I decided to start asking around campus for other people's opinions.

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**-Rex Adelberger**

One of the first people I heard speak about the need for this policy was Physics professor/Quaker yearbook advisor Rex Adelberger. He said: "It is a fact: We *do* need to worry about security in buildings around the Guilford College campus after hours. We have two ways of dealing with the problem: *prohibit* after hours access to everyone, or find a way to carefully

monitor the people that *do* have 24-hour access. This access is certainly necessary for some students, I think it's obvious that the people on campus that should control and monitor access is Security."

Student Mike Livingston held a clearly different view: "[At Guilford] we should be able to trust each other. As a Quaker learning community, we should build an environment that fosters personal responsibility. The honor code requires unconditional honesty of all members of this community; that should mean something. The policy of making Guilford a police state is inconsistent with the objective of making it a healthy community."

When asked, Union President Scott Thornhill said: "24-hour access to college buildings is truly essential for some students. Union members, WQFS personnel, Publication Suite staff, upperclass art majors or any upperclass science majors have too much to do during each 24-hour day— there's just no way to get all of the lab, shop and office work done during 'normal' building hours."

I think an access policy is necessary and believe that the debate lies in what students should have to do to obtain after-hours access. Many of us have expressed a concern about the \$25 deposit required for a student to obtain a key giving them after-hours access to an area.

As Rex Adelberger states: "Keys cost money to make, and since we *don't* live in an ideal society (i.e. people steal/lose keys) a deposit of some sort *must* be involved. For those who oppose the deposit included in the current policy, they should realize that getting an access card is *free*— all you need is approval of the advisor/chairperson for that particular area on campus: it's obtaining a copy of the key for that area that requires deposit."

Chemistry major Lisa Ripperton concurs: "The key deposit is a reasonable precaution; keys on this campus have always cost money.

People lose keys, and security has a right to assure themselves that there is a deterrent to losing the key."

I believe that the key deposit is too high, and definitely cannot correspond to the *real* loss suffered when if a key is lost or stolen. It's ridiculous to think that the cost of cutting a single key is that high. It's also unlikely that the school would install *new* locks in an area if a key were indeed lost or stolen— but what can the school do? Here's an idea (not my own): Have students sign a pledge when they are issued a key, explicitly stating that they accept the liability connected with the area to which they are being given access.

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**-Mike Livingston**

Certainly, the entire process of obtaining after-hour access seems more like a privilege rather than a right. Some of us want to know why. Scott Thornhill pointed out: "There *are* other people working on this campus that *have* 24-hour access to buildings and don't get hassled about it— college staff/faculty members.

It's as if some students (and other college officers) are getting punished for doing more work (which requires them to need more access time in college buildings/facilities.)" In the Letters section of the November 6 issue of *The Guilfordian*, Butch Arthur argues: "Accessing buildings after-hours must be a privilege granted to specific students. If all students could access buildings by right at all hours, then no building would have 'after-hours' periods. The access policy seems designed, in part, to address the needs of students who needed access to areas after-hours

because 24-hour space was not available."

I disagree. I require access to King Hall because it contains the equipment and specific physical space that I need to get my work done. If all I needed to do was study, I'm sure that I could find space in Bauman to suit that need.

What can we do for a biology major who's working on a lab in Physics (required by their department) when a security officer wants to kick them out because they don't have access to the specific *floor* of King in which they're working? What happens to the art student (non-major) that needs to have access to the Hege-Cox shop, but doesn't want to lay out the \$25 deposit to get a key for the semester?

If a Union member is elected to office, why can't their deposit be waived and their costs absorbed by the school as part of the student government budget?

None of these questions can be easily answered, but hopefully this article will help to get some of you to *think* about how this policy affects you. Security and the Safety Advisory Committee has yet to come up with a final version of the policy and, in fact, the only copy of the policy I could get was dated August 27, 1992.

Perhaps the final version will satisfy most of our access needs here at Guilford, but if we just sit back and let the policy get written for us some of us will most certainly be misrepresented.



**"I think it's somewhat indicative that you can get a BS in political science."**

**-Bill Schmickle, joking about his department**

**"USA Today- the newspaper for whom television is too complicated."**

**-Dick Morton**

**"Sex is good, but it ain't worth dying over- unless you've had something I ain't had!"**

**-The Condom Lady**

**"You have to see a human side to the statistics."**

**-Kevin Drury on HIV/AIDS**

**"Recent studies have shown a high correlation between not leaving answering machine messages and sexual frustration. How about do your love life a favor and leave me a message."**

**-Jason Smith's answering machine**

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