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WikiLeaks exposes confidential U.S. documents

THE HISTORIC NEW LEAK BRINGS QUESTIONS OF TRANSPARENCY & SECURITY

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Over 250,000 leaked United States embassy cables. The largest volumes of confidential documents ever released into the public domain. A plethora of embarrassing information.

Confidential documents continue to be made public by WikiLeaks in the latest release of classified U.S. diplomatic cables — the largest unauthorized release in U.S. history.

Some of the cables, which are like telegrams, have caused international ripples in the international community and have shown the world the under-workings of U.S. diplomatic relations.

"Governments have a duty to protect secrets of national security, but not illegal behavior," said President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar. "The people's right to know is majestic in its breadth, but not absolute. It all comes down to trust, which is low at the moment, making leaked documents all the more likely."

According to WikiLeaks, the secret documents tell a story of deceit and wanton behavior on the part of the United States towards other countries.

Summing up the contents in a press release, WikiLeaks announced that: "the cables show the extent of U.S. spying on its allies and the U.N.; turning a blind eye to corruption and human rights abuse in 'client states'; back-room deals with supposedly neutral countries; lobbying for U.S. corporations; and the measures U.S. diplomats take to advance those who have access to them."

Among the 250,000 documents made public, some of the most revealing cables have centered around U.S. relations in the Middle

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Active Minds promotes active dialogue

NEW CLUB AIMS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

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Students bear the cold on Dec. 8 for a chance to relax with pups and cups of coffee. The stress-less event was organized by the new Guilford club, Active Minds, a chapter of a larger national organization that aims to improve dialogue about mental health.

With our brains active for finals, Active Minds — the newest club at Guilford — wants to help us deal with the stress. Students involved in the club hope to improve the conversation about mental health issues and they are not wasting any time in doing it.

"A lot of people have problems with saying 'I am depressed,'" said senior and Active Minds copresident Claire Norwood. "It should be more acceptable to bring up things like that in daily life. There's nothing wrong with you if you're depressed; it's just something you have to work through."

A chapter of a larger national organization, Active Minds promotes mental health awareness and suicide prevention. The organization has almost 300 chapters across the country according to its website. Norwood says that the Guilford chapter is the only fully active chapter in North Carolina.

The chapter started when Director of Counseling Gaither Terrell — who is now the club's advisor — reached out to students to help create a safe and welcoming place to talk about suicide.

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NEWS

Guilford implements new marketing plan

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"2011 is a really big year for us," said Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing Ty Buckner. Marking the beginning of a new Strategic Long Range Plan (SLRP) spanning from 2011 to 2016, this coming academic year means change.

About a year ago,

alongside SLRP II, an integrated marketing plan was created that included plans for a Web redesign with help through the local MITRE agency and a new member of the Guilford community, Director of Marketing Communications Camilla Meek.

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NEWS

Mayor Knight visits Republican Club



Mayor **Bill Knight** explains his experience with local government to students and faculty in Bryan Jr. on Dec. 1. Knight is the fourth speaker the Guilford College Republicans have invited since they launched their club in spring 2010.

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