



Powderpuff football will be part of the Homecoming weekend. photo by Willson

Education Conference At Quaker Lake

A three-day conference on creative education featuring nationally recognized authorities will be held by Guilford College Oct. 18-20 at Quaker Lake Conference Center near Climax.

Representatives from Quaker schools in four Southern states and the District of Columbia will attend to share with others their thoughts on current trends and needs in education.

In addition to Guilford, the other schools are Carolina Friends School at Durham, Friends School at Virginia Beach, Va., Sidwell Friends at Washington, Friends School at Baltimore and Friendsville Academy at Friendsville, Tenn.

Opening speaker Sunday evening, Oct. 18, will be Dr. Douglas Heath, professor of psychology at Haverford College and author of several books, including "Growing Up in College" and "To Educate for Today's Needs: Why a Friends School?"

Speakers on Monday, Oct. 19, will include James Gallagher, until recently with the U. S. Office of Education, now director of the Frank P. Graham Child Development Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Richard Ray, director of the Learning Institute of North Carolina (LINC).

Choreographer Nelle Fisher of the North Carolina School of the Arts modern dance department and some of her students in ballet and modern dance will discuss and demonstrate the use of dance as a form of creative expression on Monday evening.

The director of the Creativity Program for the H. Smith Richardson Foundation, Dr. Irving Taylor, will speak Tuesday morning, Oct. 20.

Afternoon speakers will include Mrs. Alice Brodhead of the Swarthmore College psychology department and Dr. Cyril Harvey, chairman of the Guilford College geology department.

Participants from Carolina Friends School will be Harold Jernigan, headmaster, and Don Wells, middle school director.

Guilford College participants will include Dr. James Gifford, freshman honors program director; Dr. Cyrus Johnson, education department chairman; and Bruce Stewart, coordinator for special educational programs.

Dr. Gallagher's area of specialization is research on the exceptional child. Among his writings are "Analysis of Research on the Education of Gifted Children" and "Teaching the Gifted Child."

LINC's work is conceptualizing and promoting a wide

variety of experimental educational projects in the state has gained national attention and has served as an important catalyst for change in the Southeast, according to Stewart.

Nelle Fisher, who joined the faculty of the School of the Arts this year, has danced in Broadway musicals and more than 600 television shows and has dance, choreographed and taught in major cities in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Taylor is the author of a number of articles on creativity and sensory stimulation.

Homecoming Is Coming

Homecoming 1970 will last for three days—October 23rd through October 25th. Activities begin at 1:00 Friday afternoon at the Circle with an open forum with Campaign '70 students.

A jam session at 2:00 Friday on the lawn begins the celebrations. The session is open to anyone who wishes to participate. There is to be a soccer match between Guilford and N. C. State at 3:30. The championship Powder Puff Football game is scheduled for 6:00 Friday evening.

For visiting alumni, there will be an art exhibit in the library, a tour of King Hall, and a dinner at President Hobbs' house Friday.

Tickets for the Combo Party, with the Villagers, a big success Freshman week, and the breakfast planned for Friday night cost \$1.50 per couple. Week-end tickets can be bought for \$6.00 per couple and include the Kenny Rogers and The First Edition concert, the Combo Party, and the breakfast. Tickets go on sale in the cafeteria October 16th.

On Saturday at 10:30 in Dana, Doctor Purdom will speak on the progress and major events of the past at Guilford College.

Winners in the judging of the float and dorm decorations will be announced during half-time at the football game. Judging is at 11:00 Saturday morning and floats and decorations can have either a blue-hose or circus theme.

The football game between Guilford and Presbyterian College begins at 2:00 Saturday afternoon. Just before the game, there will be a Faculty 500—a "thrill per minute bicycle relay." The major half-time event will be the crowning of the Homecoming Queen.

Kenny Rogers and The First Edition are to be in concert at Dana Auditorium at 8:00 Saturday evening. Tickets cost \$2.50.

Myth Lecture: Rudy Behar

"Belief Not A Matter Of Volition"

by Phil Edgerton

The third of the Mythology Lecture series was given Wednesday night by Rudy Behar of the English Department who lectured on "Reality" (his quotes). I was given an assignment to do a feature on the lecture for the GUILFORDIAN which I accepted. I should have known better. As a former student of Rudy Behar's, I should have known that the whole GUILFORDIAN could have been filled with an analysis that would still not do justice to the complexity and comprehensiveness of his lecture. Not only would the whole GUILFORDIAN been too short, but I should have known from experience that I could not do justice to the lecture with my own deficient analysis.

Nevertheless, I have space to fill and the GUILFORDIAN must be filled. Also, the topic concerned is certainly one of note. My problem, then, becomes one of finding a way to cop out of writing a "good journalistic analysis" and still hopefully say something meaningful about Rudy Behar's lecture.

The overall theme of the

lecture was the differences between common ways of trying to get at Truth, and the struggle itself for Truth. In talking about these modes of knowing, or attempting to know, Rudy Behar gave his refutation for some of the misconceptions people have in their search for knowing.

