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Bookbag theft creates frustration for students, security

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During the past two weeks over eight book bags have been stolen from the cafeteria. However, after a few days these book bags appear back in the same spot they were stolen from, but with most of the belongings missing.

Most students go to the cafeteria before or after class so they have their bags with them. Instead of hauling their book bag through the cafeteria, they choose to leave their bags next to the entrance.

The people who are taking these bags are only interested in the materials inside them, not the bags themselves. The properties stolen so far have been textbooks, notebooks, and a laptop.

Sophomore Allison Hamilton is one of the students who had their book bags stolen. On Sept. 12 her bag was stolen from the cafeteria during lunch. She had all of her textbooks stolen as well as her laptop. She found her bag a week later, lying in the same spot she put it in the week before. However, this time only her note-



books were remaining.

"It feels like Guilford is going downhill because of these crimes that are being committed. I also believe that the administrators are not being as helpful as they could be with these recent thefts," said Hamilton.

Sophomore Troy Smith was

also a victim. His bag was stolen from the cafeteria on Sept. 16. All of his new textbooks and one used textbook were stolen. It was obvious to Smith that the thief ruffled through his bag, attempting to steal whatever was worth any value. One of the cafeteria workers found his bag later that night

in the women's bathroom next to the cafeteria, along with three other bags.

"It is pathetic that someone would steal a book bag. Last year I felt comfortable enough to leave something lying around because I knew that if I left it, someone would have turned it in to lost and

found," said Smith.

The cafeteria workers at the front desk are in perfect sight of the bags. However, it is almost impossible for them to determine which book bag belongs to a certain student. People working at the front table swiping cards could notice students going into the bathrooms with book bags on, but they could not determine if it is that person's bag or someone else's they stole it from.

"It is ridiculous that students would steal other student's books. The people stealing these things should put themselves in the other person's position and see how they feel getting something stolen from them," said cafeteria Supervisor Senida Kuljuh.

Public safety believes that it is a fifty-fifty chance of whether this is a student committing these crimes or someone else. Similar thefts took place on Guilford's campus two years ago. People were coming onto the campuses of Guilford, Elon, and UNCC and stealing book bags. They walked around these campuses with

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Record enrollment affects computer usage

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From fall '00 to fall '05, Guilford's enrollment has increased 115 percent. Guilford is growing faster than any other college or university in North Carolina.

But many people are concerned that the number of computers available for student use has not kept up with the increased demand.

This semester, Guilford's student body totals 2,692 students. In contrast, the total number of public computers is 366. That is approximately seven students per computer.

For students, sharing so few computers with so many students is frustrating.

"I live in Bryan so I do most of my work in Bauman," said senior Sarah Curry. "It is really hard to find an open computer, especially at lunch and in the evenings

because that is when everyone else tries to use them too."

Leah Kraus, Director of Information Technology and Services, thinks that the ratio of students per computer is usually sufficient.

"There are two thoughts on providing services," said Kraus. "One is for the average time needed on the computers, and one is for the peak. At exam time usage peaks, and there are not enough computers for everyone that needs them. But on average, I think that what we have is sufficient."

The primary location students go to use computers is Bauman Telecommunications Center. Bauman contains two computer labs and a computer classroom used for group projects, which have a total of 156 computers available for student use. Although Bauman contains the most computers, students still have difficulty finding one when they need it.

"I was in Bauman the other day and I got the last available computer in the lab," said first-year

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Mold found in Bryan, concern raised

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Mold has been growing in some Bryan hall residents' air conditioners. Many of the students are concerned that the mold may be creating health problems, but Facilities says it's not likely.

Sophomore and Bryan hall resident Daniel Lovatt had suspicions about the mold's health risks: "All of us got sick at the same time. All of us were coughing at the same time."

A lot of Bryan was coughing at the same time, and there was nasty stuff coming out of the air conditioner."

Director of Student Health Helen Rice said more people from Bryan had been complaining of mold.

Students with asthma and allergies are the ones most likely to have problems from it.

She also said that because it is ragweed season, many people who think they may be suffering from mold may just be having problems with other allergies.

"I don't think it's a terribly serious problem on campus. It doesn't



Possible cause of illness in Bryan seem to be widespread," Rice said.

Several suites complained of a greenish, blackish mold that can be seen on the outside of the air conditioning vents on some of the units in Bryan hall. At first there were worries that the mold could spread between suites, but Facilities officials doubt the likli-

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This first-floor Bauman computer lab is packed at peak times