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Late night library hours restricted due to vandalism

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Hege Library's hours of operation Sunday through Thursday have changed due to late-night vandalism in the lower level.

The library used to remain open as late as 2 a.m. on weekdays. But since last fall, students have used

the relative privacy of the lower floor for inappropriate behavior. Starting last Sunday, the library's lower level now closes at 11:45 p.m. The main and upper levels will remain open until 2 a.m. The entire building will be kept open late the week preceding and during exams.

Violations ranged from trash,

such as beer bottles, to outright vandalism including discarded condoms and feces smeared on the men's bathroom walls.

"(The vandalism) does not support our students who want to study and use the library appropriately," said Hege Library Director Mary Ellen Chijioke. "It also subjects the housekeeping staff to

things they shouldn't have to deal with."

Chijioke and the library staff knew last semester that the vandalism could not continue and began working with Public Safety to figure out a solution. For several weeks, Public Safety officers walked through the building between 11:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. to see

how many students utilized the library for studying.

"We were seeing the results of some people not using the facilities appropriately," said Ron Stowe, director of public safety. "We asked: 'is this just a party spot or are students using the library appropriately?' If

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Denial of active euthanasia in France sparks global debate

By Deena Zaru
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On March 19, 2008, 52-year old French schoolteacher, Chantal Sébire, was found dead in her home in Dijon, France.

According to L'Express, a French weekly magazine equivalent to the American Time magazine, it is still unknown whether Sébire died naturally or had committed suicide, but she did "suffer from a sickness that was potentially deadly."

Sébire has been suffering from esthesioneuroblastoma, a rare, incurable cancer, where a tumor attacked her nose and sinuses, leaving her disfigured, blind, unable to taste or smell, and in terrible pain.

Two days earlier, Sébire lost a case in which she requested the right to die by means of active euthanasia.

"The fact that she can't taste or smell is something that is very grave especially for French people," said senior

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WAR IN IRAQ: FIVE YEARS OF DEATH



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On March 25, Max Carter led a candlelight vigil in front of Founders to commemorate Iraqis killed by American troops.

Panel initiates conversation on racism; questions Guilford's dedication to diversity

By Megan Feil
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Traditional minstrel shows until the 1950s, public designation as a college for white men in 1954, and letters from alumni expressing anger when Guilford started the integration process in the 1960s: "All of these things have built up to where we are today and we can't just say 'lets start over,'" said James Shields, director of community learning.

Students and staff involved in the Anti-Racism Team, Blacks Unifying Society, Bonner Scholars, Native American Club, Senate, PRIDE, Project Community, and Campus Life organized "Express Yourself Week" from March 17-21 to address the necessity of embracing diversity at Guilford. Twenty-five students gathered in Boren Lounge for the diversity panel and shared their concerns and ideas during two hours of community time on March 19.

Mostly students of color participated in this conversation questioning students' and the administration's commitment to empowering everyone.

"Were you sold on this school as a place where diversity is celebrated?" asked Shields, who facilitated the discussion. More than half of the group raised their hands with commentary.

"On their tour, Guilford said the word diversity more times than any other school I visited. I was impressed by the fact they had flags from different countries in the library," said first-year Kristin Williams. "People aren't tolerant of diversity here — many people are isolated and end up transferring."

Despite the fact that diversity is a core value, students fail to recognize their responsibility in having real conversations about their identities.

"I've had some of my best friends

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Conference explores social ills behind HIV

By Jake Blumgart
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The ChangeAIDS conference, held by the Community AIDS Awareness Project (CAPP) on March 22, focused on the intersections between the AIDS pandemic and other prominent social ills and the ways that individuals can make a difference.

"The one thing I think we've learned is that this is not a disease of science — this is a disease

of society," said Matt Kavanaugh, director of *Global Justice*, a youth and student movement that attempts to raise AIDS awareness and promote solutions. "It can be changed and ended by what we do to change society."

Registration began at 10 a.m. in the Frank Family Science Center with nine workshop sessions divided into three sets throughout the day. The first session offered workshops on personal experiences of HIV/AIDS,

the general history of HIV/AIDS, and the impact of the disease on the queer community.

"For most of you, HIV has been part of your reality your entire life and so there is a whole different mentality for someone of your generation," said Gary Palmer, chair of the Gay/Straight Advocates for Education and leader of the queer community workshop.

"You've all grown up with knowledge of the virus. You have to understand how things (have changed). There aren't huge numbers of men in my age range left. I don't have much of a husband-pool."

The conference primarily focused on social groups that are not associated with the pandemic. A large banner with CAAP's yearlong theme,

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