

# Letters to the editor



## "To A. Staunch's 'Young Friend' on the Issue of Equality

Dear Editor,

I wish to extend a hand to our young friend in A. Staunch's articles; and take up the issue of "Equality" with him (her). Yes, my friend!, "Equality", is much more sacred than what A. Staunch has tried to make it sound. It involves the totality of interrelationships between peoples; and even more, it defines the choices of an individual during his wonderful pathway, such as life! The pitiful treatment by A. Staunch is, you know as well as I, degrading at best!

Isn't it horrible to dismiss so delicate a subject such as women's equality by saying: "Do not carry the idea too far"? Doesn't it torment you that it is not yet nearly as far as it should be? Let's take a look at Communist China. The status of women before the Revolution was indeed low. In a feudal environment, a woman was pressed to obey her father from birth; follow her husband; and then her eldest son. Girls were little desired by their parents. There were frequent female infanticides among the poor. Women were relatively more illiterate and unskilled. At home, the big family structure oppressed her. At the job, she did not receive equal pay. She was looked at as a sexual object; and various customs aimed at her peril. "Foot-binding" is an example. The Revolution, as a process of creating a new consciousness, changed all this. Now the women are given a chance in schools and training centers. They get equal pay for equal jobs, and are not dependent upon their families or their husbands as they once were. They live a life of creativity as fruit pickers, textile workers, scientists, medical workers, welders, electrical workers... you name it. In a new atmosphere of harmonious growth of the self-contained communities, helpful hands are always extended out for the needy; there are day-care

centers close to the factories; pregnant women receive free medical care, etc. I would appreciate it if you think about it for a moment. Now whether you like it or not, it is up to you. But surely this is more relevant than A. Staunch's insistence on superficialities.

How about presenting this to A. Staunch and see what he says?

Sincerely, Aki

P.S. I got the facts from Ruth Sidel's book, "Women and Childcare in China".

## Day Students

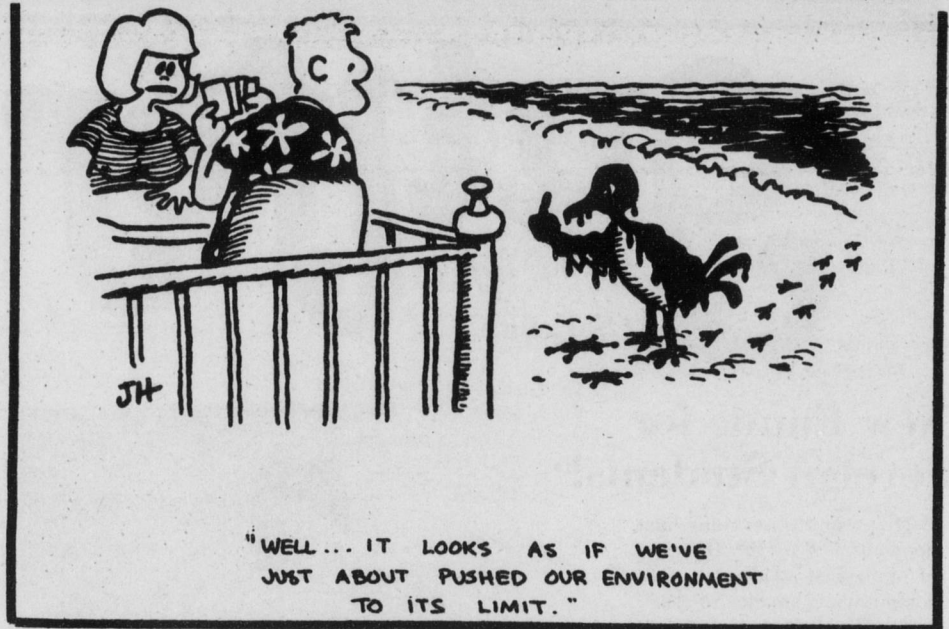
### Reply

Dear Editor:

This letter is a response to Mark Sieber's comments in last week's paper. We felt that several of his statements were not fully justified and called for some clarification. Mark states that "it does not seem as though day students are notified about any of the campus activities and elections." He proceeds to suggest a day student column in the **Gullfordian**, regular organization meetings, and "adequate publicity of campus elections and events (i.e. posters by the mailboxes, newsletters to the day students and announcements in the paper.)"

