

## STUDENTS CRY FOR LIBERALISM

In recent weeks there has been an outbreak of student enthusiasm at Wake Forest. It seems that the students want to participate in a favorite indoor pastime—dancing. Their dancing privileges were denied to them at the recent Baptist State Convention held at Raleigh. The Wake Forest undergraduates held dance marathons on the campus in protest of the decision handed them.

At Guilford, a similar situation exists. The women students are denied the right to smoke on the college campus. This situation has been looked into by the Woman's Student Government. A peaceful solution is being sought. The coeds are not holding cigarette marathons in front of King Hall to see who can keep the smoke in her lungs the longest or to see the shortest time a pack of cigarettes can be smoked. It is the hope of the GUILFORDIAN that a settlement should be reached soon.

It seems entirely unfair for a girl to travel a mile off campus to enjoy relaxation. A suggestion that might be suitable to both sides is to establish a smoking lounge or lounges for the females. There are

at present a few places available: the Hut, the outer room of the ladies restroom in the Student Union, and the most sensible, the soda shop area. This area was built for the students relaxation and enjoyment—so why not let them enjoy it.

One person pointed out that if a female student wished to smoke she does not belong in Guilford. When our immigrant ancestors were in this country and objected to the English rule, they didn't leave. Instead a peaceful settlement was attempted to be reached, but unfortunately it did not work. The students and the law making body of the college should both be realistic in knowing that it takes a small amount of time to reach satisfactory conclusions on touchy problems like these. Our society does not consider smoking a moral wrong or disgraceful. It is realized that this rule is being held on, rather tenaciously, by the college fathers in opposition to our society. Again, it is hoped that the college will show its true liberal spirit by adopting a rule that will provide for the establishment of a coed smoking lounge.

## TWO PROBLEMS

A recent rumor heard around the campus was that the finals for the NASCAR races were going to be held at Guilford, if excessive speeding by some of our own Buck Bakers did not stop. Speeding is a big enough problem on the highways; it should not be a problem in the college community. The speeding rule was established to protect the student pedestrian and the driver. A car is a dangerous weapon producing more fatalities

than those produced by wars. The battlegrounds at Guilford are the roads from the community traffic light to the circle, and the road behind Shore Hall.

Another traffic problem that exists at Guilford is the parking problem. Students are requested not to park in the circle in front of Memorial Hall or in the area around the Friend's Meeting House. Parking is a privilege granted by the college. It should not be abused.

## A GREAT NEED

(ACP) — Needed: intelligent leaders in today's college world. So think the editors of the UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN. In this recent editorial they defined leadership this way:

Not enough could ever be said about the value of intelligent leadership in our collegiate world today.

At this time of the year many

organizations are thinking about choosing men and women who will offer them guidance and direction during the coming year. In selecting these leaders they must be careful to choose persons who will fulfill the first rather than the second definition of the word.

One danger a leader must guard against is the desire to be heavy handed in his leadership, to prod and push rather than to persuade.

A greater danger than "heaviness" on the part of the campus leaders is that of pliability. All too often leaders are little more than putty in the hands of professors, administrative officials or other advisers.

In order to earn the title of leader, a student needs to be more than a figurehead. The man or woman who stands up for what he believes even when "the guy on top" disagrees with him often wins the respect of his colleagues, his adversary and more important, himself.

One final danger of the lead-like leader is inelasticity. Like heavy-handedness this often is a symptom of lack of faith in oneself. Only the leader who is firm in his own beliefs and who has self-respect can afford to be flexible in his leadership.

## I.R.C. Has Many Problems

Perhaps one of the most worthwhile organizations of Guilford Campus is the International Relations Club—more commonly known as the IRC.

During the November meeting, plans were made to sponsor a Christmas party, using food from various foreign countries as part of an international theme. The club members also discussed the possibilities of raising money by selling candy, calendars, and Christmas cards.

For the benefit and entertainment of the student body, the IRC has sponsored, since school opened, a square dance, a movie, "World Without End," and a United Nations chapel program.

The IRC is one of the most active organizations on campus. At first glance it may appear that this club would be only for students from countries other than the United States. Contrary to this however, every student at Guilford

College is urged to attend the club meetings.

Heea Halder, of Washington, D. C., and Calcutta, India, heads the IRC as president. Other officers are Clara Montgomery, of Philadelphia, Pa., who is vice-president; Maaret Kiovula, of Washington, D. C., secretary; and Brad Little, of Keene, New Hampshire, newly-elected treasurer.

