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Shakespeare Work Begun By Revelers

Rehearsals have begun for the Guilford College Revelers' production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

Tentative dates on which the comedy will be presented in Dana Auditorium are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 21-23.

The cast, recently selected by director Pat Gilbreath of the Drama Department, are Marilyn McIntyre, who portrays Viola; Jennie Blizen, Maria; Henry P. Hackett, Malvolio; Coleen Grey, Lady Olivia; Stephen Wessells, Sir Andrew; Aaron Graham, Duke Orsino;

Richard Aldred, Sebastian; Steve Elrod, Antonio; David Glenn, captain; Nick Marshall, Sir Toby Belch; Randy Sides, priest; and Todd Kight, Fabian. Others who have been cast are Mike Stillwell, Palmer Blair, Jenny Kliehands, and Jean Cross.

Stage manager for the production is Merikay C. Noah. Chris Fisher and Charlotte Koch are in charge of costumes.

Students Now Permitted to Live Off-campus

For many years Guilford students, especially upperclassmen, have requested permission to live off-campus, but former college regulations prohibited it as a general rule.

Now, in a proposal initiated by the Student Legislature and approved by the administration of the college, an annual allotment for off-campus housing has been provided.

According to Dr. William Lanier, Dean of Students, up to 5% of the women students and 5% of the men students who would be regular residence students will be permitted to live off-campus if they choose. First considerations will be given to students who are over 21 years old in September and who have, in addition, attained senior status. If the quota is not filled with requests from these students, other seniors will be considered. Students who are not seniors will not be considered at this time because Dr. Lanier feels certain that the allotment will be filled with seniors.

Dr. Lanier predicted that next year women's housing would be a critical problem and the new ruling would help to alleviate the situation. There will be plenty of room for men students next year he noted.

During the week after Spring vacation, students who wish to apply for off-campus housing next year may petition. This is the same time that other students sign up for their residence hall assignments for next year.



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Student Suicides - Rat Race Product

By EMILY HEDRICK

"Life as a human being is absurd."

This quotation by the French existentialist Albert Camus was found at the end of a lengthy suicide note written by a student at the University of California recently. It is not untypical of the attitude of many of the nearly 9,000 students who attempt suicide each year in the United States.

In recent years the overall suicide rate in this country has averaged more than 10 persons per 100,000, accounting for 18,400 deaths in 1958 and 20,160 in 1966. Suicide, then, is found to rank among the ten leading causes for death. The indication is that, although the rate appears to be lower than that of the 1920's, it is again on the rise.

Furthermore, Harvard psychologist Mathew Ross reports that the college-age group runs a 50% higher suicide risk than non-students in a similar age group.

The basic cause for this upsurge in self-destruction among the college group is the "unremitting anxiety," they face in college, according to a Time magazine survey.

The article suggested that clues for spotting a potential suicide victim, though far from infallible, are:

A period of depression in which a student becomes withdrawn, seldom leaving his room; headaches, lack of appetite, loss of weight, etc.;

A decline in self-esteem, which shows up in daydreaming, procrastination in school work, apathy, fatigue, inability to concentrate on reading material;

A loss of interest in academic work;

Suicide notes or threats, which Dr. Ross claims "should always be taken seriously."

Dean William J. Lanier of Guilford College, in discussing the suicide problem, inserted that a verbal threat to commit suicide seldom indicates a real intent to do so. More often, this threatening is only an effort to

gain attention. The true suicide victim seldom tells anyone of his intention.

Again, so-called symptoms of suicide are frequently inaccurate or inadequate, for some persons contemplating suicide will experience not a period of depression, but a period of extreme elation. This could signal that he has resolved a plan for doing away with himself, and is elated that he has finally reached a long-thought-of decision. And, too, victims never admit to themselves the possibility of their committing suicide.

Exhaustive studies of student suicides do not exist. The few conclusions in the area are scanty and generalized, and exact statistics are unavailable beyond the projected figures which say that about 1,000 students kill themselves this year, 9,000 will try to do so and fail, and ten times that number will threaten to do so.

