

Smoking forum held: Smokers voice concern, questions

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A forum to discuss proposed changes in the campus smoking policy was held February 15 in the cafeteria.

Currently the rear balcony section of the cafeteria and the corridor section of the Underground are the only places inside of buildings on campus where smoking is permitted outside of individual residence areas.

The possibilities that were discussed included:

- 1) Eliminating smoking from those two areas;
- 2) Installing an improved ventilation system in the cafeteria;
- 3) Placing picnic tables outside the Underground;
- 4) Converting the Game Room into a smoking lounge and moving the video games into the Underground;
- 5) Moving the smoking section to the side balcony and installing curtains;
- 6) Opening the closed dining rooms to smokers;
- 7) Simply advising those sensitive to smoke to sit as far away from the smoking section as possible.



Senate vice president Teri Freeman discusses a concern during the smoking forum.

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A ventilation system is considered financially nonviable by the school due to other renovation and repair projects that take priority, including repairs to Hege Cox.

The pro-smoking majority of students on hand for the forum balked at the options that would further restrict their already limited range of on-campus smoking options.

Joel Allen, sophomore and smoker, said, "I think the smokers and the people sensitive to smoke can be separated within the cafeteria so both can be satisfied. People

allergic to smoke can easily be accommodated with a section of their own far away from the smokers."

The non-smokers at the forum cited health concerns and statistics regarding the dangers of second-hand smoke as adequate reasons for eliminating smoking from the campus buildings altogether.

Beatriz Juncadella, a freshman non-smoker said, "Having a smoking section is a lack of consideration to those people who prefer not to smoke. It just comes down to health and the well-being of the individual."

Hunger banquet raises awareness

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Guilford's Pope House sponsored a Hunger Banquet, under the Oxfam America instructions, which was attended by Guilford students last Friday.

The purpose of the banquet, in the words of Pope House member Holly Green, was to help student "realize that hunger...was affecting a lot of people...it's affecting people in this local area." The organization, according to Green, was done as a joint effort on the part of the members of the Pope House, one of Guilford's theme alternative housing, their theme being "Community Concerns."

Green's part was mainly relations, a part of which was to bring in the speakers. Originally, the plan was to have a woman by the name of Willena Cannon, from the Greensboro Citywide Poor People's Organization, but when she was unable to come, Jeff Thigpen, of the same organization, came in her place.

Thigpen, a recent graduate of this school, spoke about his orga-

nization, as well as about his experience of growing up poor in rural North Carolina and being on welfare. He described the feelings of not-belonging, and being left out because of it, as well as his first contact with the Poor People's Organization.

In his speech, he quoted Jesse Jackson, "Capitalism without capital is just another -ism," and encouraged students to get involved with organizations like Habitat for Humanities and Big Brother and Sisters programs.

Another speaker was Carol Clark, Guilford professor, who lead the discussion following the dinner.

The dinner itself varied according to the Oxfam America instructions. Oxfam America is an international organization described by Green as working against hunger "through more grassroots work...they teach farming techniques, give farming equipment...they do give some food and seeds, " among other things. Green was pleased at the outcome of the event, "the dinner went really well...student made good comments."

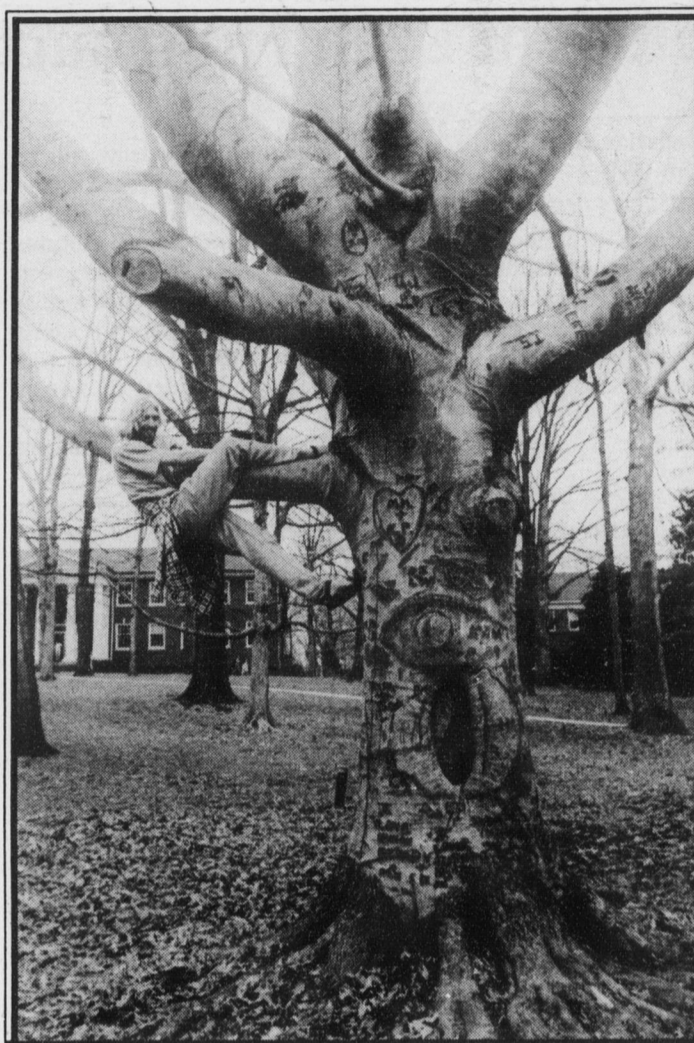
Upon entering, the students eating at the hunger banquet were given a square bit of paper with two numbers in it, one in a box. The numbers were then used in a lottery to decide which students would be sitting at which tables.

There was one decorated table, seating six, which represented the first world nations; the approximately 15% of the people in the world with good food available to them, according to the Oxfam America facts sheet. Another 3 tables were for the approximate 25% people living in second-world nations, who have some food, but are more likely to die of hunger related problems.

The rest represented the impoverished areas of the world, and were seated on 4 clothes, seating nine each, on the floor. the meals varied as well, with the 3-worlders eating rice and water.

Held in the Walnut Room, the dinner featured a guitar duo as well as the speakers, and a discussion of the even was held after eating, where the students at the exclusive first-world table talked about feel-

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Justin climbs one of Guilford's most interestingly marked trees while enjoying the unseasonable weather.

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GARDEN

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moved. These will be the trees that have been diagnosed as unhealthy by botany professor Dr. William Fulcher.

"Dr. Bill Fulcher tested the trees and said that they should be removed before they become a safety hazard," said Hoopes.

The decision to remove the trees as part of the construction was also made by the Facilities Committee, upon Dr. Fulcher's advice.

Any remaining questions or concerns about the Sesquicentennial Garden can be taken to Melissa Hoopes at extension 316-3448.