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"I GONE West, Mister Greeley"

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We were all expecting some good hard hiking, breathtaking beauty and some wild times with our group. Nothing or nobody, however, could have prepared us for the incredible experiences we shared on Seminars West '77.

This year Seminars West travelled through the cactus and canyonlands of the American Southwest. Many of us had never seen a canyon before; our first was no letdown. We had been driving since breakfast that morning across the flat expanses of Oklahoma and Texas. Then, seemingly out of nowhere, a golden chasm appeared, as the setting sun reflected off the redbeds of Palo Duro Canyon. The trip was arranged so that each

canyon we saw would increase in size and splendor. Nothing, however, could dim the thrill and excitement of that memorable first canyon.

Each new day brought sights and adventures beyond our belief. We moved from Palo Duro on to the Guadalupe Mountains. Here, while standing on the desert floor, we were actually on an ancient sea bed of 250 million years ago. In front of us rose the sheer, imposing rock face of the Permian Reef. Only thirty miles from Guadalupe, but north across the New Mexico border, we walked through Carlsbad Caverns. The underground world of Carlsbad defies reality in its immensity and ceaseless variety of rooms and rock shapes. A spiritual awe pervades your emotions as your mind struggles to comprehend the vastness surrounding you. Carlsbad Caverns is a world unto itself, its own state of mind.

Our first overnight backpacking trip was a 21 mile hike through Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico. Unused to the heat (well over 100° F.), our packs (25-35 pounds), the climb (700 feet straight up in Alamo Canyon, one of the many canyons we crossed), and for many, new boots, (causing blisters for those unlucky souls), this hike was a rough haul for all of us. Few could deny, though, that this was just a small, even enjoyable, price to pay for the glorious plunge into the Rio Grande River or a drink from the magical spring that bubbled out of a watercress

bed in the middle of the desert.

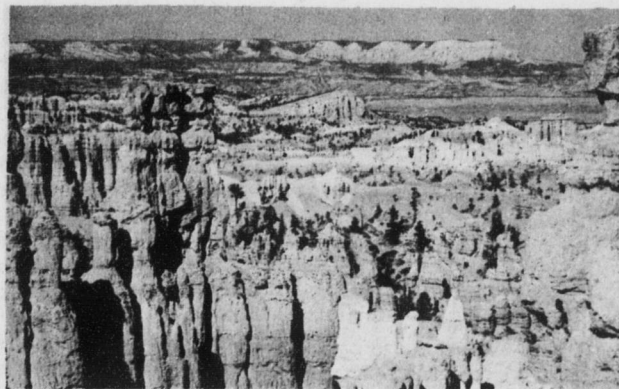
After a stop in Mesa Verde, Colorado, we headed towards Utah. Poor Utah seems to have a stereotyped image of being a dull state. We found it to be as beautiful and awe-inspiring as any. Arches, in particular, captured everyone's imagination and wonder with their towering red sandstone monoliths carved by wind and water in a myriad of shapes and sizes.

Our three day hike in Zion Canyon, in southwestern Utah, gave us the incredible feeling of being on top of the world. Either from our campsite on the very edge of the North Rim, or from the rocks of Angel's Landing looking down at the Virgin River 1200 feet straight below, we felt the euphoria of overlooking the rest of the canyon from our place in the sky.

Much has been written about the Grand Canyon, but it is impossible to get a true feeling of the place until you are down in its depths,

sliding and tripping along its abandoned mining trails, the sweat running in rivulets down your body from the 120° heat, and finally immersing yourself in the chilling waters of its Colorado River. The Grand Canyon is its own world, one of indescribable grandeur, solitude and magnificence. We spent four days, spellbound, in the magic of the Canyon. No one emerged quite the same person as when they had entered.

The post Canyon mania which we all felt lost itself somewhere in the 700 foot



New Alcohol Policy

Guilford's policy on the use of alcohol is intended to maintain the quality of life of the entire community. It is also designed with fairness to those who do drink as well as those who do not. All students should note carefully the regulations concerning the use and abuse of alcohol and be especially sensitive to the effect of their conduct on life at Guilford College.

The new policy was brought about by a committee of students and administration after an arduous series of meetings. Although the committee cannot condone the use of alcohol, it has made a valiant attempt to solve a problem that became rampant last year. It has also improved on the former policy that essentially banned dorm parties, removed "keg" from the Dormroom Dictionary, and limited parties to Founders Hall.

As the new policy stands, alcohol may be consumed only in the dorm rooms. Plans for parties with more than eight persons and serving alcohol must be petitioned in writing 72 hours in advance to the Director of Housing. If the party request is approved, the students giving the party must observe the following regulations:

1. The party-giver must clear the party with students residing near the area at least 48 hours in advance.
2. A notice must be posted at the entrance to the party area that a private party is in progress.
3. Quiet hours must be observed.
4. The party, its noise, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages must be confined to the specific area for which permission was granted.
5. The hours of the party must fall within those specified on the approval party petition. Party hours may not exceed visitation hours.
6. The number of people attending the party must not exceed that specified on the approved party petition.
7. Non-alcoholic beverages must be served. After all, not all Guilford College students drink.
8. The hosts of the party must provide adequate amounts of food to serve all guests present. Peanuts, potato chips, or cookies will suffice.
9. The hosts are responsible for any damages incurred as a result of the party.
10. The party area must be cleaned and returned to "order" no later than 12 hours after the end of the party.

As a regulatory measure, failure to comply with these regulations becomes an infraction of the alcohol policy and would subject the violator to disciplinary action by the Judicial Board.

The alcohol policy is now in effect. When interviewed, Community Senate president, Amie Fort, stressed that she "sympathizes with students who frown on the detailed guidelines," but added that "it seems to be the best workable plan to deal with problems of the past few years." She, further, urged campus-wide support for the policy.

Black Orientation

A Black Orientation Workshop was created this summer to prepare black freshmen and transfer students for life at Guilford College. The idea of a pre-orientation workshop was conceived by the Minority Task Force Committee, consisting of faculty and administration members. The concept was put into action by Fred Hunt who developed a schedule and coordinated the program. The students met faculty members, went through ice-breaking exercises, and had a taste of Black entertainment with guitarist Jimmy Person and poet Linda Bragg.

The main objective was to make the black students aware of the existing pressures that minority groups may experience while in college and to instill a sense of unity among them. There was a general expression of appreciation among the students for the workshop. Many thought it was a lifesaver because it allowed them to get acquainted in a personal way. The program was a success and we are looking forward to the Black Orientation Workshop becoming an annual tradition.

Welcome to New Faculty

The staff of the *Guilfordian* welcomes five new additions to the Guilford College faculty. They are:

Tendai Mutandhu, Assistant Professor of Non-Western Studies and History.

E. Eugene Oliver, Associate Professor of Accounting.

Bob Keeny, Visiting Profes-

sor of Accounting.

Richardson Prouty, Director of Theatre Facilities and Instructor in Drama.

Lynn Mosely, Assistant Professor of Biology.

We wish to them, as well as all returning faculty, a productive, effective, and creative year.

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