These estimates, suggested by Moderator magazine, are thought by some to be too conservative, since many deaths among college student bodies are discreetly recorded as "accidents."

Contrary to popular belief, the peak period for college suicides, according to a study by Science News magazine, appears to be the first six weeks of a semester, not during finals or

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Needed-More Band Members

Any student who can play an instrument is asked to join the band, especially brass players. Rehearsals are held in the choir room in Dana at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The band, which now has approximately ten members, has been organized since October, and has performed from time to time in the form of a pep band at athletic contests.

Eldon Moen, conductor, has said that if enough interest is shown, music such as Tijuana Brass and themes from current musicals can be performed.

Hayes at YMCA

Ex-C'man Speaks

A bi-partisan, Democratic, Southern Baptist ex-Congressman addressed the 81st annual meeting of the Greensboro YMCA February 4.

The former House member was Brooks Hayes, who followed his conscience and religious training in following a moderate path on racial issues in the 1950's—a time when these views favoring equal treatment for all Americans were not popular. He lost re-election in 1958 after eight terms in Congress.

In addition, this Arkansas native was an assistant to both Kennedy and Johnson when

they were Presidents, and has been the author of several books. His latest book is titled "Hothbed of Tranquility."

Hayes delivered a speech which emphasized his religious beliefs rather than capitalizing on his political experiences. "Our nation is in trouble because so many people are poor," he claimed. Of these, 44% live in the South, he added. "Our nation's troubles are matters for a sensitive, religious person, and (sensitive leaders) must be concerned about people, our primary interest." Hayes made an appeal for all religious denominations to work together to solve the problems.

Four resources, or sources of strength, were cited by the ex-Congressman—physical, financial, technical, and institutional. The human factor and human strength must always be considered as bound up in these principles.

"We Southerners look out at the world through the windows of our churches," he said. Borrowing from the Miami Republican Convention, Hayes declared, "We must think and act anew. We Southerners must respond (to the problems)." Hayes believes the solution comes through looking out the windows of the churches—"Unite and act in a Christian spirit," he urged.

Pointed questions on political issues elicited these responses from him: "Nixon will make a big mistake by liquidating the Job Corps"; "I want to see his plan before making any hasty criticisms"; and "One of Nixon's greatest mistakes may have been the appointment of Robert Finch."

Folkdancing Group Organized Here

Whirling and twirling to traditional tunes of cultures from around the world, the International Folk Dancing group will meet for its first session tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Hut.

Freshmen received a taste of the folk dancing spirit during orientation week in an open-air square dance on the volleyball courts. Later in the semester Lucie Stafford attempted to interest students in organizing a group, but they were unable to locate the necessary leaders or music. In addition their efforts were hampered by financial difficulties.

However, at last these problems have been solved. Marilyn Neuhauser, teacher and parttime Guilford student, has invited a dancer from the Chapel Hill International Folkdancing group to teach dances. Additional music will be provided by records furnished by the participants. The dancing is scheduled for every week, and is open to the entire student body.

Feb. 14: Only For The Birds?

By EMILY HEDRICK

"Last Friday was Valentine Day, and the night before I got five bay-leaves, and pinned four of them to the corners of my pillow and one in the centre; and then, if I dreamt of my sweetheart, Betty said we would be married before the year was out. But to make it more sure, I boiled an egg hard, and took out the yolk, and filled it with salt; and when I went to bed, ate it, shell and all, without speaking or drinking after it."

This account of a young Medieval maiden's curious ritual is an example of the traditions surrounding the "accidental" holiday, Feb. 14: St. Valentine's Day.

There are two conflicting legends about the man for whom the commemoration was established. The more likely one was a Christian priest of Rome, who was martyred during persecution by Emperor Claudius II. Though he died Feb. 14, c. 269 A.D., celebration did not begin, apparently, until the 14th Century, at which time its religious significance quickly became overshadowed by secular customs still associated with the day.

The acceptance of St. Valentine as the patron saint of lovers appears to be accidental, perhaps stemming from the Medieval European theory that birds begin to mate Feb. 14. The notion was then extended to humans, specifically young

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