

## The column formerly known as the President's Corner

◆ The Senate President issues her words to the wise.

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*"Your call has been forwarded to a voice messaging system."*

Well, that would be just fantastic...if I knew what a voice messaging system was.

I admit, things are a little hectic right now at Guilford. We are all going to be clueless at first. That's precisely why we all need to stick together. The changes at the college are still sparking up around us; without all our patience and support, those changes might not succeed.

This doesn't mean, though, that you should be afraid to ask questions or raise your voice. In fact, now more than ever, you should be ready to speak up, just as you should be ready to listen. Call me, Linda, and Colin in the Senate office at x2310. Call Art Gillis, the chief financial officer, at x2135. Call Brad McNeely, Guilford dining director at x2895.

Call. You have a right to know what's happening to your



school. Be patient, though, when you call. Make sure you have proper information and be prepared to listen to another angle.

Now that I've made the "be patient" plea, I'll fill you in on another key to Guilford life: getting involved in clubs, organizations, teams and/or your dorm gives you a huge voice in what goes on at the college.

Whether you write for *The Guilfordian* (kissing up alert), volunteer for Union or act as a facilitator for Women's Awareness, you make a difference. If you're new to our little school or if you've been here for years, sitting in your dorm, complaining, it's your turn.

Come by the Senate Office on second floor Founders and we'll hook you up with contacts for more than 40 clubs. And, please, if you don't want to be involved, let us represent you to the people who do.

You gotta represent. Pardon the pun, but if you are looking for a voice at Guilford, think about joining Senate. Petitions for elections are available at the Info. Desk as of August 26th and are due September 2. Elections will be September 8th, followed by the first meeting on the 10th. Whether you're running or not, we'd love to see you there! We're expecting a fabulous year...best of luck to you all!

## Guilford facelift

◆ Bond money leads to campus improvements

BY MARJORIE HALL  
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This summer has brought considerable changes to the Guilford campus. The college secured in excess of \$21 million in bonds from the North Carolina Educational Facilities Finance agency last year so the college would be able to make some significant improvements to the campus.

When the college decided to borrow this money last fall, it set priorities for the work. They believed it was important to improve the information systems and technology available to students, as well as renovate the dorms and do basic work on the school's infrastructure. The list of projects is impressive.

All students will have access to voice mail accounts because of new hardware and software that increases the voice mail capacity. In Bauman, there are new PowerPC Macintosh clones in the Macintosh lab as well as new computers running the Windows NT 4.0 Operating System and Microsoft Office 97 applications. This January, we will move from our current email system to Lotus CC-mail. Bauman also contains a new computer classroom. These changes are only just a few of the many improvements in Guilford's technology.

The Guilford College ID will be replaced by the new Smart Card. The Smart Card will function as an ATM card, a long distance calling card, a library card, a meal card, a building access card, and a debit card for the vending and laundry machines.

The residence halls are also much nicer than they were last year. All of the rooms in Bryan, Shore, Binford, Mary Hobbs, and English have been rewired. Now, each student in those dorms has their own phone line, computer connection, and opportunity to get cable TV. Binford and English received new paint, new carpeting, and improved lighting.

The weight room has been renovated to improve ventilation. It also got a new floor and fresh paint. The theatre rehearsal room got a new floor as well. Some parking lot areas were resurfaced, and many of our old cement sidewalks have been replaced by brick walkways.

Amid the flurry of production, some demolition occurred. The Fraziers (excluding 29, 30, 31, 32) are no more. Unfortunately, the work they needed was so extensive that it was more cost-effective to tear them down.

Not all of the projects have been completed. "When we started the work on the campus, we discovered some problems that were difficult to deal with," said Mona Olds, dean of student life. For example, the plumbing in Mary Hobbs was in a horrible state. Also, there just simply was not enough time to get to everything that was planned. Binford did not get any new furniture. Many of the projects, though, will continue through the year. The Milner roof, Hobbs, and the basement of Shore will get much-needed attention.

"Some projects will continue for some time with the same sum of money," said Mona Olds.

## No more Hobbs phallic Jello

◆ Mary Hobbs Hall kitchen closed; plumbing lines to be improved

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The Hobbits will hit the real world of big caf food this semester as their legendary kitchen is entirely renovated. No more of Mary Hobbs cook Lois Conrad's full moons, phallic Jello, or real mashed potatoes.

Lois' specialties and all the pot-washing, cooking, and kitchen floor scrubbing will probably return by November, according to

Mona Olds, dean of student life. But there will be all new appliances: a pot-washing sink, three new hand-washing sinks, a vegetable sink, a dishwasher and a stove. There will even be new walls to wash and a new floor to scrub.

Marriott Food Service Director Bradley McNeely explained that originally the college decided to make a few repairs on the Mary Hobbs kitchen over the summer and let the major repairs wait until

December. According to chief financial officer Art Gillis, the repairs have to be made immediately because when the new equipment was installed the Hobbs kitchen lost its grandfather status regarding new health department standards.

The health code allows old kitchens to remain the way they are but if any repairs are made, such as replacing a stove, the rest of the kitchen must be renovated. Thus Guilford must replace plumb-

ing lines and install above-ground grease pits in addition to the new appliances. An engineering and cost estimate had not been received yet.

In the meantime, Mary Hobbs Hall Director Hope Donkin says "We will figure out other ways to become as close-knit as Hobbs has always been in the past and people will eventually learn to like the caf—or live with it anyway."