

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

EMERGENCY SERVICES NOTICE

To the Editor,

I have recently received the suggestion that emergency services be reviewed in a public way for students who may not realize what services are available at Guilford.

*Fire, safety, and medical emergencies on campus should always be reported to Campus Security by calling 2911. Direct-dial "blue light" emergency phones are available in three locations: the south end of the student apartment parking lot, the Milner gravel lot and the intersection by the athletic field and Dana Auditorium.

*In addition to the twenty-four hour availability of Security staff members, there is a Student Life staff-person on call Friday evening through Monday morning. In a crisis, you may contact the Student Life staff-person on call by calling the control room operator at 2908 to obtain the name of the specific person on call and his/her pager number.

*For students living in resident halls or houses on campus, RAs are on duty nightly in Binford, Bryan, Milner, the small halls and alternative houses, and the apartments. A hall director is on duty on weekends and is available by calling a pager number. Duty schedules are posted outside each RA and hall director's apartment door.

*Resources available through the city of Greensboro may be helpful, especially to students living off campus. Your Greater Greensboro phone directory has a listing of emergency numbers on the inside cover.

*Victims of rape or sexual assault may wish to contact the twenty-four hour Rape Crisis

Hotline in Greensboro at 273-RAPE. Trained crisis counselors and victim advocates are on hand to assist in a variety of helpful ways.

I hope you will never need to use this information but that, in reading it here, you may feel more confident in seeking help if the need ever arises.

Mona Olds, Dean of Student Life

STIRRED TO PROSE BY GARDEN CONTROVERSY

To the Editor,

I read with interest the front page article in the January 21 issue of *The Guilfordian* entitled "Garden Forum Hears Concerns." It stirred me to blank verse:

When I was a child I thought that "cross walk" mean "angry pavement."

Now I discover that it is a religious symbol, hiding in the grass. I must have missed so many others.

Is the pavement around the Arc de Triomphe a Druid circle?

Are the intersecting roads a hint of a Star of David?

Could the interchanges on the highways be a sneaky Eye of Isis, watching speeding motorists?

Is it insensitive to have a symbol of suffering in a garden?

A garden is a "frivolous" thing, some say.

Tell that to the Quaker English gardeners who made beauty at Charney Manor and Woodbrooke.

A Quaker tradition of caring for the earth did not exclude flowers.

A garden celebrates variety, open and closed spaces, digging, and wonder.

A garden in this place might lift

the spirit, open the mind, and please the eye.

Frivolity, dancing, singing, celebration--This could be a gift we seriously need.

The plantation gates might swing open new ways of thinking.

Where once they were only for those who came up through the front pathway,

They could be for all who enter into the garden, into learning,

Discovering and reflecting on a painful history.

New uses for old vessels, transformation of the exclusionary gates--This is a gift to hope for.

"Concerns raised," "alternatives proposed," "feelings aired," "no ground-breaking set."

Grimsley would understand. He, a builder of serpentine brick walls for his own garden,

Would understand the labyrinth of discussions, delays, and suspicion of gifts.

He gave us his gift in building and leading and teaching.

Now I dream of a garden, a profusion of blooming, for Grimsley, for John, for Bill, for Chris, for Luby.

For all who gift us with their lives.

Beverly Rogers

BOWLING ALLEY INCIDENT REFLECTS BADLY UPON GUILFORD COMMUNITY

To the Editor,

In the midst of a crowd getting kicked out of ALL STAR LANES Saturday, December 4, someone turned to me and said, "There's always one person who ruins the fun for everyone." This statement described, very profoundly, what happened during Union's last, and

final attempt to hold a free bowling night for all Guilford students.

Throughout the night, a few students managed to embarrass and debase the name of Guilford College. Needless to say, this was not unexpected. In the past decade, Guilford (I use this name reluctantly, considering the few students this name actually represents) has managed to get itself kicked out of three bowling alleys.

Some more recent events occurred three years ago at, of all places, ALL STAR LANES. Damage occurred, and Guilford could not come back there the next year. Hesitantly, Guilford Student Union got permission to have another bowling event the next year at Buffalo Lanes.

Everything went well. First semester last year, we were invited back to Buffalo Lanes, but, our invitation was short lived. That night, a bathroom stall was burned, sweepers were destroyed, lanes were dented from flying bowling balls, and probably the most sturdy thing in the bowling alley, a bowling ball, was broken, all totaling \$800.00 in damage.

Second semester, we decided not to have the bowling event. This year, very reluctantly, we gave in to the demands of students for a bowling night. However, Buffalo Lanes would not have us back. We were permitted back to ALL STAR LANES by a very hesitant manager. This year we topped all years.

Things were going smoothly all night long, except for a few incidences. Out of about five hundred people bowling, about four hundred eighty people were not doing a thing. However, those twenty were a constant problem. Students at two lanes, 39 and 40 were running up and down the alleys, breaking the alley sweeps, and

shot-putting bowling balls. This was a minor problem solved by simply shutting down the lanes. However, once the lanes were shut down, the major problems began.

Checking bathrooms at five minute intervals all night, I was happy to see there was no vandalism occurring. However, within one of our five minute checks, that "one person(s)" had ripped two soap dispensers off the wall, and a bathroom stall door off its hinges.

How ironic it was that a few minutes previous to this action, I commented to Kristen Waehling, acting director of student activities, on how smooth the night was going. At this point, the bowling alley was shut down; everyone had to leave. On the way out, that "one person(s)" decided to rip a pay phone out of the wall.

I'm sure that "one person(s)" considered what he (how many women hang out in men's bathroom stalls ripping doors off their hinges?) did was a major accomplishment. I fondly agree. I don't know many people who are powerful enough to rip a door off its hinges, or a phone out of the wall (you are my hero). But, I would seriously hesitate commending the mentality of such a hulk.

Thanks to the infamous "one person(s)," Guilford College will no longer be welcome at:

1. ALL STAR LANES ...again
2. Buffalo Lanes
3. Are there any other bowling alleys in Greensboro? (If there are, I'm sure our reputation has already refuted the possibility of a bowling night there.)

As a member of the executive staff of Union, I can now promise you that there will be no more

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