

SENATE ESSENTIALS

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President Rich Ewell started Community Senate meeting by giving a summary of what was discussed in the military recruitment forum on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Ewell informed Senators that the Career Development Center will have information about military recruitment, but it will not encourage it, based on Quaker beliefs.

Moving into Committee reports, Anna Nichols, head of Academic Affairs Committee, informed Senators that a study room at Bauman 205 will be open for students from 10:05 p.m. to 8 a.m. This happened as a response to students' necessity of having more quiet study areas. Budget Committee reported about a request from the Student Loan Fund Auction for \$1660, and SLFA Chairperson J. Kelly Davis explained this was a much smaller request than last year because the auction will be held on campus. Community Concerns Committee presented a chalking policy of four points about the use of chalking on campus. Senators discussed possible changes in the Senate Constitution which will be brought to Special Projects Committee for discussion.

Last week's special request by WQFS of \$2275 for a new antenna was approved by senators. Mike Kimel, Director of Security and Safety, talked to Senators about students rights on campus. A broad discussion about sexual assault and Guilford policy about the issue brought different concerns and questions from Senators. Kimel explained that sexual assault cases will not be included on the annual Guilford crime report if there are not substantial facts that prove that the assaults occurs.

A quick revision of the proposed drinking policy revision for the Apartments followed. Ewell explained to Senators that the proposal only includes the Apartments because this is the area on campus where more 21-year-old and older students live on campus. Next week will be the last Senate meeting before Christmas break.

Former Guilford student recounts Haitian struggle

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There is a small Haitian boy who is lucky to eat one meal every day. He has found a friend in one American soldier in Camp Haitian. The 22-year-old soldier, who once attended Guilford College, can't think about eating his lunch while thousands of people are starving a few steps out of the base. He has decided to give his meal to his new friend who also constantly asks him if he can come with him to America.

Not only does that little boy want to come to the U.S.A., but the soldiers also wonder when they will be back here. Extreme cases of homesickness and depression have already been demonstrated by the suicides committed by

American soldiers.

"It's not easy to be far away from home for so long, living in tents that flow every time it rains and waking up in a country that shows starvation and poverty everywhere you look," the soldier told his fiancée, a junior at Guilford. She does not wish for her name or the name of her fiancée to be published.

The troops have helped to construct shelters and latrines, but they know that once they leave Haiti, things will return to the way they were. Haitians wait for fast response from the elected government; it has been accused of acting slowly. Meanwhile, the government has delayed elections for March. American troops will have to stay longer in Haiti, until stability in the country can be established.

Twice a day, the 22-year-old soldier writes his fiancée by e-mail. They have been engaged since February, and have seen each other only four times since then. Before, world peace and conflicts were only newspaper issues for the couple. Now, those issues affect the day that they could see each other again.

"Hopefully, we will see each other for Christmas... if there isn't any war," the soldier wrote his fiancée on the screen of the computer.

The soldiers will be back and their families and friends will be waiting for them. But after all that these soldiers have seen in Haiti, it will be difficult for some of them to eat their Christmas dinners happily. In their minds they will remember all those skinny children in Haiti who have nothing to eat.

Human Rights day today

The Guilford chapter of Amnesty International celebrates Human Rights Day, Dec. 2, with several events.

On Thursday, Dec. 1, a candlelight vigil was held at 10:00 p.m. in front of Founders. People were encouraged to bring names of current political prisoners, groups, or the names of those who have died because of their beliefs. Candles were lit in recognition and memory.

Today, Amnesty has a booth in Founders from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. People are invited to sign holiday greeting cards (in both English and Spanish) that will be sent to prisoners of conscience around the world. Amnesty members ask the Guilford community to participate in this activity in order to support those imprisoned.

Chalking policy proposed

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After all the controversy that chalking on campus has created, the Community Concerns Committee presented a chalking policy to the Community Senate. The policy presents four main points in which it is specified where chalking will be and will not be permitted on campus.

Jeannette Dye, co-chair of Community Concerns Committee, refers to the policy express-

ing that, "Students agreed that there shouldn't be a policy about chalking. However, the policy that CCC made will not limit people's freedom of speech and will allow people to express their views on most of the campus."

The CCC will ask for approval of the policy in the next Senate meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 7. Senators will talk with their constituents about the policy before the approval, and any member of the Guilford community wishing to express him/herself on this issue may contact Dye, Co-Chair Jabu Thabede.

The chalking policy reads:

- 1-There will be no chalking on any academic building. Any chalking on these buildings will be considered defacement and erased.
- 2-Chalking will not be permitted on Residence Halls. However Community Senate will allow Hall Councils to change this, and decide whether chalking may be permitted on their building.
- 3-Chalking will be permitted on sidewalks. Community Senate asks that students respect fellow students and do not use profanity.
- 4- Chalk will *not* be funded by Community Senate Budget Committee.

Main Campus and CCE students

Have you planned for the PHYSICAL in your spring semester schedule? If not, there is still time to sign up for elective physical activity courses (SPST 100) offered by the Department of Sports Studies. There's room in the following classes:

SNOW SKIING

For all skill levels. Jan. 3-7, at Appalachian and Beech Ski Mountains. Classes taught by the French-Swiss Ski School. A \$243 fee covers ski rentals, lessons, and motel lodging (4 to a room.) The campus coordinator is Robert Fulton, ext. 2161. P/F grading, 1 credit.

ROCK CLIMBING

Learn on the new indoor wall at Tumblebees Gymnastics. Excellent instruction—for both genders and all ages! A \$90 fee covers lessons, equipment, and end-of-course optional trip. Two sections—Mondays, 7-9 p.m., or Thursdays, noon to 2 p.m. The campus coordinator is Joyce Clark, ext. 2160. P/F grading, 1 credit.

HORSEBACK RIDING

For all skill levels. Taught at Henson Farm Stables in Summerfield, approximately 20 minutes from campus—great horses! A \$150 fee for lessons and use of horses. Two sections—Mondays, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m., or Thursdays, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. The campus coordinator is Joyce Clark, ext. 2160. P/F grading, 1 credit.

CANOE CAMPING

For all skill levels, but must be able to tread water with full clothing. Excellent instruction—including whitewater techniques. A \$125 fee for lessons, all equipment, and end-of-course trip. Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Campus coordinator is Kathy Tritschler, ext. 2145. P/F grading, 1 credit.