Student Loan Fund auction in gear

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As part of a ten-year effort to raise money for Guilford College students in need of financial assistance, Community Senate will sponsor the eleventh annual Student Loan Fund Auction on the evening of March 17 at the newly completed Annex of the Greensboro Coliseum.

The annual event is a student-initiated effort to provide a fund from which Guilford students in need can receive a low-interest loan. The fund has grown to \$250,000 and currently provides 128 students with such loans.

The reception and silent auction will begin at 6:30pm and the live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. Auctioneer Wayne Mendenhall will be coordinating the bids. Following the auction, there will be a St. Patrick's Day dance, featuring DJ Randy Smith. Tickets for the evening's festivities are \$5 per per-

son.

Additionally, students will be performing live Irish music during the intermissions. Many of Guilford's international students will also be present at the event, holding an International coffee-house where auction participants can take a break from the action and sample a variety of coffees from around the world.

The Guilford College Student Loan Fund Auction was recognized in 1983 by former president Reagan as being one of the first student efforts in the country to help provide affordable education for students in need of financial assistance.

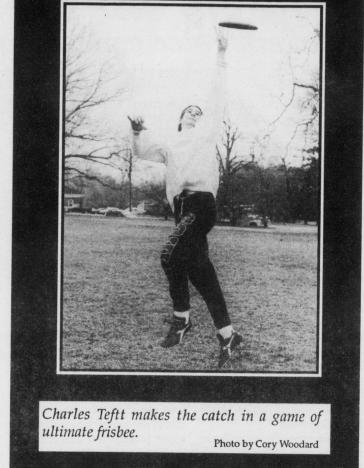
"It is important to recognize that this is a student-initiated benefit," said senior Melissa Hoopes, chair of the Student Loan Fund Auction Committee. "All students realize how expensive higher education is as well as how valuable a education is at Guilford College. I personally receive one of the Community Senate loans and I know that

I would not have been able to afford Guilford without this assistance"

Students have been scouting the area since December, spreading the word and picking up donations for the auction. Among the items collected to be auctioned are a 5-day Florida vacation in August, mountain bikes, art work from local artists, skis, furniture, baby sitting services, as well as other assorted services donated by area businesses and members of the Guilford College community.

For information concerning donations and tickets, call (910) 316-2865 or pick up a form at the information desk located in Founders Hall.

"[The Student Loan Fund Auction] is one of the best things Senate does because it's for everybody," said junior Richard Ewell, an S.L.F.A. committee member. "It's money that's available for students, generated through students' own efforts."



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ing "guilty."

Others made suggestion for less wasteful eating habits, including reduction of red meat, and trying not to over-feed oneself.

The idea for the banquet came

from another Pope House member, who's mother participated in a similar simulation.

A facts sheet from Oxfam America was also read at the discussion, including stat's like: 13 percent of the world's children are malnourished.

Public announcement from Security and Safety

Guilford College Security is preparing to dispose of a number of bicycles recovered from several locations on the Guilford campus. If you have lost a bicycled on campus in the last 2 years. please contact Security at 316-2908.

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