

## Community Senate calls halt to clubs

As you may know, Community Senate is facing a very difficult issue with club structural organization this semester. In other words, Senate can sanction no more than 50 clubs at Guilford.

We currently have 49 official clubs on campus.

The Executives struggled with what this meant during our retreat, and, upon returning back to campus, we have been working closely with the Steering Committee as well as Adrienne Craig, Director for Student Activities and Leadership, and Aaron Fetrow, Dean for Campus Life. We are not taking this issue lightly.

During our first Senate meeting with official business on Sept. 14, we listened to three proposals for new club spots. Along with those clubs there are four other organizations requesting official status.

Instead of rushing into rash

decision-making, members of Steering Committee, the Executives, Craig, and Fetrow have decided to wait to hear any more proposals for new clubs, including the three we heard last week, so that we can come up with a more comprehensive plan for the future of student clubs and organizations.

We will not be creating this plan in isolation. An open forum will be held during the week of Sept. 26, time, date, and location TBA.

We encourage all students (whether you are part of a club, a proposed club, or no club at all) and advisors to attend this forum to openly discuss this issue and the best course of action. Following that forum, we will also discuss the issue at the next ICC meeting on Oct. 10 in the S.O.C. (2nd floor of Founders).

Our goal is to have a real,

working plan before Fall Break. Before the break, Community Senate will inform the community of the final decision concerning student organizations. Senate will hear new club proposals after the Fall Break depending on the outcome of the forums.

We are growing alongside the college and the Strategic Long Range Plan; but we are growing at a slower rate than academics or residential life. Until we have the staff to support our Student Activities' staff, a limited amount of clubs will be permitted.

We are still a small school with limited resources, and now is the time to figure out how best to allocate those resources to avoid lowering the quality of Student Activities for this year or years to come.

We look forward to your involvement in this process, signed,

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Community Senate  
President

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Director of Student  
Activities

Aaron Fetrow  
Dean for Campus Life

## Students enjoy new luxuries

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Project Manager for Student Housing.

During the ceremony, numerous students, parents, and staff members were testing out the high-tech amenities the center offered. People lined up behind the suede seats of the gaming stations. Air hockey tournaments spawned in a matter of minutes.

"It's great! The gaming stations are amazing. The TV is huge and it has Direct TV. I'm honestly blown away," said senior Zach Helms.

With stocked vending machines and lavish seating, students won't have to rely solely on The Underground as a retreat from their dorm rooms.

"The furniture is gorgeous. It's just a first-class set-up. You won't find this anywhere else," said Varnell.

Students and faculty can reserve the formal room of the center. This area includes a

fireplace, a section of wood flooring that can serve as a dance floor, and a wall-sized screen for meetings or presentations. The room can accommodate up to 100 people comfortably.

The large open space is lined with contemporary modern artwork that creates a sophisticated atmosphere. There are also historical prints and photos provided by Gwen Erickson, Librarian and College Archivist, which reveal Guilford's vibrant history.

Located outside of the two rooms is the brick patio that looks out into the woods. This area is equipped with WiFi for wireless Internet access. There are also benches and canopy-covered tables.

Max Carter, Director of the Friends Center and Campus Ministry Coordinator, initiated the ribbon cutting by reflecting on the integral role that the new center would serve:

"The spirit of this place reflects those internal truths and principles of Guilford."

## Reed's Bryan Series lecture divides and unites student body

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tent," wrote Reed. "Yet, the same Congress that begins every session with an organized prayer denies that right to students in public schools. The same Supreme Court that issues rulings from a bench beneath an inscription of the Ten Commandments carved in granite has ruled that those commandments can not be placed on a bulletin board in a public building."

Reed finds these facts to be both ironic and hypocritical.

In addition to the role faith plays in government, Reed expressed adamant concerns about marriages today. Homosexuality, as he stated, should be tolerated, but not encouraged by the government, and marriage should be strictly defined as a union between a man and a woman.

"The totality of Scripture is clear in treating homosexuality in the same terms as adultery, incest, and other forms of sexual temptation that deviate from God's plan of heterosexual conduct within the institution of a monoga-

mous marriage," wrote Reed in his book, *Active Faith*, which covers the majority of the topics he discussed in his lecture.

Homosexuality, however, is not the only problem Reed sees in today's American families. He is also alarmed at the number of single-

parent homes. Children raised by single parents are, according to Reed's statistics, often at a disadvantage compared to children who have both parents involved in their lives.

One of the main reasons the Guilford community has hesitated to welcome Reed is because of his view that homo-

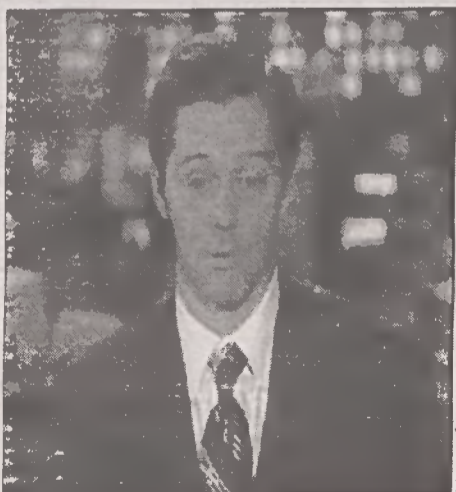
sexuality is a sin and his stance against equal marriage laws.

"I was in favor of having [Reed] here as a speaker. I think it has been productive in a lot of ways," said senior Chris Wells in a discussion group after Reed's speech. "However, Guilford demonstrates that it is unacceptable to be threateningly hateful or discriminate against homosexuals."

"I really don't think that Guilford College," continued Wells, "even in the desire to encourage all view points, would find it acceptable to have a speaker from the Ku Klux Klan or an active white supremacist. I think, as a college community, we would rightfully find that kind of view point, even if it does expand the discussion, to be unacceptable from a speaker."

The weeks proceeding Reed's visit included multiple meetings and discussions that opened the lines of communication between campus liberals and conservatives. Reed's visit ultimately brought liberals and conservatives together to better understand one another's ideas.

In keeping with Quaker ideology, Reed's views were respectfully received during the Year of Spirit and Spirituality.



Reed on CNN

Guilford College  
comprehensive  
master plan

founders hall gallery 6-9 pm

bryan auditorium 1-3 pm

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