

Talkback: Letters to the Editor

Letters in response to Letter to the Editor from Feb. 11

This is meant for the eloquent and obviously secure Mr. Mike Wallace.

First of all, when making an argument about facts you should know them. Secondly, it is my understanding that Guilford is a community that prides itself on differences within its student body.

We have a football team because members of our community enjoy playing football. We have a Circus Club because members of our community enjoy circus activities. We also have Aids about Aids because members of our community enjoy being involved in aids work.

Who are you to judge/decide which of these activities is most important?

It seems to me that the only interest you serve is yourself and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that. It is wrong however, to attack people for having an opinion.

You might not agree with the opinion of our friend from Rutgers but who are you to discredit the way she feels.

It seems to me that you need a little lesson in tolerance.

Also, how dare you attack the integrity of The Guilfordian. If you Mr. Mike Wallace feel that The Guilfordian is not up to par, then get off your (butt) and do something about it.

If you want to argue that conservatives are whiny you should take a look in the mirror and realize that you my liberal friend are whiny as well.

Laura Siller
Senior

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Dear Guilfordian,

I just recently saw your (Feb. 4) issue and discovered that you printed my "editorial"/"letter to the editor". It is beyond me why you decided to print such garbage.

The off-hand e-mail I sent to one of your editors was obviously not a serious attempt at journalistic criticism or a real editorial. It was just an e-mail and I didn't really mean for it to be taken seriously. I now have a few problems:

1. You printed this without my knowledge or permission. NEVER did I ever tell anyone on your editorial staff you could print the letter nor did you inform me you were going to do so. I have the e-mails still which obviously state my intentions and wishes for the e-mail and your ambiguity as to yours.

2. But I did say you could print it on one condition, that it remained as it was, un-edited. Because that's much funnier and you'd print the word "f---" several times. You edited so I sound like a grade school teacher. "Cut him and make him write a real article". I didn't even say that! You really took more than a few journalistic liberties in "editing" my e-mail.

3. I never signed the e-mail. I never gave you permission to print my name along with the e-mail. You lurked me on lotus notes and used your "access to student databases" to find out who I was because I used a personal e-mail address. I used one for a reason, mainly because it was a stupid e-mail that was supposed to be really stupid and I wrote it knowing it wouldn't be printed, it wasn't really serious commentary on the newspaper, Guilford or anything else for that matter.

It was "off the record", it was like a conversation. I would've said those things if we knew each other and were talking about the paper. Are you that desperate for copy that you'll print anything that gets forwarded to your inbox? I have some chain letters you can print and some really sweet deals involving free ipods and netflix. I would ask that, please, in the future, use some discretion and some decency. Don't edit and print things without asking or at least informing, and please don't print garbage.

So now I have to write a more formal letter to the editor and ask that you please DO print this letter. I think it says a lot more about your newspaper and your editorial policy than my e-mail did. Thanks.

Mike Wallace
Sophomore

On dress codes and campus sexism

To Whom It May Concern:

I have always felt very lucky to go to a school such as Guilford, where the queer community isn't afraid to stand up and be noticed on campus, where anti-racism forums and trainings are held, and where we have students of all ages learning from each other.

There is a small sense of fear in me knowing that soon I will have to leave this relatively safe space and venture into the not-so-nice "real" world.

But maybe Guilford is not as accepting a place as I thought.

I was doing my weekly weight routine in the fantastic new gym facility when I was approached by a manager of some sort. He informed me that my A-type tank top (male undershirt tank top) wasn't allowed in the gym. He refereed me to the sign on the door that stated the dress code.

Sure enough I was in vio-

lation. One's shoulders and back must be fully covered.

Feeling a little embarrassed, I assured him that the next time I would wear something more appropriate.

As I continued my workout, I realized that there was a gentleman wearing nearly the exact same shirt as I. I asked this gentlemen if he had been told to wear something more appropriate in the gym. He said that he wasn't approached about his attire at all.

I couldn't believe that in my safe space where everyone was treated equally (equality being one of the Quaker testimonies) there was this blatant occurrence of sexism.

Guilford College is a private institution and is allowed to have any kind of dress code for the gym that they want, however they need to enforce those rules to EVERYONE in the gym no matter their gender.

Thanks,
Carolyn Westlake
Senior

On responses to 'Sex and the Semester'

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards of Sam Kittle's article and the responses received so far.

First of all, to Mike Wallace, Sam is a FEMALE and a fabulous one at that. I had the pleasure of having class with her and I found her insights in her column to be something much needed on the Guilford campus.

Sex is something that everyone seems to love participating in as long as its on the hush hush but won't take the time to talk about. So no, that 'guy' is not creepy because he indeed is a she, and honest.

Second of all, in columns such as these you are supposed to write about what you know. So to the mother who wrote in,

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