Expressing the feeling of the other officers and the members of the organization, Heea Halder said, "We feel greatly disappointed that there was such a small attendance at our November meeting. If everyone had a keener interest in international relations, we would understand each other better and would be able to reason out difficulties. If we, of the up and coming generation, who will be the leaders of tomorrow, take more interest in better international relations, it will be of great aid in solving the problems of leadership."

### Kerr's Comments

## Man-Made Moons Pull Tide Of Public Opinion

Ever since the Sputniks were launched, folks in this part of the world have been in a state of strangulation every time the iron moon orbits the earth. Leading educators in the Western hemisphere have been in a turmoil try-

ing to figure out how Russia launched her man-made moons before the United States, supposedly the leader in scientific advances, could get one into space.

Some have blamed faulty techniques in our educational system. Others have blamed a lack of interest in scientific fields on the part of students in the country. Our educational system has been compared with that of Russia, found lacking and even condemned by some.

### Clara Montgomery

## SO WHAT?

I think one of the improvements this year here is the fact that there has been more active participation in campus activities. The social committee is doing a wonderful job in planning and sponsoring social activities on the campus which every student could attend. I am sure the social committee members are rewarded by the large attendance at each of the functions.

The M.S.G., under the dynamic leadership of Woody Finley, has proven itself to be a worth while and active group giving many students the opportunity to participate in some kind of work and leadership.

The intramural sports program is really amazing in its capability to attract the time and effort of so many students in making the athletic program more rounded and more meaningful to every student.

In spite of all these good points about the campus organizations and activities, there still are clubs and organizations which are comparatively dormant, and they seem to have no excuse for their existence. Is it because of the lack of energetic leadership in these clubs, or is it that they have not set up real objectives and purposes for the existence of the clubs that make them fail? Is it because of the indifference of the students?

So what if the organizations fail to be meaningful? So what if only certain clubs sponsors movies, discussions, etc.? So what? What can we do about it? Think about it, the clubs are made for, by and of the students aren't they?

Some leaders have gone so far as to suggest that the nation supply funds for scholarships to students who show exceptional talent in the scientific field.

But is this the solution to our problem?

No—our deficiency lies in a lack of good teachers. Why spend \$4,000 to send one student through college when that amount would pay the salary of a good teacher who might in turn influence 10 times that many students to study science.

There would still be the problem of financing the college careers of these students, you say? Seldom has any student, who has been brilliant enough and willing enough to go, been turned down by a college. Numerous scholarships and grants are offered exceptionally gifted students. And exceptionally gifted students are naturally the ones who would go into this particular field.

A change to the home scene! When quarter grades were posted last week students groaned and found that (to massacre a famous quote) "Failure is the spur that the brave spirit doth raise toward the last of the semester to live laborious days."

Time to smile (if you think it's funny).

College—a fountain of knowledge where students go to drink.

## LETTERS

### WE ARE ALL MEN

Editor of the Guilfordian:

The report given in chapel by our school's representatives to the State Student Legislature was very informative and thought inspiring.

There seems to be much obliviousness and careless feelings among students today which should not be prevalent in these times. The bills that the Legislature concerned itself with, although not actual as far as the government of the United States employing them goes, are still of prime concern as their principles concern us all quite directly.

Segregation, interracial marriage, revocation of laws and other issues we should all concern ourselves with, if not to a great extent then at least with the knowledge of the issues in question.

Complaints are made, rude behaviour is displayed and immature attitudes are shown when an instructive program is given, such as the aforementioned, when actually people should be eager to accept truths and see that they are correct and fair for themselves and fellow men.

We should not be reluctant to face what is happening around us and why it is happening.

Events are man-made—we are all men. . . .

Suzi Walter

## Let's Encourage Honor

In order for the Honor Board to be an increasingly efficient and vital organization of the students, it must necessarily be recognized by them as their organization.

With the opening of the second quarter it is possible for the Honor Board members to have a fairly accurate picture of student responsibility and attitude. They would therefore like to express appreciation to the Student Body as a whole for their co-operation in supporting the honor system.

Since the last issue of The Guilfordian a new ruling has been passed in agreement with an Honor Board recommendation. This will provide a minimum suspension of one year for a student who has been guilty of a second violation of the Honor Code.

Although we generally regard the Honor Code as functioning only in the area of our class and homework assignments, this does not mean that it is so limited. It also applies to any matter in which personal honesty is involved. It is the belief of the members of the Honor Board that the benefits of our system are not to derived by their efforts as a judiciary body, but by the honor which should be an integral part of a Guilford graduates character.

Questions, comments, and discussion about the honor system would be welcomed by any member of the Honor Board. They would like to encourage any student who has a question or problem to discuss it with them.

The most successful year that the Honor Board could look forward to would be one in which there would be no violations for it to consider.

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