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Minority Business Fellowship

Chapel Hill -- Graduate business fellowships for minority students are available through the UNC School of Business Administration in Chapel Hill.

Blacks, American Indians and Spanish-surnamed Americans are eligible for the fellowships which provide tuition and living allowance of \$2,000 for the first year of the master of business administration (M.B.A.) program and \$1,000 for the second year.

Financed by grants from approximately 140 U.S. corporations, the fellowships are sponsored by the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management which UNC joined in 1973. The Consor-

tium is a six-university program to encourage minority men and women to enter management careers in business. In addition to UNC, it includes Indiana University, Washington University in St. Louis and the Universities of Rochester, Southern California and Wisconsin.

Students may apply to M.B.A. program of any Consortium universities. Twenty fellows are enrolled now at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Persons wishing further information should write to the director, Consortium for Graduate Study in Management, 101 N. Skinker Blvd., Box 1132, St. Louis, Mo. 63130; or executive director, M.B.A. Program, UNC School of Business, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

Drug Action

The Ad Hoc Committee for Minority Involvement in collaboration with the Advisory Council to the North Carolina Drug Authority announces a Public Hearing on Monday, January 27, 1975 at North Carolina Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, North Carolina from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. |

The purpose of the hearing will be to determine the response of drug abuse programs to minority needs and issues. The public is invited to attend to express their concerns and to offer suggestions to the problem of drug abuse as it relates to minorities.

Persons desiring to make statements are to provide written copies of said statement to the chair at the time of the hearing.

For further information contact: Mr. Leslie Brown, Deputy Director, Drug Action Council, P.O. Box 2519, Greensboro, North Carolina 27402, Phone: (919) 272-5167



Letters To The Editor

Friends,

Guilford, like the rest of the nation, is touched by the economic crisis. Among those most drastically affected are employees of the school who have been informed that they will not have jobs next semester such as members of the housekeeping and maintenance staffs. They are forced to cope with inflation as they possess non-existent retirement benefits and wages that are a disgrace.

On the other hand, Guilford administrators have seen fit to provide President Hobbs with a new car in this year of hard times; a car that was purchased with money that many would say could have been put to better use.

Certainly the Quaker virtue of simplicity would be better represented if President Hobbs could see fit to drive a Volkswagon rather than a big, fat station wagon, if, indeed, his car should be provided by the school at all. Perhaps it is time for Guilfordians to begin to examine their own "Imperial Presidency".

Carolyn Douglass

Dear Editor:

People surprize you sometimes. When a gay discussion group began on this campus last September, I never would have thought that those involved would soon after be a fully chartered and funded organization. I am grateful for the speed with which all this has happened, and for the relatively few hassles we received. I am pleased to know that there are other people on this campus that feel, as we do, that such an organization as the Guilford Gay Alliance can make a valuable contribution to Guilford College.

Beyond this, I am, at times, also surprised at the reaction of people more directly involved with me. In my dorm for example, people still speak to me, no one shuns me or scrambles out of the shower when I walk in. My roommate, who you might think would have more problems dealing with my being gay than anyone else in the dorm, has accepted it well, and as far as I know I constitute no threat either to him or his reputation. Which is good - it shows that it can happen.

But there are some problems, and some of them are hard to know how to deal with. Let me give you an example, the cracks one hears at odd moments: I am sitting in a room full of people who don't know me, reading a magazine. One of them spots an announcement on a nearby bulletin board, and asks what it is. The nearest person reads outloud an announcement for a "gay workshop". "Oh", says another, "are they going to learn to make dresses?"

Other such cracks come quickly to mind: "What are they going to do with their student activities funds? Buy Vaseline?" Or the fellow, who, on learning that I was the one who wrote the gay column in the **Greensboro Sun**, commented knowingly, "It figures." (Mind you, I was out of the room during this last.)

Some of this joking is vicious, some defensive, and some of it admittedly just nervous. But, after the initial anger, what these comments say to me is there there is a tension about the subject of homosexuality, that some people are at a loss to know how to handle. Which I can understand in part, since I don't always know how to handle it myself.

But there's more to the problem I'm trying to tell you about than jokes like these: they reveal a fairly obvious prejudice. There are more subtle tensions; those times when someone won't look you in the eye or they try to concern their discomfort when you talk about it. They stumble over having to say the word "homosexual" or "gay" As one straight friend commented, "People are afraid to admit their prejudice." Which means that such bias sneaks up on you at odd moments and in covert ways.

One comes to realize through this that there is a difference between tolerance and acceptance. Which brings forth a problem: How do you tell the difference? And what do you do about it?

People, in many cases, are afraid of us, of talking to us about how they feel about us as gay people. But we would like it understood that we are not a "type" of people, but simply people who have a certain type of experience we wish shared, understood, accepted. Does this seem an outrageous request?

We are, all of us, struggling with the question of our identities, and the problem of ambiguity in our lives. There is a fear of ambiguity, of freedom, at times. It is this I think, getting back to "jokes" as an example, that creates the need of typing people out of the ordinary, creating characters out of them. It renders them distant and less threatening.

But there is an inherent cruelty and unfairness in this for the people at whom such defences are directed. Even the lack of eye contact hurts. It does no one any good really - gay people are afraid to reveal themselves, because they fear rejection; straight people who might like to understand more are afraid of being ridiculed or considered suspect. Even if people feel they must repress their prejudice, we really haven't accomplished much; fear or repression is not communication, it is exactly the opposite of what we want.

What can be done about this? We **might** begin - all of us - gay and straight alike - by asking ourselves seriously how we feel about homosexuality. You don't have to make smart cracks to harbor a prejudice, a fear of the very idea. We were all raised that way. But thinking further, to ask ourselves, if this seems fair or reasonable, if it gives the individual a chance?

Jim Baxter, Guilford Gay Alliance

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.

We know lots of people and groups who need your help. Write "Volunteer," Washington, D.C. 20013.

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