

Largest Guilford Class To Graduate Next Monday

Library Expansion Project May Begin Early This Summer

Music, Seminar, Visual Education Rooms To Be Provided in Addition

Architects and consultants are working on final plans for the proposed Guilford College library expansion project. The college administration hopes to be able to approve an early start in excavation and construction for this summer. The expanded library is to cover a rectangular area made by filling in along the sides of the present T-shaped structure and building on to the back of the building. More than doubling the present stack room area, the two story addition will also provide a seminar room, a music and visual education room, several study cubicles among the stacks, a fireproof Quakeriana room, several offices and work rooms in addition to coat closets, and rest rooms for students. Excavation will provide large basement area along the north and west sides of the building. The main reading room will be expanded by elimination of the charging desk from its area and by an extension all along the southern side of the remodeled building. With more space the library will be able to shelve the thousands of volumes from the recently acquired Lahser collection and the valuable Froll Rees collection.

Please Return Books

Miss Rieks, retiring librarian, requested this week that all students return books before Friday. Several books are now outstanding and the library staff wishes to check in all books as soon as possible.

Will Address Graduating Class



DR. GUY SNAVELY
... Commencement Speaker

GUILFORD: Her past can never be as great as her future ...

—J. Wm. McCracken



FOUNDERS HALL: Scene of last meetings of Senior class and of visiting Alumni gatherings.

McCracken Muses, Looks Back, Ahead, And Compares Seniors to Pallbearers

By J. Wm. McCracken

There they come with all the rented splendor, the borrowed grandeur of the occasion. There, see. The moving procession passes by with immobile faces, assumed dignity, like a group of solemn pallbearers burying the class of 1949.

The audience cranes its eyes to get a better look. Wet-eyed mothers and sisters, and fathers sitting uncomfortably and proud, and brothers in their Sunday-best. And still

they come, the endless, moving procession of marching feet, trying earnestly to keep in step, and above them the minds beneath the mortarboards are remembering the hurried last instructions on the ceremony.

They file and take a seat and sit in one huge gesture like grass falling behind a mower. And then it starts—the commencement exercises, well-planned and patterned after former days—the long hoped for and awaited moments of four years.

Four years. Four long, short, long years of studying, of outside reading, of homework, lessons, lab. work; of dancing, stolen smokes, cokes, dates, dreams. Four years of sweat, fun, and gripes, of tests, always tests, exams. Four years ...

The sun is shining. Its heavy, warm, voluptuous rays shine thru the narrow windows of the auditorium and a feminine breeze moves languidly against the heavy masculine draperies. Under the robes, it's hot. The speaker's voice drones on. And beneath the black mortarboards and behind the strangely white faces under them, the minds move, click, shuttle, change gears, and move again. Their eyes are on the speaker, but it is not he they see. Blank, staring, because in the labyrinths of the brain, memories are being born and spanked, or uncovered and washed in their nakedness.

Underwood Had Very Successful Season

At commencement, Charles Underwood will end a successful season with the A Cappella Choir, which he took over after the death of Ezra H. Weis, late music department head. Mr. Underwood and his handling of the choir was highly praised throughout the annual choir tour, which went this year to Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Underwood was born in Nova Scotia, studied in France, and led choirs in the large cathedrals there. He has been associated with Greensboro College for the past few years, and only last winter he journeyed to the Metropolitan Opera to watch the debut of one of his students. At present, it is learned that three of his pupils at Greensboro College are recipients of scholarships which will carry them to Italy for music study.

The day of freshman arrival three or four years ago, the first blank, empty prisonness of the bare rooms in the dorms, the roommates, the close appraisal and slight disappointment of first meeting are there. The first classes, the confusion, the fear of rules, the super-human upperclassmen, the hard, cold feel of new books, the P.O. which lent a touch of home. The gradual transition, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Finals and it was over. At last it was over.

Better the second year, yep, it was better then. You knew more, did

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'Big Sister' Program Adopted by W.S.G.

