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Guilford Community Charged With Racist Atmosphere

By Donna Horton

James Wright, Human Rights Commissioner of Greensboro, told members of the Guilford community that racism exists where people are left out and stereotyping, especially racial, prevents interaction among people.

Wright spoke Saturday morning in the Gallery to an audience consisting of sixteen faculty and students, combined. Sol Jacobs, a friend of the college, was also present. Wright facilitated a discussion on the topic of "Racism here at Guilford." Pella Stokes, a '79 Guilford alumna and Wake Forest Law School graduate, and Joe Kendrick, Director of Minority Affairs at UNC-G, assisted Wright in the discussion.

"What you have here at Guilford is repression, suppression and oppression. Unless recognized, this will lead to confrontation where individuals' identities are at stake," Wright said near the conclusion of the two-hour discussion. Initially Wright asked the group, "What are the particular problems at Guilford?"

"I think students' views are that racism has been solved; it is not a problem now," said John Stoneburner, professor of religion and past academic dean. "We are also working with an all-white Board of Trustees," he added.

Concern was expressed at the discussion regarding general lack of student attendance and absence of senate representation.

Carter Delafield wanted to know where the administration stands, not on the intellectual plane, but as far as action on the issue of racism.

Carol Stoneburner suggested a formal policy which confronts the issue instead of the spoken responses received this far. Har-

assment of Blacks, Jews, and women occurred last fall when Mary Hobbs residents were subjected to threatening notes outside their doors. White women were dating black men.

"We have been tolerating intolerance in our recent past," said psychology professor Jerry Godard. Instead of taking a firm stand and saying "this behavior will not be accepted here," we treat all with kid-gloves and understanding the aggressor's motives takes first priority. This is done because of our Quaker concern.

One student said blacks were the object of humorous jokes in the dorm, "not blatant jokes, after all we are friends, too."

A football player told of the teamwork involved on the field, "but as soon as players, both black and white, leave the field, their relationship ends."

One student recommended organizing a group of students to explore and confront the issue of racism at Guilford.

After lengthy discussion, Wright recommended positive confrontation with the issue and offered these suggestions:

- The leaders of student organizations should meet and attempt to provide interracial action.

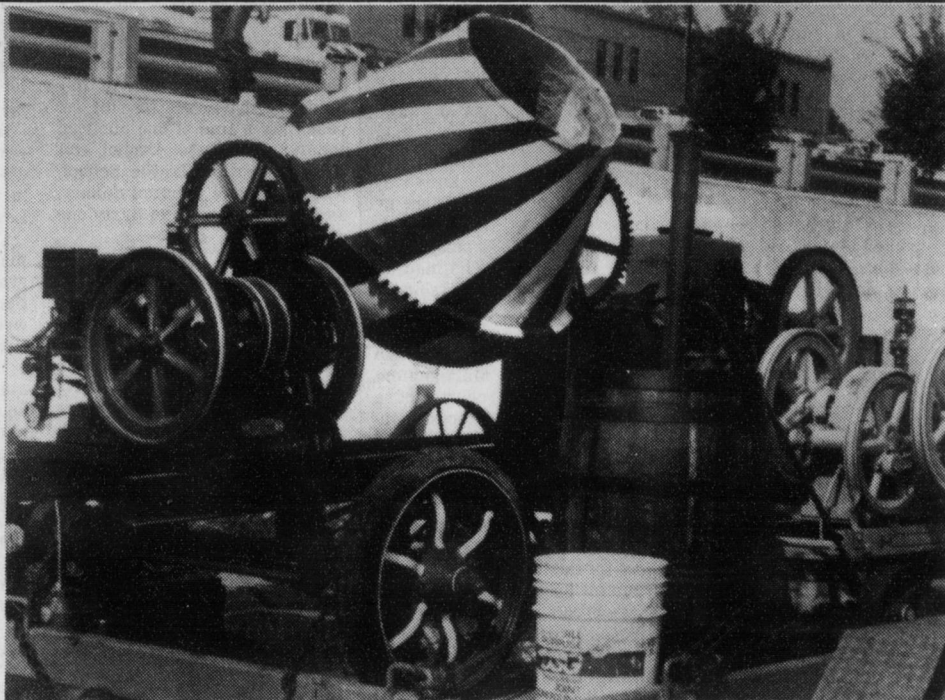
- Connect the food program in some way with "good human relations."

