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You can take part of the Guilford bubble with you.

Bubble heard 'round the world

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In this dawning age of technological advancement, Guilford College is getting on the cybernetic bandwagon. WQFS, Guilford's own student-run radio station, is not an exception.

By the first of January, WQFS hopes to have their latest addition in full operational order.

This addition is WebCasting. Via the power of the Internet, WQFS will have the ability to reach not just the local area, but the entire world.

"WebCasting is the transmission of WQFS' broadcast signal over the Internet with a 30-second delay," said Jon Hicks, WQFS' publications director. "This allows anyone with Internet access to listen to that signal." So how much will this cost us? Nothing. The broadcast signal is free and this is very exciting news to the business office.

So why this technological step? When asked, Will Dodson, WQFS' general manager replied, "We're getting it because it's the next big thing, like MP3's for example. That's one reason: to be ahead of the game. Another reason is that, well, we reach about 280,000 people right now. With

WebCasting we can reach the portion of the 5-7 billion people in the world who have Internet access."

This wonderful addition has no limits. All shows that broadcast through WQFS will be featured, and the system will run twenty-four seven. To access WQFS via the Internet, all users have to do is go to the Guilford College home page, click on the community link, then follow the link to student life, lastly, clicking on the WQFS link. Keep in mind, the system will not be up until January, so don't try it until then.

In regard to his personal thoughts about web casting, Dodson said, "WebCasting will help Guilford immeasurably. A lot of kids who come here do so in part because of WQFS's reputation as the #3 college radio station in the country (according to the current Princeton Review). So anything that increases WQFS's profile increases Guilford's profile. Plus, Guilford, being such a 'community-oriented' college, will benefit from backing up its bullsh*t for once. This is the key to global community."

So whether you're in Bauman or Brunnenburg, Founders or France, soon you will be able to leave Guilford and still take some of the bubble with you.

National Coming Out Month Calender of events

- October 9—Coming Out Ball, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Dana Lobby
- October 10—PFLGC meeting at New Garden Friends Center
- October 11—National Coming Out Day Coffee House, 8 p.m., Underground
- October 14—Pizza and Entertainment, 9 p.m., GLBT resource center

Hey Kelton....

By Kelton G. Cofer
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Hey Kelton,

It embarrasses me to admit it, but I have no friends on campus. College hasn't been what I expected it to be. I'm simply miserable here. My roommate goes out almost every night and never asks me along, so I mostly just sit at the computer e-mailing high school friends. The other night I got an upperclassman to pick me up some beer, and I sat at the computer getting wasted and visiting cyber-sex chat rooms. My roommate came in early and found me drunk and visiting this really raunchy site. How can I make friends when not even my roommate wants to spend time with me? I'm thinking of leaving school after the semester is over. Do you think it's wrong to have cyber-sex? Would that constitute me as losing my virginity? I'd appreciate your opinion.

Cyber Active

Dear Cyber Active,

Kid, you've got problems. I don't want to be too tough on you, because you sound pretty confused, but we've got to talk about this. Okay, you say you have no friends. I can understand that. Making friends at college is not easy at first. But you're never going to make any sitting in your room, getting sloshed and diddling yourself!

Get off the stupid computer, son, and get into campus life! You can wish for friends all

day in one hand and sh** in the other. See which fills up first. What do you like to do? What are your interests? There are a lot of organizations on campus to get involved in.

There is more to college than classes, drinking and sex. (Though, I will admit, the sex is a wonderful perk if you're able to get it. And alcohol, being the social lubricant, will often aid you in your quest for it.) Quit drinking alone though, it's far more fun to do it with others. Serial killers, postal workers and George Jones drink alone.

As far as leaving school after the semester goes, don't! Nobody likes a quitter. Your parents will tell you it's okay, but won't understand. Then they'll send you to therapy. There will be psychiatrists, Prozac, yada, yada, yada! Then comes the worst part of leaving school... WORK. Work sucks worse than school ever could! Trust me, I know from experience.

Your question regarding the moral right or wrong of cyber-sex is purely an individual judgment call. If it embarrasses you, it's wrong! If not, diddle away.

Last but not least, if you've never had intercourse with a man or a woman, you're a virgin. Where do they grow people like you? That's the dumbest question I think I've ever heard. Now go outside and play!

You can drop off your questions and/or comments in one of the "Hey Kelton..." boxes located in Founders Hall by the Info Desk or outside the Guilfordian Pub Suite or e-mail to: special-k25@juno.com

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