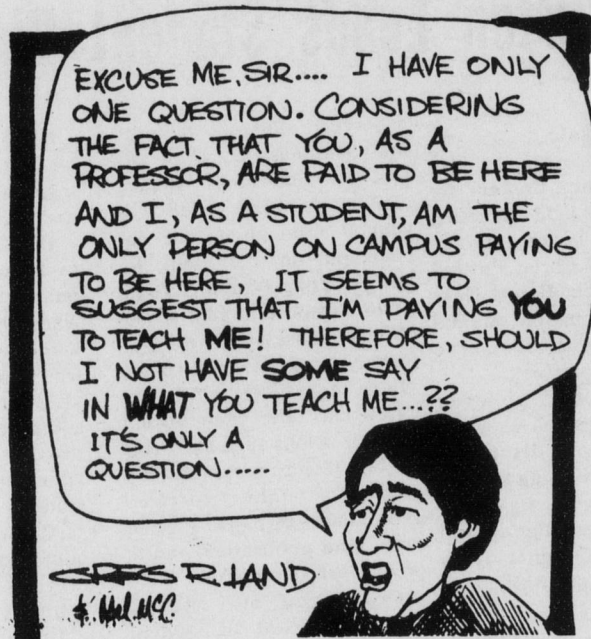


# EDITORIALS

The Guilfordian is the newspaper of the Guilford College community. Its purpose is to provide information about issues of concern to the community and to create a forum in which all segments of the community are invited to express opinions. The newspaper is open to any group or individual wishing to make announcements, publicize events, or share information. Though run by students, the Guilfordian actively seeks the involvement on the part of faculty, administration, alumni, and all others who participate in the Guilford experience. We will work with any project, team, program, or crusade which serves the college community. We believe that communication is the best way to combat apathy, ignorance, and misunderstanding.



The human animal has dominated the planet Earth for centuries. With each passing year, this creature's scientific knowledge increases in some incredible geometric progression. The human animal has come to dominate all other life on this Earth to such a degree that we seem to hold some profane, egotistical belief that the universe exists for the sole benefit of humans.

Only within the past two decades have some of our finest thinkers come to realize that our knowledge may have been somewhat false, that it was really nothing more than another form of ignorance hidden beneath the cloak of our collective ego. The time has come when Nature (the Universe) reveals human ignorance for what it is.

Perhaps one of the most ecologically important and even perhaps spiritually ignorant acts practiced by humans is the domestication of other animals for the purpose of providing a primary source of food.

This domestication for carnivorous purposes is ecologically ignorant simply because the human does not need to eat meat

and because the same amount of land that is necessary for producing one animal for human consumption could be converted to produce "green" food to feed a much larger population. For the benefit of anyone who might doubt this, any library should have dozens, if not hundreds, of books dealing with the subject.

If the ecological implications of being carnivorous are not enough, there also exist spiritual implications. There are those of us who are somewhat appalled that the acme of human civilization can produce no more sensitive awareness of the nature of life than a doctrine of destroying animal life to promote animal life. After all, that plastic hamburger that you consume was indeed once a living creature.

Obviously, we can only touch upon the various issues of this question here. It is our hope however that this rather simplistic editorial will lead to commentary in this paper both from vegetarians of all types and those who feel that they can provide insightful criticisms of vegetarianism.

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## Now is the Time

It is painful to be reminded again of the massive devastation and widespread human suffering caused by the long, searing drought in the countries of Sahelian Africa. But we must not turn away from the millions of men, women and children who cling so fragily to life in those stricken areas.

Famine has followed drought and help is needed now more than ever. The international community has sent considerable aid, but the magnitude of the catastrophe far exceeds the assistance available.

CARE, one of the U.S. agencies rendering aid in the area, is distributing millions of pounds of nutritious survival foods, medicines and other vital supplies to African drought victims. The agency is also drilling deep wells to reach desperately needed water sources, and providing seeds and fertilizer to enable families to grow food again.

But the amount of aid rendered and the number of lives saved depends upon contributions from compassionate Americans. Those who wish to help can mail tax-deductible donations to CARE African Drought Famine Fund, 2581 Piedmont Road, N.E., Room 23-A, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.



Grandfather and grandchild wait for a CARE food distribution in drought-seared Africa.

### What she needs, money can't buy.



There are old people who need someone to talk to. Boys who need fathers. Guys in veterans' hospitals who need someone to visit them. Kids who need tutors.

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