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Guilford contemplates arms

By Bob Gluck

On Wednesday, November 11, Guilford College hosted the "Convocation on Nuclear War." The day included a number of activities intended to make people more aware of the chances of nuclear war and its consequences.

The convocation was in response to a nationwide call from the Union of Concerned Scientists for groups and schools to organize activities which would bring the threat of nuclear war to everyone's attention.

A loose organizational committee was formed at Guilford to map out the plans for yesterday's events. According to Joe Groves, a member of that group, the silent vigils were included in the convocation because the vigil has traditionally been a Quakerly means of making a witness against war. He added that a vigil is more of a participatory and active means of involvement as compared to listening to other people give speeches.

Both the vigil at Guilford and at the postoffice in downtown Greensboro were attended by a good number of students and faculty members, and they, no doubt, attracted the attention of many passersby.

Another feature of the convocation was an information table in Founders Hall which displayed, among other things, literature concerning the dangers and effects of nuclear war, petitions calling for the start of nuclear weapons limitation talks, and a description of the civil defense program in Greensboro in the event of a nuclear war. Films were shown in the Walnut Room at both lunch and dinner.

The day's events concluded with several lectures. Dr. Robert Doolittle spoke on the medical implications of nuclear war, Jerry Enos on the economic implications, Ted Benfy Ph. D. on science and the public, and Joe Groves Ph. D. ended by questioning the

"In nuclear war there are no winners or losers"



photo by Randy Rosenthal

Professor Ted Benfy (left) was among those people responsible for Wednesday's Convocation of the Threat of Nuclear War held at Guilford.

morality of deterrence.

One reason the Union of Concerned Scientists called for the convocation was to create concern on

college campuses and inspire students to form groups addressing the threat of nuclear war. According to Joe Groves

there are no plans for creating such a group at Guilford though he would certainly like to see one formed.

Security at work on campus

By Gingi Farr

It was Sunday November 7, 3:05 a.m. Dave Wekesa, a member of the Guilford College security force, was patrolling the campus on foot in attempt to keep the premises safe from unwanted visitors and irregular occurrences. In the midst of a silenced campus, Wekesa spotted a man stalking from Mary Hobbs to Shore dormitory.

The man stole upon the porch of Shore and began trying to open the doors. Finding them securely locked, he approached, with decision, his next potential entry way: the kitchen windows. Discovering them unfastened, he crawled through the opening and entered the lounge.

Wekesa saw the man and called out to him but the stranger failed to answer and set off at a fast pace to reach the exit. Wekesa then leaped into the room, utilizing the proven window entrance and chased the man in the direction of Mary Hobbs.

Altering his course, the stranger scurried towards Founders, with Wekesa behind in hot pursuit. Wekesa dropped the security belt from his waist to accelerate his speed and continued the chase. At last the intruder was within Wekesa's grasp! He gripped the stranger's shoulders firmly as the

man, exhausted from the strenuous get-away attempt, fell immediately on the cold pavement.

Closely following the moment of capture, a fellow guard, Dave Shirlin, appeared. Shirlin went inside Founders to contact the Greensboro police while Wekesa, still outside, attempted to move the man into Founders.

The stranger refused to enter the building and also resisted Wekesa's efforts to bodily drag him in. The police arrived to the scene fifteen minutes later to apprehend the outsider. The only information he would release to the guards or police was that he had intended to visit a friend that morning.

The "friend's" name remains unknown, as does the true degree of safety on campus for Guilford students. "The prompt and efficient effort taken by our security force merits unquestionable recognition and commendation in their dealing with the situation. It is to be hoped that such incidents as last Sunday morning will cease to occur with such increasing regularity," said Binford dorm coordinators Bill and Peg Thornberry.

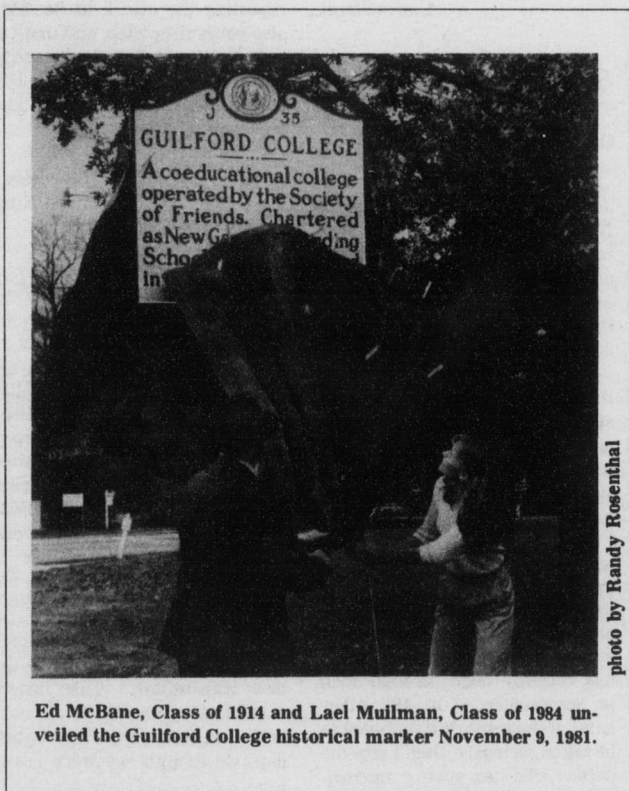


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Ed McBane, Class of 1914 and Lael Mullman, Class of 1984 unveiled the Guilford College historical marker November 9, 1981.