- Continue to bring minority graduates back to Guilford to speak about their successes and their hurts and problems while at Guilford.

- Find ways for professors to thaw out frozen students in the classroom.

Wright said the problems we have at Guilford are not exceptional to those at other colleges and communities across the country, but they do exist. He

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'Gravel Zone' Horrifies Riders

By Todd Owens

Consider for a moment, Damon Hickey, Guilford's Associate Library Director. He has been given a round trip ticket to the Gravel Zone. This is the dimension of 'slips' and 'falls' where everything slides out from under you when you least expect it. Damon Hickey and others have been there, and lived to tell about it.

On a seemingly normal day, Damon Hickey drove to work on his motorcycle. He drove into the

main entrance of Guilford College and was about to attempt a left turn at New Garden Hall. There was a car waiting at the stop sign so Damon Hickey had to make a wider turn than usual. His wheels sunk into the gravel, causing him to lose control of his bike. Damon Hickey left the Gravel Zone with three stitches in his arm.

Last year the surface of the roads at Guilford were full of potholes. Although they were filled frequently, because of con-

tinuous damage, it was decided to put a whole new surface on the roads. Thompson Arthur Contractors was hired to do the job.

Dick Coe, Business Manager of Guilford College, said that paving Guilford's main road with asphalt would be tremendously expensive at approximately \$80,000. The alternative was a process of spreading tar over the roads then placing gravel on top. After a 6-8 week wait for the gravel to settle into the tar, excess gravel is swept away leaving a paved road. This process costing only \$30,000 was chosen as the compromise.

The end of 6-8 weeks is fast approaching. Thompson-Arthur contractors are supposed to be sweeping up the gravel before fall break so that Guilford maintenance can paint the lines in the parking areas, the fire lanes and the speed bumps.

In the meantime other people are having unfortunate experiences in the "gravel zone." Karen Longfellow was cruising around the school grounds on her bicycle when all of a sudden she bounced over an unmarked speed bump and toppled to the ground. Her injuries were minor yet it ruined her day, and weekend.

"I think they should paint the speed bumps now, or have some kind of caution signs put up. Why wait until fall break when someone else might get hurt?" asked Karen.

"It is certainly regrettable that we have had people hurt because of the gravel. I suggest that until the gravel can be removed that people be very careful when riding on the roads," said Bob White.

Become Aware of Alcohol

By Julie Yindra

"This year, Alcohol Awareness Day is scheduled for Friday, September 30th," says Kathy Nance, Chairperson of the Senate Committee for Alcohol Awareness. The day is an annual event sponsored by the Community Senate, designed to "educate people, to make them aware of the physical and mental effects that alcohol can have on them," says Kathy. The committee hopes that active participation in the events of the day will help to make young people aware of how important it is to drink responsibly.

Following the same basic format of last year's program, the committee has organized a series of booths that will be set up in the lobby of Founders Hall during the lunch and dinner hours on the 30th. Each one will provide interesting and important information concerning alcohol consumption.

Among these booths will be a number of displays offering pam-

phlets and other reading material to the students. Also available for student use will be a sampling of non-alcoholic drinks and a breathalyzer machine to measure the amount of alcohol in the body.

A member of the North Carolina Highway Patrol will be on hand to answer any questions. He will be showing a film describing the police procedure for stopping a motorist that is believed to be under the influence. Jane Caris, Director of Counseling Services, will also be available at an "Information Center" in the lobby for casual, one to one conversations concerning alcohol abuse.

On behalf of the Senate, Kathy urges that students participate in the day's activities, and that they take advantage of this informative event. She also noted that painter's hats with the slogan "Guilford College Alcohol Awareness Day" will be distributed to all those who take part in the program.

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