

Drug policy revised

Judicial Board to sentence; D.A. will be urged to dismiss

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When Mike Kimel took the position of Director of Security and Safety at the start of this year, he altered Guilford's drug offense policy. Met by student protest, his policy was revised this Tuesday. In the interim, the Greensboro Police Dept. arrested three Guilford students on charges of illegal possession.

Formerly, Security and the Judicial Board handled drug offenses internally. Security confiscated drugs and paraphernalia, and controlled their destruction. Kimel explains that as private citizens, not sworn police officers, Security personnel were in violation of the law because they were technically in possession of illegal substances.

In order to protect the integrity of the Department, he changed policy to require that the GPD handle all drug offenses. "I had no choice," Kimel says. "Complying with the law is the only answer."

He went before Community Senate on November 2 to explain his new policy. Reaction ranged from concern about the lack of legal access afforded students accused of drug offenses to anger about the effect a police presence has on the community.

After the meeting, senators wrote a letter to Dean of Student Life Mona Olds demanding the suspension of the policy. They felt it was enacted without proper dis-

cussion by all members of the community and was therefore detrimental to the decision-making process at Guilford.

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made without consensus. How can students respect administration when they violate the very Quaker principles they are supposed to be protecting?"

Kimel is not surprised by the student reaction. "Given the consensus form of decision-making, for me to have abruptly changed the policy should be a concern," he says. He explains, "It was not a normal decision. There is no flexibility to give Guilford College and this department any leeway in how we comply with the law."

In order to formulate a compromise, Kimel and Olds met with Greensboro District Attorney Jim Kimel this Tuesday. They agreed upon a policy whereby Guilford Security will not overstep their

authority by handling illegal substances and students will usually be saved from trial by a public court.

Under the policy, the GPD will handle drug cases and properly dispose of evidence. Offenders will be issued a citation to appear in court, the legal equivalent of a traffic ticket. The Judicial Board will quickly adjudicate students—the usual sentence is probation and a mandatory drug education program led by Counselor Ernest McCoy. Olds will then write a letter to the District Attorney outlining students' punishment and asking for the prosecutor to dismiss charges.

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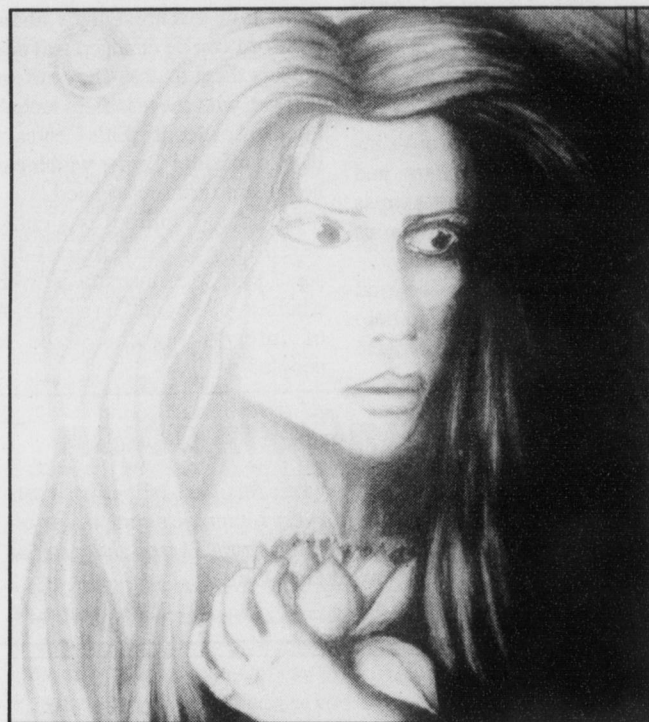
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pressed with what we do judicially to deal with drug offenses," Olds explains. Keeping adjudication internal to the college will also benefit the city's burdened court system.

The terms of this agreement will be offered to the three Guilford students currently facing court dates.

Passionate thesis



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A senior thesis art project by Charles Boniface is one of several on display in the Passion Pit.

Board of Visitors acts as ambassador, advisor

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The Board of Visitors visited Guilford College on Thursday, Nov. 10 for their annual meeting; this year it was held in the Carnegie Room of the Hege Library. The purpose of the meeting was to bring Board members to the college so that by learning more about it, they can act as ambassadors to the community.

The Board of Visitors is a group of people, 90 strong, who interpret Guilford to the community and support the college. Among other contributions, the Board financed the refurbishment of the Carnegie Room, scholarships for students going abroad, the Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Student Community Service Award. "We depend on them for advice and funds," explains President Bill

Rogers.

The Vice Chairman of the Board of Visitors, Robert Retner, comments, "Melanie [his wife] and I enjoy our membership on the Board of Visitors because it gives us the chance to act as Ambassadors for the college to the greater Greensboro community, to present with pride the great cultural and intellectual resources available at Guilford College."

This year's meeting began with a reception during a special pre-opening of the Library's Winslow Homer exhibit. This was followed by a dinner in the Carnegie Room catered by Marriott Food Services, "Probably the most elegant dinner the college has ever had," according to President Rogers. Speeches were then given by Chairman Dorothy Collins, students, Dean of Admissions Al Newell, and President Rogers.

COW changes to meet demand for writing help

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The Community of Writers program is changing next semester to meet increasing demands for tutoring in writing.

The Academic Skills Center, which supports and trains COW tutors, added 16 new recruits to the program for the spring.

Also, COW will now be opened on Tuesday night in addition to Sunday and Wednesday. Students will be able to make individual appointments with tutors for Tuesday night. Sunday and Wednesday will remain available for "drop-in" tutoring.

The Community of Writers, made up of selected and trained student tutors, offers free tutoring to students in need of help on writing assignments.

The ASC is also working to better train the COW tutors. According to Sue Keith, director of the ASC,

each new tutor will be required to enroll in a one-hour Community of Writers training class in the spring semester.

The ASC is experimenting with using COW tutors as a "back-up" for ASC faculty. According to Keith, COW tutors will be used to help students with problems that "do not necessarily need a faculty member to address."

The ASC also supports the Student Tutoring Service (STS) which offers free course-specific tutoring to students. It is made up of 100 tutors, in all areas.

COW focuses on tutoring in writing for all subjects. There are now 30 COW tutors.

"It seems appropriate that our writing and tutoring programs should reflect Guilford's unique writing across the curriculum emphasis," said Keith.

Faculty members that work with the ASC in writing, reading and time-management are: Sue Keith, Michael Strickland, Claire Helgeson, Janet Cochran, and Anne Lundquist.

