

HARAMBEE

By David Davenport

"Harambee" is an African expression meaning "pulling together." Pulling together predisposes unity. Unity is the fundamental concept that all the people of the world must realize before true harmony can occur, leading to a maximized level of human existence. It is towards this primary and noble goal that we must commit ourselves in the void pending human cacaclyon.

Considering the state of affairs, to initiate this quest we must begin in the immediacy of our situation; that situation is Guilford College in this case.

Here at Guilford division runs deep into the student body. Cliques are so obvious that it perplexes me as to the significance of achieving an atmosphere of diversity if there is such limited exchange of ideas between people. After all, is not an exchange of ideas and perspectives the intention of the effort to admit diversity of students? Are we, the students, not defeating that purpose, and thus depriving ourselves of a prime opportunity to expand our own Horizons?

This division is also reflected in the support, or lack there of, that organizations have given to one another during my Guilford experience. BASIB (Brothers and Sisters in Blackness), the organization with which I am most familiar, has both offered little support to and received little help from other organizations in the past. That is a fair indication of joint participation, unless BAIB has been uniquely isolated.

An aspect of the student body which has received significant lack of support is women's concerns and activities. Men and women, inclusive of myself, have sorely neglected to show concern and interest in such activities as Womens sports, the Women's Center, and the ERA issue. Are we not suggesting consciously, or unconsciously, that in effect these matters are not important to us? Are we not being poor colleagues?

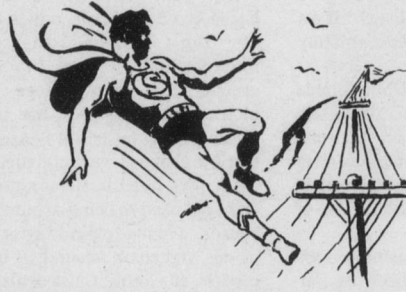
Outside the small world in which we place ourselves, there lies vast amounts of knowledge and experience. It is extremely dangerous for us to continue this complacent separatism derived from the illusion that our little mental worlds are complete and independent. Therefore, that we are unaffected by other worlds is an absurd thought, particularly on this campus.

There must emerge a vanguard in this school which understands that this principle has the strength and dedication to begin the destruction of this superficiality. This vanguard they must rise and lead because it is they who will ultimately determine the success or failure of the 'noble' quest.

In their efforts, this vanguard should not be deterred by those who would scorn their ideals as stupid or idealistic. They are fools who do not perceive both the joy of unity and the threat of division.

As we ponder this subject remember, the future is now!

Super Man Says



Hi! This superhero business can get to be a drag, sometimes, and when it does, I can always go back to my job as a mild mannered reporter. You should try it too. The Guilfordian is looking for writers, typists, and layout staff members who believe in truth, justice, and the American way. No experience is necessary, just a little bit of your time. Drop them a line at P.O. Box 17717 and help the Guilfordian staff fight for virtue!

Guilford Security

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she was in no shape to be interviewed. It was up to my personal discretion." White did not notify anyone.

According to Alan White, the standard procedure for emergencies is that guards must notify both the police and Bob White, Director of Housing and Security. Under the circumstances, however, Alan White said that he felt it was not necessary and that it could be done in the morning when the victim would be more responsive.

According to the victim, however, she did not say that she did not want to be interviewed.

Bob White confirmed the assertion that proper procedures include calling the Greensboro police. By 5:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, the police had still not been notified.

At 12:30 p.m. the day after the incident, Binford Coordinator Peg Thornberry was notified of the attack for the first time by a Guilfordian reporter. Bill

Thornberry, the other Binford Coordinator, was distressed to learn of the incident. "We have had problems in the past, and I want to be notified," he said. According to the Thornberry's, had they been notified of the attack, they would have called the police.

Ken Schwab, Dean of Students, who gets Security reports from Bob White, had not been notified of the incident until 4:50 p.m. Tuesday evening when a Guilfordian reporter questioned him.

