

Restore pride in our school

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Who are you? What's your phone number? Where are you living? What did you do last year? You'd know these things if we had our phone directories and yearbooks.

Guilford is a small school, and everyone tends to know everybody else. Sometimes, though, you don't know a person's phone number, and you want to remember last year's Serendipity through pictures.

By now, the student phone directories are here, and everyone has a neon pink, spiral-bound book sitting near their phone.

Why didn't we have these earlier? I know the phone numbers of my best friends, but I don't make a habit of memorizing the extensions of professors or fellow classmates.

I know that the Office of Student Activities has to wait until we all fill out and turn in the

forms with our correct information in order to make the phone book. Isn't there any way to speed up this process?

Students know their correct extensions the week after they move in, and permanent residence information can't have changed that much. The forms are pre-printed; can't they be handed out and returned sooner?

We got the directories a month after school started, and now only half of them are good for the rest of the year because of all the students that are abroad and will return in two months.

Making a yearbook is another time-consuming process, and our yearbook staff is in sore

need of people to work. Cory Birdwhistell, last year's senior section editor, begged seniors to turn in pictures and quotes, and she shouldn't have had to do so.

A yearbook is the past year in pictures, and if the book doesn't have enough of them, it won't get printed or do its job.

I wonder if the reason why we don't have our yearbooks is not just because of understaffing, but because the student body doesn't care enough about memorializing its past to offer pictures and other remembrances.

If the student body doesn't

care more about who we are and were, what will happen to the yearbook (not to mention the *Lighthouse*, which also had to plead for submissions) this year or next? Are we even going to have one?

The yearbook is an art form, and as is the case with the rest of our arts, they will all softly and silently vanish if our community does not start to value and care for them.

We must find a way to speed up the process of making our books and find a way to restore pride in our past.



Jared Axelrod

Americans buy 2 billion disposable razors each year.

6 billion pens are thrown away each year in the United States.

If the Pilgrims had six packs, we'd still find their plastic rings today.

Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.

At the rate we are generating garbage, we need 500 new landfills every year.

And if you think that's bad....overzealous environmentalist groups like ourselves use 2,000 pine trees worth of paper every month by putting up nagging fliers about the disarray of the environment, such as the one you are currently reading.

Packaging makes up a third of our trash!!!!
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

The average Guilford student uses 12 napkins a day in the cafeteria.

REFUSE REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE!

Zack Hample

Time to start caring for the environment

To the Editor:

Since everyone has happily arrived back on campus and we've had plenty of time to sink into the rigors of this upcoming semester, we all need to start to consider environmental impact at Guilford.

Many of us can't even begin to contemplate how to create a sustainable world, let alone a college campus.

So to make things easier for us environmentally questioning thinkers on campus, Forevergreen has brought Kevin Lyons to speak about sustainability and self-sufficiency.

To begin with, what we can do at Guilford is to purchase products with the least amount of packaging, and if we do, reuse this packaging.

If Mom sends you a package, use the box to store your books. If Mom happens to in-

clude those little Styrofoam "peanuts," advise her to use plastic grocery bags that can be reused or to find the new biodegradable packaging.

Thanks to the recycling club, we are all well aware of what we can recycle on campus. (And,

no, those green bags are not supposed to be placed in the trash as soon as your RA hands them out.)

This is only the beginning. If we aren't careful, this could become a weekly column. Guilford students, faculty, and administration need to take the initiative to form a sustainable campus if we want to survive in our future environment that is plagued with ignorance towards consumption. Thank you and we hope to see you at the Kevin Lyons presentation and ForeverGreen meetings.

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TO THE
EDITOR**