



Campus fights hate with love, forums



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ON JAN. 25, STUDENTS AND FACULTY STEPPED OUT OF CLASSES AT 10:15 A.M. FOR A DAY OF STUMP SPEECHES AND ANTI-HATE PROTEST.

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On Jan. 25, two more Guilford students, first-year Jazz Favors and sophomore John Underwood, were arrested for assault and ethnic intimidation in relation to the Jan. 20 altercation in Bryan Hall.

On Jan. 29, senior Micah Rushing was arrested for assault, bringing the total number of students arrested up to 6.

Favors and Underwood were released on \$5,000 bond. Rushing was released on a written promise to appear in court. All six students charged are expected to appear in court on Feb. 23.

The Greensboro Police Department announced that it had completed its investigation of the case. Prosecutors are not pushing the case forward in the courts until Guilford has completed its own judicial inquiry.

Last week, the FBI began investigating some of the students involved as well.

Guilford's Judicial Board has not charged the three recently arrested students. However, the five original charges against Chris Barnette,

Michael Bates, Faris Khader, Osama Sabbah, and Michael Six still stand.

"'Charged' is a bit of an erroneous word in our system," said Dean for Campus Life Aaron Fetrow. "It means to come forward and talk to us. There will be no cross-examination or lawyers."

Fetrow stated that the arrests and police investigation are and will remain separate from the school's judicial process. Though a hearing date has not yet been set, Fetrow expects the process to be completed by the end of February.

"Our process is good and sound," Fetrow said. "It's long and painful, but it's focused on justice."

Since the incident, students have brought many campus issues, including justice, to the forefront. Through discussions and open forums, topics such as racism and the divide between athletes and non-athletes have been addressed.

Many students have expressed their concern over the continuing presence of racism on campus.

"In meetings after the fight, I

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Guantanamo rules changed

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"They've redefined torture to extend to anything short of death," said Assistant Professor of political science Robert Duncan. "But all this redefining of torture, it's just semantics, like arguing how many angels can dance on the head of a pin."

New rules released by The Pentagon will allow for the use of evidence in trials based on hearsay and coercive interrogation in the prosecution of the enemy combatants held at Guantanamo Bay.

The new 238-page manual revealed to Congress on Jan. 18 outlined the procedure for prosecution by military commission of suspects being held at the American military base. If a suspect is found guilty, life

imprisonment or even execution could follow.

Human rights groups, defense lawyers assigned to the base and many Democratic senators have expressed concerns with the new manual. Although torture is officially banned, the allowance for coercion has outraged many.

"Mental, physical, psychological coercion, whatever you call it, it's still torture, which is banned by all civilized nations," Duncan said, "although it is still practiced by all civilized nations anyway."

"As long as you are willing to use what was obtained by torture, you are endorsing torture," said Jumana Musa, an advocacy

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First-year class out of control?

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A negative reputation has reportedly become attached to this year's first-year class, largely due to rumors of rampant drug use and reports of bizarre cases of vandalism in their residence halls.

A wide - and alarming - variety of illegal drugs has reportedly been circulating among the first-year students including marijuana, acid, mushrooms, ecstasy, cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, heroin, and prescription pills like OxyContin, Xanax, and Adderall. This list was provided, in parts, by two first-years, Jonathan Richter and Alice Reville, and Alyson Kienle, associate dean for Campus Life and director of Residence Life and Judicial

Affairs in Campus Life.

Some bizarre acts of vandalism have also been committed in Milner Hall, a residence hall exclusively for first-years.

"There have been incidents, specifically in Milner, of people spreading feces all over the walls (in the bathrooms), and it's happened more than once," said Kienle.

"They had a meeting for everyone in Milner about people being crappy to the dorms," said first-year Meredith Ward. "Everyone was messing up the bathrooms, stuff like feces on the wall in the men's bathroom, someone ripped off - or did something - to one of the phones outside of Milner, and someone threw something

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