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Black Studies?—Where?

The initial stages of the struggle against racism in America found black students occupying catalytic roles in the desegregation of businesses and public facilities. After the passage of appropriate legislation outdated such roles, the students focused their attention on the idea of studying their cultural heritage: a concept known as black studies.

The widespread exposure of this development has resulted in considerable dismay among the ranks of many white liberals who warmly supported the students in their initial confrontation with white racism during the early 60's. In fact some whites, thoroughly disgusted by the desire of black students to examine their cultural heritage, have labeled proposed black studies programs as racist oriented.

Before too many Americans subscribe to such a rash conclusion, perhaps we should consider the aspirations of black students for the study of their cultural heritage in comparison with those of other ethnic groups in our society. Such a comparison would elicit many questions concerning accepted ethnic practices: Should we label

the Anglo-Saxon student a racist for choosing to study the Magna Carta or other aspects of his cultural history? Must all German-Americans be labeled racists because they like German food and beer? Was the admission of Columbus's birthday to our calendar a concession to Italian-American militants? Are Polish-American parents prejudiced because they experience satisfaction discussing their forefathers industriousness with their children?

There are those who defend such status quo ethnic practices while criticizing those proposed by black students due to the type of communicative channels the accepted ones employ. They maintain that ethnic pride and interest are best transmitted informally through a clannish home and community structure.

While no one can deny the advantages of such a system, the fact remains that black communities are not so oriented. Thus in reality schools and colleges are the only structures where black studies can be pursued.

Whose To Blame?

The North Carolina Legislature recently enacted into law a bill which reduces the maximum penalties for first and second drunk driving convictions to a \$500 fine and six month prison sentence. According to the sponsors of the measure, there intentions were not to condone intoxicated driving but rather to relieve our state the financial burden of providing lawyers for persons facing possible jail terms of more than six months duration. The Tar Heels interest in this realm of financial restraint was prompted by a recent State Supreme Court Decision requiring the state to provide attorneys for indigents accused of crimes carrying penalties greater than six months incarceration.

Although we commend the law matters for their interest in fiscal responsibility, we question the prudence of their methods. Regardless of the legislators worthy intentions, some drivers will undoubtedly view the diluted penalties as a temptation to drive while intoxicated.

Moreover we wonder why our legislators, so concerned with the possibility of violence in campus unrest, continually ignore their responsibility in preventing Americas yearly drunk driving offering of 25,000 lives. Perhaps our representatives are merely reflecting their constituents general apathetic indifference towards all matters of change.

Southerland Heads Committee

Guilford's off-campus seminars which now exist only on an experimental basis received a boost recently when a new ad hoc student committee was formed to assure continuation and expansion of the program.

Under the direction of Claude Shotts, who co-ordinates the school's off-campus seminars, the committee was formed by members of the groups who went to New York in December and January. Carl Southerland was elected chairman of the committee, with Paige Via, secretary.

Two weeks ago interested students met with Deans Jerry Godard and William Burris for

the purpose of suggesting improvements for the seminars, including financial help from the school. Funds, they were told, are not now available to help compensate the students' actual expenses on the trip. Honoraria for speakers while on the trip can, however, be provided by the school next year.

Last year the faculty approved topics in three areas of study those being some field of social work, art in contemporary society, and some field of political science. The first two seminars, attended by a total of about 40 students, were heralded as great successes. The third such seminar is scheduled to begin March 26 in Washington. One-hour credit is

awarded for participation in each of the seminars.

As it stands now, a student may receive credit only once for attending a seminar, but may go on as many as three for credit, provided they deal with different topics. Southerland's committee is interested in expanding the program, recruiting students during pre-registration, and setting up more seminars with other topics.

The committee is also planning to give a review of their seminar experiences and to make proposals to the Board of Trustees and Faculty Curriculum Committee that the off-campus program be incorporated into the curriculum on a permanent basis.

Quaker Pulse

Concerned Stomach Speaks

Dear Editor:

Having studied under Mr. R. C. Ward, I have become enlightened to some of the problems that face the nation. One of the problems which concern most directly our student body is the food in the cafeteria.

This concerns not only the students living on the campus of Guilford College but also the intelligentsia of universities and colleges throughout the United States. Obviously, this is a plot devised to gradually drain the strength of the students thus restricting his capacity for learning. As this is going on, has the Food and Drug

Administration forgotten that "you are what you eat"? Or can this be added to Ward's list of subversive Communist activities?

The CONCERNED Stomach

ICC Fading?

Dear Editor:

Why did such a new and potentially valuable organization as the Greensboro Intercollegiate Council fade into obscurity?

Reader

Freshman Girl To Receive New Award

The Guilford College Women's Association has announced the creation of a new award to be presented on Award's Day, during the commencement exercises.

The award will be made to the freshman girl who has demonstrated through contributions in various phases of campus life, charter, dedication, and promise of continuing achievement.

The new award is an attempt by the G.C. Women to encourage young women of the college to make greater

contributions to campus life.

The recipient will be chosen by an impartial committee consisting of students, Women, faculty, and administration. To be eligible a girl must demonstrate dedication and promise of continuing achievement and must have a grade point average of a "C."

The award will consist of an engraved charm and a certificate.

Any student or faculty member wishing to place a name in nomination may do so by placing it in Clifford Lowery's box in New Garden Hall.

Quaker Quotes

By PATTY LYMAN

Questions have been raised in the past few weeks as to how effective the honor system at Guilford is. Here are a few added comments.

John Sinclair remarks, "I think it's a farce. It's the lack of responsibility of students and teachers. Teachers don't respond to pledges. No student is going to stand up in class and say, 'John, I see you cheating.'"

"I think we ought to have an admissions policy that gets more honorable students rather than having enforcers, as has been suggested," commented Rankin Wittington.

"From my observations, the honor system is acceptable at Guilford. I haven't seen any cheating in my classes," replied Lydia Dellinger.

"I think it should be discontinued because it's entirely ineffective."—Cheryl Sprinkle

"The honor system is very childish. Each person should take the responsibility for his own behavior without a silly pledge. I especially object to acting as proctor and being expected to report someone else if he cheats. Everyone has to make his own decision."—Mary Ella Tetterton

"I think it's defunct. I don't think it's working at all because nobody wants to squeal on their friends."—Sharon Watkins

"Cheating is like prostitution—you're never going to wipe it out."—Jerry Wolfreet

"The honor system is too idealistic for Guilford College."—Mike J. Cox

"The system is not going to work if no one will turn in people they see cheating. A new system is being considered where the witness confronts the cheater—but that will be even harder. I'd rather have an honor system than proctors, however."—Sue Sherill

How many people really have the courage to turn in their friends for cheating? It almost seems unethical. In the Society of Friends the swearing of oaths is rarely condoned. It seems strange that Guilford, as a Quaker college, upholds this practice.

Walkout

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continuing their investigations, and a report on short-run changes and long-range demands will soon be submitted to the administration, ARA Food Service, and the student body.

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