Since spring vacation, the WSG has taken on quite an extensive program of special projects. Sally Goodrich and Ann Stabler directed the Freshmen initiation program, Saturday, May 30. It proved to be very successful with both dorms cooperating together. Next year, the Council plans to hold this orientation program in the fall with three days devoted to initiating the freshmen girls.

The Junior Class of girls is giving a party for the senior girls, Monday evening, May 16, in Founders Hall. Peggy Tweidell is general chairman.

Another project undertaken by the WSG is the "Big Sister" program which was formerly part of the SCA work. Pinkie Fischel and Sally Haire have been named chairmen for this work. They plan to expand the work of a "Big Sister" next year.

At the monthly meeting of all women students Wednesday, Eleanor Cornelson, president, announced the new rules, which are now in effect. Sophomores have been given 12:00 P.M. permission Saturday night, and all students will receive 11:30 P.M. permission after home football games. Other changes are small and have bearing on former stated rules.

Eleanor then appealed to the girls to be careful about smoking on the campus. The council has taken a definite stand on the issue. The members feel that as long as it is a rule of the school, reason for adhering to it is large enough.

Dr. Roland Bainton, Dr. Guy E. Snavely Will Address Seniors

The commencement exercises at Guilford College this spring will begin on Saturday, May 28, which is Alumni Day. Registration will begin at 11:30 and the class reunion luncheons will be held in Mary Hobbs Hall at 12:30. At 9:00 A.M. of the same day the seniors will have their commencement rehearsal in Memorial Hall. Saturday night at 7:00 the annual Alumni Banquet will be held in Founder's Hall.

Sunday, May 29, Dr. Roland Bainton of Yale Divinity School will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon. Dr. Bainton was born in England and came to this country in 1902. During World War I he served with the Quaker unit of the American Red Cross. He has taught at various schools and colleges. He is a distinguished author of five books published between the years 1935 and 1943. The father of five children, he lives on Amity Road, Woodbridge, Conn.

On Sunday night, the Milners are giving the reception for all seniors at their home, following the vesper services at 5:00 P.M. sponsored by the Student Christian Association.

Monday morning, May 30, will mark the final commencement exercises. The academic procession will begin at 9:45; at 10:00 the commencement exercises and conferring of degrees, followed by the commencement speaker, Dr. Guy E. Snavely, Executive Director of the Association of American Colleges. Dr. Snavely has had a long teaching career in academics and colleges. He also served in World War I with the American Red Cross. He was dean of Converse College in Spartanburg, S. C., and president of Birmingham Southern College. He has held his present position since 1937.

Miss Rieks Ends 27 Years Library Service

Miss Katherine C. Rieks who for 27 years has served as Guilford College Librarian has announced her resignation effective in June. A student at Guilford beginning in 1901, Miss Rieks returned in 1922 to become the fifth person to hold the librarian's chair.

Professional preparation was taken by Miss Rieks at the University of Virginia and at Columbia University. Under her guidance the library has grown from around 8,000 volumes in 1922 to today's total of 31,000, a number of student assistants have entered the field of library work, and plans for library expansion in the near future have been completed. Closely associated with Alumni work and the promotion of the school, Miss Rieks has served as hostess for the renovated Ragsdale Alumni House since 1948.



MISS KATHERINE RIEKS

Guilford Group Attends Student Legislature; White Opposes Bill

The Guilford College delegation to the twelfth North Carolina Student Legislature spent an eventful week end on May 13-14 in Raleigh. The seven Guilfordians who participated in the two days of law-making were Jack White, Eldora Haworth, and Dan Warren in the Senate; and Margaret Mayer, Howard Davis, and John Clark in the House; with Dr. Peter Dalbert of the Guilford College faculty acting as general adviser to the two groups of students.

The Guilford delegation presented a bill to improve the public educa-

tion system in North Carolina. Although the House passed the locally-sponsored bill by a landslide, the Senate—even among the students a more conservative body—passed the bill by a one-vote margin, on a 14-13 count. John Clark spoke for the bill in the House, while in the Senate Eldora Haworth and Jack White took the lead in urging passage.

According to their respective predispositions, some observers said the student mock group "wrote into law" a program that was creditably lib-

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