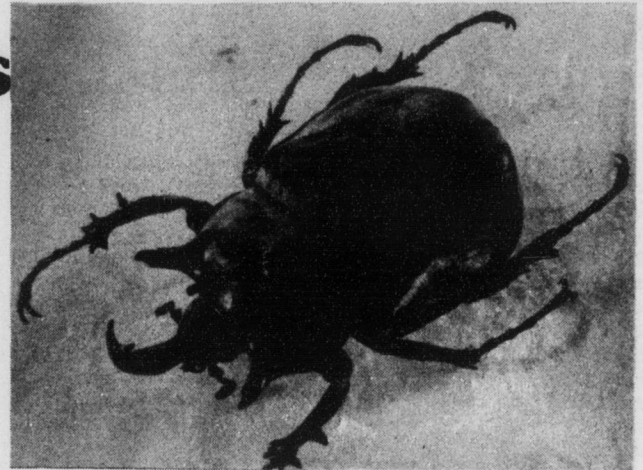


Dung Beetle Derby results

Eric O'Donovan will now go on to the National Dung Beetle Derby, held annually in Bakersfield, California. This year's contest marks the 50th anniversary of the Dung Beetle Derby in this country and promises really stiff competition. O'Donovan has been training beetles since 1974, and has been at the national Derby twice before, once in 1977 and again in 1980. Winnie, his beetle in 1977, crashed on the third day of the Derby and was removed from further competition, and in 1980 his beetle Bumbles

came in third. His latest beetle, Snowbell, is descended from a long line of winning dung beetles and he is very hopeful of her chances. Says O'Donovan: "She's the best beetle I've ever trained, and hopefully I'll have some really excellent results." Mark Eagleton, the organizer of Guilford's third annual Derby, agrees: "In all my years of judging dung beetles, she's the best one I ever saw. She's all business, and has adapted well to the rigorous training schedule that a beetle has to follow."



Snowbell, trained by student Eric O'Donovan, sped to victory in Guilford's third annual Dung Beetle Derby. Snowbell and O'Donovan are currently competent in the National Dung Beetle Derby in Bakersfield, California.

Beetle	Name	Trainer	Place
1	Pattycake	Peter Williams	2
2	Bluebonnet	Francine Baker	Crashed
3	Snowbell	Eric O'Donovan	1
4	Jimmy	Luther Powell	3
5	Frodo	Clark Hawkins	4
6	Nemestrina	Floyd Watson	Crashed

YES!



Gay health

makes it easier for gays to be promiscuous than to be involved in committed relationships. Long-term and committed relationships are almost always more noticeable than one night stands, and are therefore more easily made into targets for abuse, discrimination, and contempt."

J. C., who wants to be a minister, faces an especially agonizing difficulty. He has had to choose between his religious

calling, and his deep need for sexual and spiritual intimacy with another person. Because the church condemns homosexuality, he cannot simultaneously become a pastor and live in a union of love with another gay person. Ultimately, J. C. feels that his religious calling takes precedent over all other things. "I would prefer a life-long love relationship with someone I cared deeply about, but my

ministry would be in jeopardy if I were open and honest about it," he said. Even so, J. C. sometimes feels that he is living a truncated and fragmental existence. Perhaps most painful of all, he said, are his daily attempts to live behind a facade of heterosexuality in order to avoid our society's persecution of homosexuals. "I resent being forced to deny my sexual orientation in order to assume the role of something I'm

not," he said. "My sexuality is something that straight people want to cut out of me."

In addition to the intense emotional and psychological pressures exerted on gay students, some special medical problems may also plague them. Bobby Doolittle, the campus physician, helped explain some of them. To begin with, alcoholism is a major problem. Time magazine, for instance, quoted a study which concluded that the alcoholism rate among the gay population is 20% to 30% - three to four times the rate among all adult Americans (April 23, 1979). According to Dr. Doolittle "alcoholism results, from a problem of self-esteem. There is a high rate of problems with self-esteem because of the disapproval which gay people receive from society, and particularly from their parents."

