

# EDITORIAL

## Think Before You Drink

The Guilfordian was shocked by the recent campus survey showing that 38% of those polled fit the American Medical Association definition of heavy drinkers. While we in no way advocate a return to strict anti-drinking restrictions, we do feel it is important that those who abuse alcohol become aware of the affect of their actions on the rest of the community. Someone is killed by a drunk driver each week in Guilford County. Almost 900 North Carolinians die each year in alcohol related traffic "accidents". Countless homes and heads are broken every day by alcohol abusers.

The popular image of the alcoholic as the harmless drifter leaning against a wall,

bottle in hand, just doesn't fit the facts. In reality, only 5% of the alcoholics in this country are derelicts. The vast majority of alcoholics are business people, students, homemakers, and other "respectable" people. If you are among the 38% of heavy drinkers we urge you to think about the reasons for, and consequences of, your use of alcohol.

We have no quarrel with those who use alcohol or any other drug responsibly. We are deeply concerned about the sick individuals who through their abuse of alcohol endanger the lives and well being of those around them.

D.A.G.

### UNCLE SAM AND YOUR TAX DOLLARS

Uncle Sam spends your tax money at the astounding rate of \$10,000 a second, according to federal budget director Roy Ash. And that rate of spending goes on around the clock.

### THE WORTH OF A MAN

The ten highest paid corporate executives in the nation each take home in one year more than double what most working Americans will make in a lifetime. According to Business Week magazine, the ten highest paid Business moguls of 1974 were:

1. Michael C. Bergerac, president of Revlon . . . \$1,595,000
2. Harold S. Geneen, chairman of ITT . . . 789,000
3. J. Kenneth Jamieson, chairman of Exxon . . . 677,000
4. William F. Laporte, chairman, American Home Products . . 600,000
5. Rawleigh Warner Jr., chairman, Mobil Oil . . . 596,000
6. William S. Paley, chairman of CBS . . . 588,000
7. Leonard Goldenson, chairman of ABC . . . 582,000
8. Maurice F. Granville, chairman of Texaco . . . 579,000
9. Charles J. Pilliod Jr., chairman of Goodyear . . . 564,000
10. Meshulam Riklis, chairman of Rapid-American 545,000

### Recycle - Recycle

#### A GROUP OF BIOPHILE CLUB MEMBERS....

has reactivated recycling pick-up stations in various buildings. This group is again collecting paper of all types,

glass (but not brown), and cans. Won't you please deposit your "junk mail paper" at these recycling stations. Thanks and when you're done with your **Guilfordian** - recycle it!



"Hey, this is supposed to be a drug bust...there ain't no drug problem here!"

"Come together and let us reason"  
Isaiah 1:15

## Letters to the editor

"Its name is Public Opinion. It is held in reverence. It settles everything. Some think it is the voice of God."  
Mark Twain

## A Quaker Bicentennial Campus?

Dear Editor,

Community and friends:

I'm a bit puzzled at the interest that seems to be growing on our campus in the "Official Bicentennial Celebration". What a difference 200 years can make: Friends only rarely supported this revolution, and some actively opposed it, but now we find that our good friendly institution has become a "Bicentennial Campus". Most odd!

May I offer these views of patriotism, which I feel are more appropriate? In 1659, Edward Burrough wrote, "We are not for names, nor Men, nor titles of government, nor are we for this party against the other...but we are for justice and mercy and truth, and peace, and true freedom, that these may be exalted in our nation."

Jonathan Dymond wrote in 1829, "He is the truest patriot who benefits his own country without diminishing the welfare of another. For which reason those who induce improvements in the administration of justice, in the maxims of governing, in the political constitution of the state, or those who extend and rectify the education, of in any other manners amend the moral or social condition of the people, possess incomparably higher claims to the praise of patriotism than multitudes of those who receive it from the popular voice."

in the spirit of 1692,  
p. pendleton

Dear Editor,

Recently it was borne in upon me that as a Weighty Friend, properly convinced and very staunch, it was my duty to instruct others. Consequently I undertook to impart Truth to a young student at Guilford College, but subsequent events left me badly shaken. I must tell you.

This young student introduced me to a friend of his who had some interest in Friends. He was very talkative.

"What do you Quakers believe?" he asked. "What is your creed?"

"Friends have no creed," I said.

"A creed is simply what you believe. Surely you believe something."

"We do most assuredly believe in and adhere to the Truth."

For some minutes he stood with a perplexed look on his face as though he was afflicted with some aberration. Finally he said, "But every religious group has a creed, something to believe in and stand for."

"Friends have no creed. However it might be of interest to you to know some of the things we do not believe in. We do not believe in war, we do not believe in rituals, we do not..."

"Too negative," he said abruptly.

Catching sight of a Book of Discipline in my pocket, he asked to look at it. After some perusal he said, "Why, here are pages and pages of statements and doctrines. Quakers do have doctrines don't they?"

"A doctrine is not a creed if it is called a Testimony."

Apparently he spotted the Queries. "I like these Queries:

They really lay it on the line. These Queries seem to be the ground rules for everyday living. One might say they are a part of the Quaker creed.

"They are only Queries," I said stoutly.

Turning toward the back of the book he began to read from the Richmond Declaration of 1887. His countenance brightened as he read. "Ah, my friend, this is it. This is almost exactly like the Creed which we recite in our Church." Then he added thoughtfully, "But we do admit that it is a Creed. And we do believe it."

The conversation was becoming unprofitable, but this student continued: "I hear that in the old days, when a member disobeyed one of the Quaker rules he was kicked out of Meeting. I guess the individual does not have much freedom."

"The individual has complete freedom and liberty to accept Truth," I said with much firmness.

After such encounters I am inclined to be more withdrawn from the world.

Anxiously yours,  
A. Staunch Quaker

## Memo to Steve Beck

Your article "Quakers Finish 8-2" in the last issue of the Guilfordian, Second column, second paragraph.

What was Billy Whitley laying? an egg, the ball, or perhaps he was laying a grammar lesson on the crowd.

William Burris