As for day students not being notified about elections and events, we fail to see why day students cannot learn about these like everyone else. Nearly all campus events are publicized through numerous posters, articles and announcements in the **Gullfordian**, and the newsletter, which is accessible to day students in the library, among other places. The day student election was announced by two articles in consecutive issues of the **Gullfordian** and posters on campus buildings, including a poster by the mailboxes complete with candidates' statements. The ballots were mailed to all day students and the ballot box, accompanied by a large poster, sat out by the boxes for nearly two weeks.

It is inconceivable to us that any student could not have known about the Senate election. It was publicized through pages in the **Gullfordian** along with special notices in the paper and the newsletter, and countless



posters. If that was not enough, four election notices were placed in day student boxes; and three posters were put up the day of the run-off election specifically notifying day students to go vote.

In answer to Mark's suggestion about a column for day students, we, too, had this idea at the beginning of last semester. We have published articles for special day student events and when there was day student news; but in regard to a regular day student article, there is simply nothing to write about. Articles about almost all campus events are published separately anyway.

An article appeared last semester specifically asking day students how they would like to see the organizational money spent (the entire situation of how the money was accumulated and how much was on hand was explained). Response was nonexistent. On the recent survey that was put in each day student box (publicized by an announcement on the front page of the **Gullfordian**, accompanied by an explanatory article; and a notice in the newsletter) day students were asked if they would like to have **Gullfordians** and newsletters mailed out to them. The majority of the small percentage that was concerned enough to reply, did not want these publications mailed out as they felt that this would further separate day students and could only widen the "rift" that already exists.

It has proven impossible and futile in the past to hold a mass meeting of day students, but any day students with special interest have always been free to contact their Senators, and come to those Senate meetings at which the day student president and

representatives discuss day student business. If Mark Sieber is so concerned, then we would more than welcome his assistance in any area he chooses. Day students will not become a "vital facet" of Guilford College until a much larger of them let their presence be known. Certainly, the collective record of 4 or 5 individuals cannot be perfect.

We therefore urge anyone interested in the Day Student Organization to volunteer their services. We need cooperation far more than outside criticism.

Paul Mallonee - president  
 Scott Culclasure - Day Student Senator  
 Jeff Martin - Day Student Sen.  
 Amie Williams - Day Student Senator

## N.C. Primary Notes Choose Your Man!



By Bob Wells

The North Carolina Presidential Primary rolled into town this past week with its main attraction, the high flying Jimmy Carter, followed closely by the "death defying political act" of George Wallace.

These two will battle it out on the Democratic side in what is termed to be another "test" for Carter in his native south against Wallace. Jimmy Carter has more primary wins than any other Democratic candidate to date and obviously the heat is on Mr. Wallace to show that he can still win. The Alabama Governor has said that he expects to "win" the N.C. Primary and if he does not, a harsh blow will have been dealt to the "never say die" Governor's quest to move his residency from Montgomery, Alabama to Washington, D.C.

On the Republican side President Ford had been



having a rather easy time of winning until a matter concerning his Campaign Manager, Bo Calaway, came up. Mr. Calaway is accused of using his influence in securing land for a ski resort (which he has an interest in) while serving as Secretary of the Army. This incident has given Mr. Reagan something to criticize Ford on, besides detente and strategic arms limitations agreements with the Soviets. Reagan has stepped up his campaign here by bringing in actors like Jimmy Stewart, whose staccato-hesitating speaking style is more effective on the silver screen than in the political arena. Certainly Hollywood stars will draw out some "fence sitting people", but if Mr. Reagan is to win here he will have to move fast, for barring any scandal in the White House, President Ford has a good lead in the race to Kansas City and the Republican National Convention.