

Protest rally announcement

Students question U.S. aid to El Salvador

By Mark Lieblich

At 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 27, approximately 40 Guilford students will be board ing vans to transport them to an educational rally and benefit for the people of El Salvador. The vans will be heading to Pope Park in Fayetteville and later to Ft. Bragg where a variety of talks, ceremonies, and musical events are scheduled to take place. Among the speakers will be a Maryknoll nun and a representative from the opposition movement in El Salvador.

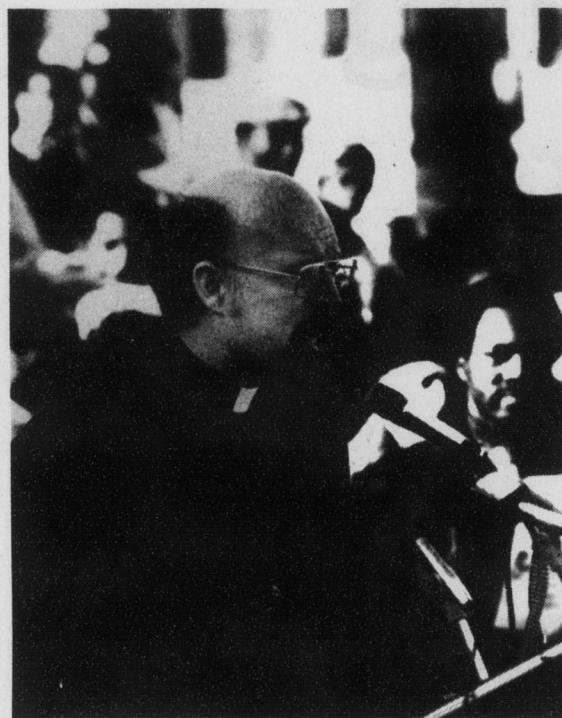
Although a number of educational programs have taken place on campus in the past two weeks and an information table has been set up in Founders Hall, many students are still unsure about some of the issues surrounding the conflict in El Salvador. Ambiguous and conflicting messages have been published by government and media sources regarding the events in El Salvador. This makes the process of obtaining a clear picture of the situation very difficult. Here are some summaries of recent reports.

In January the Reagan administration reported that the Salvadoran government was

making a significant effort to comply with human rights. The report to Congress, which was necessary if El Salvador were to continue receiving U.S. military aid, stated the number of political murders in El Salvador had been cut from 9,000 in 1980 to about 6,000 in 1981. However a United Nations human rights official, Pastor-Ridruejo, has stated that the number of political murders in El Salvador last year was about twice the number the Reagan administration cites. The U.N. official also noted that most violations came from the military and rightist groups (AP).

In January a report from the New York Times News Service had the headlines, "Salvadoran Troops Killed 733 Peasants In Raids, Survivors Say." "13 peasants in the Morazan Province said their relatives and friends were killed in December by a 1,000 man unit of the Salvadoran Army which was trained by U.S. military advisors." According to villagers in Mozote, about 280 of the 482 killed were children less than 14 years old. This event was reported in the Salvadoran newspapers as a search and destroy operation against leftist guerrillas. Col. Cotto of the Salvadoran Armed forces labeled the reports of the killings as "totally false and fabricated by subversives." U.S. Ambassador Hinton said he did not have "any reason to believe (the reports) are true." But news reporters claim to have seen "charred skulls and bones of dozens of bodies."

What are we sure of? The U.S.-supported military government of El Salvador would fall within four weeks if U.S. aid were eliminated (according to the Salvadoran forces). The Salvadoran troops are fighting an opposition force, which they label as "leftist guerrillas", in an all-out civil war. This is an opposition



Father Henry Atkins, a Chaplain at UNC-G, spent this past Christmas week in Honduras at a camp for Salvadoran refugees. The stories he heard from these people who had run away from the poverty and killings in El Salvador acted to reinforce his inspiration for becoming a major organizer in putting together the events on Feb. 27th. He will be among the speakers at Pope Park in Fayetteville this Saturday.

force which former U.S. Ambassador Murat Williams states is supported by 80% of the Salvadoran people. On February 20, 1982, three Congress members who had just completed a three day "fact-finding mission" in El Salvador concluded that they are in opposition to further U.S. military aid to El Salvador primarily because of the human rights abuses by the Salvadoran Armed forces (NY Times News Service).

