A Stupid War

After twenty-five years of sparring, war has finally broken out for real on the overpopulated, undernourished Indian sub-continent, home to 650 million human beings.

The war between India and Pakistan is not a surprise, not unpredictable, but merely stupid.

The roots of the current crises lie in the partitioning of the sub-continent after Mohandas Gandi and nonviolent civil disobedience had won independence for India from the sinking British empire. Pakistan and the current state of India were created on religious lines, Hindus in India, Moslems in Pakistan. Despite the joint task of nation building confronting both Hindus and Moslems, the two nations chose to ignore some of the last words of the sage Ghandi, "go out among your districts and spread the message of Hindu-Moslem unity."

For the last twenty-five years Hindu India and Moslem Pakistan have lived in a state of not-so-steady peace. While the most vivid examples of human misery go untreated, the energies of the two nations have been directed toward border wars and the containment of religious riots.

Nestled in the midst of India, by religious accident is the area of East Pakistan, or Bangla Desh, which triggered the latest outburst. This poorer, more populus region of Pakistan has been forced to live under the military domination of West Pakistan. A year ago East Pakistan went to the polls and overwhelmingly endorsed the Awami Leage, committed to bringing autonomy and an end to military rule in the East.

At this point stupidity gained the upper hand. The military leaders of West Pakistan, unable to stand the prospect of loosing power in the East ruthlessly suppressed the Awami Leage, imprisoning its leader on charges of treason, setting off civil war and one of the greatest migrations

in history. During the civil war Pakistani troops have gone on a campaign of genocide against the Hindus in East Pakistan. At this point at least 10 million persons, the overwhelming majority of them Hindus, have been forced to flee for their lives into the already overpopulated eastern provinces of India. It has been estimated that India will have to spend one-quarter of its Gross National Product this year just to keep these refugees alive. Why? Because of political and human stupidity on the part of the military leaders of Pakistan

Pakistan is not the only country guilty. India has done its share of stupid things, too. While Pakistanis were busy slaughtering each other in Bangla Desh, India massed troops on the border, in an attempt to draw the Pakistani regulars out of the interior of the country so that the rebels could operate more effectively. While this may have been a sound political move for India, who highly favors the creation of a puppet state next door, it brought the area to the brink of war, with troops from both nations sitting uneasily across the border from each other.

For as much as Pakistan has exhibited stupidity by trying to tie down Bangla Desh, India has done the same by operating as if Bangla Desh will welcome them with open arms. An Indian official, quoted in Time magazine recently stated "If an Indian army marched into East Pakistan and drove the West Pakistanis out, it would for ten days be the Indian army of liberation, and on the eleventh day become the Hindu army of occupation."

The two nations are now waging bloody war over a state which desires neither one. While an Indian victory is almost assured by sheer numbers, it will not bring the sub-continent one step closer toward the peace and economic improvement which humanity demands be given to it.

Rock and Roll

After several years of mediocre programming, WQFS-FM, our very own college radio station, has gotten it on, and is playing the type of music students want to listen to. It not only plays the type of music we want to listen to, but usually plays it very well. We do not think it boastful to suggest that Guilford College operates one of the best progressive rock radio stations in North Carolina.

Unfortunately, some technical flaws stand in the way of saying it is the best station in the state. For beginners, our 10 watts of power have enough trouble just covering the entire campus, much less getting out into Greensboro. For another, it is not stereo. It appears possible that at some unspecified date in the future WQFS will both be stereo and have enough power to be heard outside of the immediate campus. Of the two, stereo broadcasting is more imminent.

Until those steps can be taken, we do feel that the quality of the broadcasting can be improved by a thorough overhaul and check-up on the station's existing equipment. People living in 1968 and Binford have noticed that every now and then the station disappears from the airwaves entirely. Also noticed has been the evidence for one track of stereo recording

to sort of, well, shall we say, come and go? It is very disconcerting to listen to just the bass and drums of an album.

We hope that those responsible for both the major improvements of power and multiplex stereo, and the improvements of existing equipment, will recognize that we are but a few steps away from a first class radio service, college or commercial, and take the necessary steps to make that a reality.

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Personnel Critic

To The Editor:

For at least as long as I have been at Guilford College, the Dean of Students and his Student Personnel office have been the primary focus of anti-administration sentiment among the students. This has been most regretable. I was hopeful that the appointment of Dean Gottschall to replace Dean Lanier would improve if not completely rectify the situation. In a flurry of administrative activity, Dean Gottschall made many changes which seemed to indicate that we all had just cause for optimism.

But the real proof of the worth of a Dean of Students does not lie in any staff changes he may or may not make, or even the fact that he moved out of the administration building and into a dormitory, even though these acts have temendous symbolic value. A Dean of Students is as good as he makes life easier for his students.

Recently I have become concerned about the way in which our Student Personnel Office is or is not functioning. I have discovered at least half a dozen cases in which the Student Personnel Office was given the opportunity to make life a little easier for specific students without any outlay of money and very little time or effort. Unfortunately, they chose not to. I believe that Guilford expects enough academically of its students that it should feel the necessity of helping them with room assignments, etc., when they need and want such help.

Since we have just changed Deans, comparisons between the two are unavoidable. My objecion to Dean Lanier focused around two problems; he seemed to be an ineffective administrator and he often appeared to intrude himself and his office into the private lives of Guilford students. Dean Gottschall is a major

improvement. He is an efficient administrator and he does not intrude, or allow his office to intrude. My concerns are about his almost over correction of Dean Lanier's second problem. I believe that if help is asked for, one of the duties of his job is to provide it. The purpose of this letter is hopefully to stimulate dialogue between all the concerned parties; students, trustees, administration, and the Dean, concerning the nature of the Student Personnel Office and its specified duties or functions.　　Timothy E. Collins

Register

Dear Editor,

Unfortunately, in most areas of the nation students are not allowed to vote in their college communities. There are a number of court cases challenging to this situation but no major decisions are expected in the near future. It is therefore necessary that most students not living in Guilford County vote in their parent's hometown.

The Guilford College Students for McGovern for President urge everyone to register to vote while at home for Christmas.

Most states, including North Carolina, now permit civilians to cast absentee ballots. If you must vote by absentee ballot in the spring primaries and the general election, be sure to inform the registrar of that fact because laws regarding absentee voting vary from state to state. Make sure you register over Christmas because the registration books close early in many places and it may be your last chance before the primaries begin.

You have been given the right to vote in all elections by the 26th amendment to the Constitution, so please make use of it.

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I am a BOZO

by Alan Socol

Christmas has sprung. Again, as always at this time of year, it's Christmas. Now what does this mean to you, Mr. Collegian? For one thing, it means packing up your treasured possessions such as: t.v., stereo, waterbed, rhunas, and of course your stash. Once packed you must carefully hide all of this. We must hide our possessions so as to avoid rip-offs. For everyone knows, security just ain't too tight around here.

Then we proceed to thinking about that exciting trip home to our loved ones or twos. Oh boy. A quick haircut and a shave for dad. And finally we're off on that painful process of adjusting to the outside world. What madness. Airports, highways, and relatives.

And yet it's only for three weeks. And I'm certain we've all got much to keep us busy at home. So enjoy your vacation and always remember ... "IF THEY GIVE YOU RULED PAPER ... WRITE THE OTHER WAY."