The view of "solipsism" or that the universe is entirely a projection of our own mind was first denied. The absurdity of the view that there is a self that can carry on all the functions of the universe and maintains continuity and constancy while being apart from and unknown by the conscious self that "loses my car keys and puts my Chaucer with my master's thesis notes in it into the refrigerator and forgets where it is" was pointed out.

In addition, Dr. Behar pointed out Shelley's answer to solipsism, that "belief is not a matter of volition." Behar went on to state that "we believe what someone shows us to be coherent and what we MUST believe." To show why he engages in the struggle to know the ultimate Truth, which may be unattainable, Behar said, "that there can be a truth means that the universe allows for that construct" or that there exists Truth in the universe. He went on to say, "the alternative to making the attempt (find out 'why?') is to reduce this meeting, the college, our lives, and our families to sheer imbecility."

Rudy Behar then told why he believes positivistic science and evangelical religion do not have or cannot find the answer to the question "why?", asked of our existence. The positivistic scientist at this point can only tell us "how" and not "why", and we cannot really be happy with this answer. Behar denies evangelical religion that finds "in the threat of meaninglessness of the universe sufficient reason for telling ourselves pretty stories." He went on, "There are lies that make us happy. I am not arguing that we need to find myths to make us happy. If the universe IS meaningless, I want to know about that too."

To further explain the quest for Truth, Behar gave the explanation, "I put a map of my prison in front of me because I might find a hole in the map. I

might make this construct and find my way out. If I do, halleluyah, I'm out. If I don't, at least I know where I am."

Rudy Behar went on to advance theories about the different ways of knowing; the ways science, literature, philosophy, religion, and myth attack the problem of knowing. He showed that science used as a tool to refute the pretty stories is valuable, that the intersection of the subjective and the objective results in the self, how the ways of knowing relate to this model, and he promoted a holistic approach to the search for Truth. He said a lot, lot more, but I cannot go into it all here.

I hate to short-change Rudy Behar in this way, but I have to say something about the lecture for the people who didn't go. The only recourse for these people now is to take his Comparative Arts course if they are intrigued by some of these problems, or if you will, "The Problem." Right now I feel like the person who tells an anecdote that falls flat and sheepishly says, "Well, I guess you had to be there to appreciate it."

Small College Approaches to Athletics

by Danny Beard

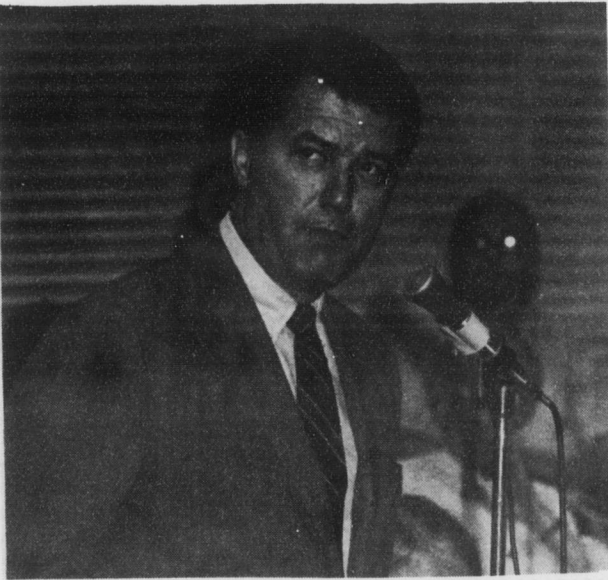
The recent "discussion" of the athletic program and its relative importance here at Guilford led me to read with interest a Look article titled GREEN AND LEAFY FOOTBALL: THE SMALL COLLEGE ANSWER TO BIG-TIME MADNESS. The piece, which appeared in the October 20th issue of Look, was written by Stan Isaacs and described basically how the small colleges of the North and Northeast feel about football and its relative importance in an educational institution.

In the first part of the article the author cites humorous examples of ineptness by schools who either don't have or don't spend the money necessary to grind out football powerhouses. Such schools as Worcester Tech, Bethune Coohman, Wartburg, Bates, Bowdoin Upsala, Lycoming, Hope and Defiance are mentioned.

Isaacs then contrasts the small-college and large-college variety of the game. In the former there are no TV cameras, no visits from the President, small stadiums, and few spectators. But then he gets to the heart of the matter. "The question, though, is not which is better, which registers higher on the football pleasure meter. It's which is more consistent with the basic aims of an academic institution."

He goes on to say, "At small schools, the player, essentially unrecruited, are very much a part of the student body." Instead of being set apart by their very purpose at the college, the non-scholarship football players are students first and football players second. Pete Panciera, the Wesleyan College quarterback, states, "Sometimes it gets me angry that the students here aren't excited

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Linwood Smith, district representative for the State Highway Commission speaks at yesterday's highway hearing.