

...a note from Pope House

Interested in working on student-run theater productions? If so, auditions for Reveler's production of "An American Dream" will be held on Monday Sept. 16, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Revelers is also looking for a stage manager for this production-- if you are interested, call Lauren Johnson at x3885.

Auditions are being held for a male and female a capella group--if you are interested call Laura Jones at x3884.

The Theater & Music House

Meet Guilford band So What?

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So What is an up and coming band from Guilford. All three of the band members are freshmen; Josh White, 17, the guitar-player, singer and lyricist; Joe Rodden, 18, is the bassist and Dave Helms, also 18, is the drummer.

The band formed last spring, right here at Guilford. Josh and Joe met at the open house. As fate would have it, Josh's roommate happened to be Dave. Soon Josh and Joe began playing together and looking for a drummer. Their search eventually ended with Dave, and a band was born.

Soon they discovered there was a frustrating lack of rehearsal space at Guilford. There is no place to plug in the amps and Dave still has not been able to set up his drums. As a result, *So What* has been developing an acoustic sound.

The band likes their sound to have a certain spontaneity. No song is played the same way twice. Josh pens the lyrics, while Joe and Dave improvise the tunes. Their style might be described as a kind of alternative-jazz-folk jam. Jazz,



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in particular, seems to have had a major impact. Joe plays an upright bass instead of the standard bass guitar of rock. He also cited such jazz legends as Charles Mingus, John Coltrane, and Bob Mould as having influenced him. Josh also mentioned a variety of personal influences, ranging from Dinosaur Jr. to Neil Young. Rush and Phish were acknowledged by Dave.

Although this is only their

third week together, the members of *So What* are by no means new to music. They consider themselves very lucky to have previous experience, because they all brought to the band what the others needed.

So What will be playing at the Coffeehouse on Parents Weekend, and have a single coming out on WQFS, called "Words Don't Come". Keep an eye out for them, because as they will tell you themselves, "So What: It's not just a band, it's a way of life."

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He joined the Guilford community for many reasons. The Quaker ethic, our "truly distinctive environment," the "tremendous student involvement," and his comfort level when visiting here were among his motivations.

He adds, "I sense revitalization here—a new energy. Guilford is asking questions and is growing. Our potential is unlimited!"

While Sewanee is a more selective college than Guilford, he observes, "The individual is more important than an SAT score. Guilford students are an interesting lot—that's what I care about."

"The quality of education at Guilford is second to none," he exclaims. "What students wear or where they come from is secondary."

Besides his admissions work at Sewanee, Newell has ten years of experience as a teacher and principal. "I know how students think and what they are looking for," he says. "We need to pay close attention to the admissions pro-

cess—to visiting students it reflects what they will get at Guilford College."

Newell states, "The first impression is invaluable. Parents and potential students are always asking, 'Is this worth \$19,000?'" The admissions office's move from Hendricks to New Garden was done to facilitate this good first impression. Visitors now enter the college from the front gate instead of the New Garden Road entrance and the Financial Aid office is conveniently downstairs.

"The challenge we face is communicating the distinctive qualities of Guilford to potential students so they know what they will be choosing," he explains. "I look forward to getting to know students and seeing a match between them and this school."

The new Dean's goals include: refining the prospect pool, expanding the applicant pool, improving publications, highlighting the "Guilford experience," encouraging the staff to grow professionally, making the admissions process visible to the Guilford community, and continuing the focus on recruitment of Quaker students.

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and the House the Democrats are not only bombarded with combating lies but are also the only ones still debating the issues.

Among Democrats there is a further split on whether we can cover all or only 95% (among other issues) of Americans who do not have health insurance. In a regular debate the opposition would be key in turning the tide toward favoring compromise or modification. In this case they know they can make the president look bad so they are sinking into "we don't need change...everything is alright". Newt and Co. are waging their own campaign to knock out all reform across the board.

The Republican party has swung so right that even Rush can't keep up...He's still in confusion over whether to call Dole a "Clintonite" or a "true Conservative leader" (I call him a "waffler").

The GOP (Good Ol' Propagandists) feel that if they can

stall debate until after this round of elections, then they can possibly get control of congress and then make Clinton's life even more miserable.

Finally, the public...well, I think we are all dazed and confused as to who to believe. That is how we get people like Oliver North in congress or, worse yet, in the White House; we can no longer accept confusion as a reason to throw votes away. When will we learn?

Two of George Bush's sons are running for governor, conservatives are threatening to overwhelm the Senate, and Phil Gramm is starting to look...good...ACK!

Where will it end? When will we, as a populous recognize politics for what they are--a hunt for the power hungry. When we finally get some good-intentioned people in office, we start believing the propaganda and we loose faith. Meanwhile changing the health care system takes another plunge beneath the surface.

Change is definitely needed. It is projected that if cost inflation keeps rising at this pace all funds within Medicare/Medicaid will run

out in twenty years. It is an honest fact that the average American can no longer afford quality care. Change is not a mere slogan on the back of a bathroom stall... it is real and necessary.

To pull my arguments over the last few weeks together--What we have before us is a history of institutionalized fear of change.

We have remained largely confused by the political bickering. Public perception is anything but honest and fair. All I have to say is here we go again. If we allow this debate to pass us by, it will be another blown opportunity, another failed populist movement, another failed attempt at fixing what NEEDS to be fixed. I guess this is just another sad commentary on the problems that face democracy.

In an undecided decision the skeptics and critics have seemingly won the seventh round. Clinton can now only hope for a knock-out punch or a small miracle in the eighth and ninth rounds. We the people do not need this political world, but this political world needs us; I guess, in a sense, we are our own worst enemies.