Bob White normally reviews the log book of security actions during the previous night when he arrives at his office in the mornings. However, it was 2:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon before Audrey Horney, secretary to Bob White, contacted the woman who was attacked and asked that she come see Mr. White.

The victimized student said, "At this meeting, Bob White lectured on how one should not

walk alone at night, and stressed that security will 'gladly' provide escort services." "Bob never mentioned anything about calling the police," she said. "I felt that maybe it was my responsibility to notify everyone."

Bob White said that the police "would be notified." He had not taken this step as of 5:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, saying that the description of the assailant was not substantial enough to involve the police.

Until notified by the Guilfordian reporter, a number of members of the housing staff had not been told of the incident. Katherine Helms, an intern on the second floor of Bryan, said, "How are we supposed to do our jobs if we are not notified?"

Security guards voiced mixed reactions to the attack. One male guard said, in jest, "She was probably asking for it." Another guard said that "the system sucks." Alan White said that "the system is great, Bob does a great job."

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review of the Judicial Board and the honor system in the Guilfordian displays a gamut of personal attitudes toward the "system" in which values are fostered; but, no one seriously questions the value of honor itself. I am glad to be able to say that, for at least the 35 years I have known Guilford, the "interest in returning to the honor system" has never been completely absent and that, indeed, in the history of the College this is an "eternal return" with a rise and fall in interest according to pressured concern. There has always been the temptation to play with the words "honor" and "system." (Who has not heard of "those with honor" and "those with a system" and the various substitutions for the demonstrative pronouns?) A reasonably skeptical faith in human nature, however, seems to prevail at Guilford.

It is possible to operate under an honor system on a very large

scale. Students who have lived in Munich have discovered this. The transportation system in Germany, even in the East, is based on the "honor" of citizens who buy and insert their tickets into a machine which designates the time and place of initial use. There is random checking and fining, but there are citizens, too, who do not hesitate to reprimand riders who seem to be violating the code. On the other hand, the large University in Munich, as well as schools in general, would not think of leaving students without proctors. There is an atmosphere of complete lack of trust in students during examinations.

I proctored in such an atmosphere years ago at a nearby university and discovered that such a system does not "work" 100 percent either. I prefer the system at Guilford. I hope that modifications of the present system will continue to be tried.

Any modifications, however, should reflect higher rather than lower expectations from both students and faculty. Guilford is a part of the "real" world. It is a part of our democratic system and not a part of a police state.

Mary Feagins

Greensboro justice

We are members of Citizens for Justice and Unity, a local coalition for constructive social progress in Greensboro, North Carolina. We came together after the court acquittal of Klan and Nazi defendants last November concerned about the issues of justice and prejudice that were raised by that trial and its outcome. At that time we submitted a request to the Justice Department to investigate the case.

Because of the astounding nature of the events of November 3, 1979, the trial, and the perplexing questions which have not yet been publicly answered, we affirm our continued support for a full and thorough investigation of this case by our federal government, through the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. We join with the recommendation of outgoing U.S. Attorney H.M. Michaux in his official call for such an investigation and for indictments of those responsible in the November 3 tragedy.

The recent investigation by the Institute of Southern Studies raises questions of possible conspiracy regarding the deaths of the five persons on November 3, and underlines the necessity for public testimony from Edward Dawson and the Greensboro Police Department. Only if the nagging serious questions surrounding this case are answered

will justice and unity be realized in Greensboro.

We are also concerned to understand how the matter of the investigation actually proceeds through our Justice Department in Washington; whether and how legal issues become intertwined with political considerations; and what role, if any, concerned citizens can play in cases such as this. To this end, we are planning a public forum Tuesday evening, October 27, when specialists on this case, such as former U.S. Attorney H. M. Michaux, Professor William Van Alstyne of Duke University School of Law, and Elizabeth Wheaton, researcher for the Institute of Southern Studies, joined by local attorney Michael Curtis, will discuss their perspectives on the federal investigation and answer questions from the public. We hope our fellow citizens will join us as we seek further understanding and justice in this issue.