40 Guilford College students have decided to take part in events at Pope Park and Ft. Bragg on Feb. 27. They are saying the U.S. should not be escalating its military aid to El

Salvador next year to 300 to 500 million dollars when it is unclear that this will lead to a viable solution to the Salvadoran conflict. They are also saying the U.S. should not spend 18 million dollars to train 1,000 members of the Salvadoran Army at Ft. Bragg when budget cuts at home have eliminated over 140,000 students from the National Direct Student Loan program since March of 1981.

Car pools and vans will be leaving from behind the Dana Auditorium at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27 for the rally, car caravan, and benefit in Fayetteville and at Ft. Bragg. The vans will return by 5:30 p.m.

Swami to visit Guilford

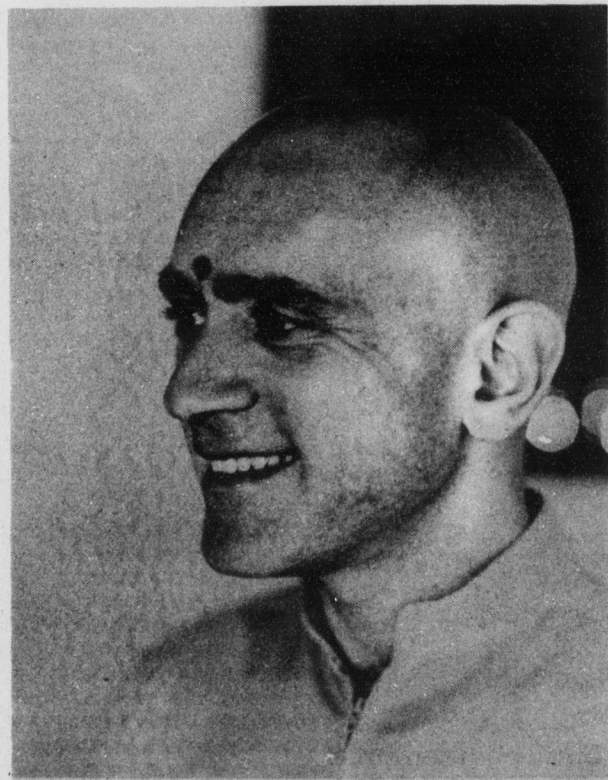
On March 20th, Swami Vasudevananda will visit Guilford to conduct a special Seminar: A New Vision of Ourselves, in the Gallery at Founders Hall, 3-6 p.m.

Swami Vasudevananda is one of the few Americans initiated into the Sarasvati order of monks, a tradition with roots in 8th century India.

Formerly a respected actor, teacher of acting, and theatre director in New York, Vasudevananda met the world renowned master of meditation, Swami Muktananda, in 1976. He has studied with him in India and the U. S. He became a monk in 1980, and currently directs the Siddha Yoga Ashram in Atlanta. A gifted speaker and teacher, he has given seminars and workshops in many parts of the U.S. In this Seminar he will show how the ancient doctrine of Self Recognition is manifesting in America today.

The program will include instruction in meditation, questions and answers, and refreshments. There will be a fee of \$12 (\$8 for students). Charity James, Director of the Reentry Program at Guilford, will introduce the speaker.

Swami Vasudevananda says, "We all sense that there is something inside us, some great potential, which would transform our lives if only we could tap into it. It's not a false hope. We have that within us."



Swami Vasudevananda will hold a seminar entitled "A New Vision of Ourselves" on March 20 in the Gallery of Founder's Hall from 3 to 6 p.m.

Ghosts continued

opening up the building about 6:00 a.m. one Saturday morning in mid-November. After having checked the quiet wing, the auditorium and then the Moon room wing, he was in the process of leaving the building when he heard a door slam behind him.

Turning around in order to recheck the doors, he saw a tall, grey, featureless figure wearing a trenchcoat and hat approaching him quickly. Both of them stopped, each having seen the other and stood staring for approximately five to ten seconds until the figure turned, faced the wall and disappeared.

Mac Herring who replaced this security guard that morning commented that "he was just as pale as he could be," and explained that the reason the guard has chosen to remain anonymous was because "he thinks people who believe in ghosts are screwy." However, Herring also added that the guard now believes in ghosts, at least to some degree.

Other mysterious happenings have also occurred in both New Garden and Duke, and each building is known for its "specialties." On many occasions, security guards have been absolutely sure that they

had completely locked up and checked New Garden, only to return to their jeep parked out in front and then spot lights on in the building.

Duke is known for its mysterious slamming doors which many security guards attribute to a kind of vacuum within the building. However, several guards, who have attempted to combat this phenomena, by making sure that each door was securely latched, still report that the mystery continues.

Ghosts on campus? That's a joke-or is it?