The other special medical problems among gays occur primarily in only one segment of the gay population. Dr. Doolittle suggested that for medical purposes, the gay population could be separated into three categories: 1) Heterosexuals with some homosexual experience; 2) Gay males who frequent bars, baths, and discos and who have a high number of Sexual encounters; 3) Lesbians, monogamous gay couples, and bisexuals. It is almost always members of the second group who experience special medical

problems related to the homosexual subculture.

The two very big problems are drug abuse and venereal disease. Many gays who frequent gay discos inhale amyl, butyl nitrates (known as "poppers" to hard-core partyers), which are taken to prolong and intensify orgasm. According to Dr. Doolittle the drugs can be dangerous and therefore, their use should be discouraged. They dilate blood vessels and place undue stress on the cardiovascular system.

Because gays in the second category tend to have a higher number of sexual encounters than those in the other two categories, there is a high rate of V. D. in this group. Dr. Doolittle stated that "there is a direct correlation between anonymous promiscuity increases one's chances of becoming infected.

Dr. Doolittle also drew a strong connection between societal sanctions against gay people and the promiscuous sex lives some of them lead, which in turn contributes to the spread of disease. "The social pressures in our society and workplace push homosexuals to keep their relationships anonymous," he said. As an example, he pointed out that a fourth grade male school teacher could protect his job better, by being promiscuous than by entering into a long-term monogamous relationship, which would be more noticeable.

Changes in store at graduation

by Arthur Freund

Graduation! That elusive and most sought after culmination of four years of blood, tears, toil and sweat. The event that seniors cautiously anticipate, unsure of their own success until the diploma is thrust into their hands, while they are surrounded by hordes of congratulating and drowsily relieved parents.

This year the graduating seniors can look forward to a slightly new series of events prior to the actual commencement exercises, which will be held in front of Hege-Cox Arts building on Saturday, May 8th at 10:30 a.m.

The Sub-Committee on Commencement, under the Convocations and Celebration Committee has proposed several alternatives to take place during and after the Senior Banquet, on Friday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. this

year the decision has been made to have the Awards Convocation take place on Sunday, April 18th in Dana Auditorium so that the entire Guilford College Community can take part in this jubilant event, rather than during the Senior Banquet.

After the banquet the Convocations Committee, according to co-chairman Jane Bengel, has suggested "some music and a chance for people to socialize in a different atmosphere." They would like to have a dance in Sternberger Auditorium to provide a casual meeting place for the seniors and their parents, many of whom have never met.

If anyone is sober enough to face the wee hours of the morning, there will be coffee and donuts (a veritable Epicurean delight) served in front of Founders Hall on Saturday morning, May 8th, before robing up for the commencement exercises by 9:45 a.m. If you are the lucky

recipient of a diploma, four tickets will be provided for your guests (in case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held in Dana Auditorium, where seating is limited to 1,000 people, so don't invite your own fan club).

For those of you who care to take part in this event, this year's commencement speaker will be Dr. Edwin Wilson, the Provost of Wake Forest University. Unfortunately, the Watergate conspirators, Gerry Ford, and Donald Duck asked for too much money so they were not invited to speak before the graduating class of 1982. Fortunately for us, Dr. Wilson should provide a momentous speech. So tell your friends and parents to anticipate a bang-up graduation even if you don't plan to attend these exercises.

San Francisco

COST: \$480.00 covers course costs, most meals, room and city transportation for three weeks. Housing will be dormitory style. Incidental spending money and transportation to and from San Francisco is the student's responsibility. The following figures, subject to change, may give you an indication of the cost of getting to the West Coast: Automobile

(5,000 mi. @ 20¢) = \$1000.00 (possibly divided among two or more participants); Greyhound Bus = \$266.80; Air (night coach) = \$408.00; AMTRAK = \$466.00.

For further information, please see Jin Keith in Student Services, Founders Hall. You may also see Bill Schmickle in the Center for Off Campus Education, Founders.

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