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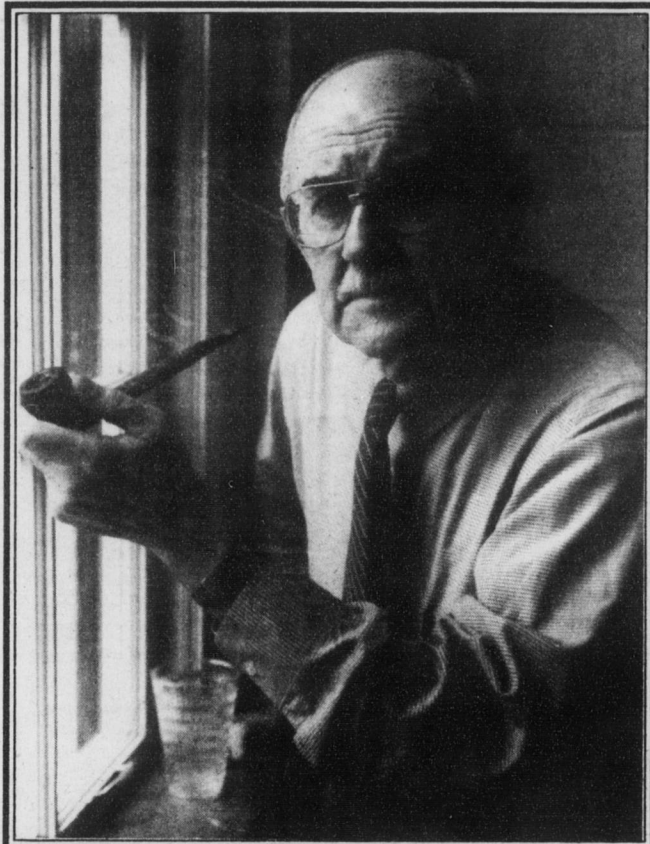


Photo courtesy Claude Mourot-Burris

Bill Burris

Bill Burris dies at 61

Jeff Johnson
Staff writer

The Guilford community mourns the death Monday, April 12 of political science professor William Howell Burris.

Burris came to Guilford in 1964. Under him, the political science department went from having one faculty member to having two. "He came to the college at a time when Daryl Kent, then academic dean, was looking for a way to strengthen the study of social and political institutions," said President Bill Rogers.

"The development of the political science department grew strongly under the wise guidance of Bill Carroll and Bill Burris," continued Rogers.

Last week Burris experienced a pain in his side which he thought was in his gall bladder. It turned out that the cancer he was carrying had suddenly attacked his liver.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at New Garden Friends Meeting, of which Burris was a member.

"Burris helped to hire a number of strong faculty members and guided curricular development [as academic dean for four years]. From that experience, he also developed a keen sensitivity to the important interrelationship of teaching and academic freedom on the one hand and of institutional loyalty and planning on the other," said Rogers.

"He was an excellent role model," said library director Herb Poole, "and he embraced the academic tradition that I, for one, admired when I was a student—that of the teacher/scholar/poet. He was a person whose company you enjoyed. He was a good counselor. He was the kind of guy you wanted for a father."

"He provided strong leadership on campus," said political science

professor Bill Schmickle. "He was good to have on your side and a good opponent, too. He knew his own mind and spoke clearly and to the point. He was honest in that way and was one of the stronger personalities on campus."

"I am deeply grateful to Bill for his support of campus ministries," said Max Carter. "Each and every time I asked him to appear in a panel, he was there. We can joke about his being the 'token conservative,' but his opinions were based on educated and thought-through ideas. He constantly reminded us of the other side of the issues."

"Our hearts go out in support to Claude Mourot-Burris, to Bill's brothers and sisters and mother, and to his children," said Rogers.

"He had a wonderful, ornery way of always questioning Guilford's prevailing progressivism," said Jason Smith, a senior political science major. "Our community will be something less without him."

Campus leaders honored

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Outstanding students, faculty and staff were recognized at the Awards Convocation on Tuesday.

CCE student Joyce Hefferan received the Senior Excellence Award in recognition of her academic achievement, tutoring work, and service as president of CCE student government.

The Sidney H. Tomlinson Jr. award for ongoing research was presented to psychology professor Ritchie Zweigenhaft. "I was delighted to receive the award," he said. "The years of work have been such a pleasure that I really didn't

need to receive it. Working with students and writing are what's important. The award is just the icing on the cake."

Adrienne Israel earned the 1993 Excellence in Teaching Award. "I'm very grateful and I appreciate the respect students have for me. My teaching has improved because of their criticisms."

Reference librarian Betty Place earned the 1993 Community Service award. "Having work-study students has been very important to me over the years. When students work for you, you see them grow, change, and gain insight and understanding."

Senior Rebecca Grunko received the first annual Judith Weller Harvey award for service to Campus Ministries. Harvey retires as director of the Friends Center this year.

Senior Tim Snyder was recognized for his community service, and junior Melissa Hoopes was honored for her environmental work.

Junior Erika LeMay received several academic and leadership awards including the Clyde Milner and Eric Reid memorial honors.

Over 200 other members of the community were recognized with awards or scholarships in various academic and community leadership fields.

Gail Kasun
News editor

A weekend full of activities is planned for this year's annual Serendipity Weekend, Apr. 15-17. Plans have been underway since the end of last year's Serendipity.

According to Union president Scott Thornhill, "We started to make intense arrangements in the beginning of December."

Thornhill expressed enthusiasm for the many events this weekend, commenting, "the most exciting part of Serendipity is the involvement of people outside of Guilford with the crafts fair and different local bands coming."

Thornhill explained, "I am also excited that the maturity level of Guilford students is rising and that drinking won't be as big a part of Serendipity as it has been in the past."

Eddie Pike, Serendipity committee chair, said he was most excited about "watching the crowd during the headline show and seeing the plan come together and be a success."

On Thursday night, the Guilford band Chasm opened for Vinx. Said Thornhill, "Chasm has performed at several Union events this year, and they always do a fine job. Opening up for Bela Fleck was

really impressive."

Vinx, who opened for Sting on his last tour, played African percussion Thursday night.

Friday night's activities include two bands and a dance.

The first to play is BusStop. "BusStop performed at Serendipity last year as Straight Ahead," said Thornhill. "They have recently released their first CD."

Warrior Soul will play next. "They are a fairly heavy group," explained Thornhill. Following Warrior Soul will be an "Early 80's" dance in front of Dana Auditorium.

Saturday's activities are varied. The crafts fair will be held in the Alumni Gym from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. "The crafts fair is the most rewarding single event for me," said Thornhill. "It's going to bring the community into the event more and will lead us away from the drunken stupor atmosphere into a more community-oriented atmosphere. Other activities begin at 1 p.m. with Jell-o™ wrestling, volleyball, and Ultimate frisbee."

Later, Flashback, who performed at Hugo's for Guilford College night, will play classic rock. Redline, a rock and roll group, will follow.

The last group to play Serendipity is Widespread Panic. "They

just released their second CD," said Thornhill. The last scheduled event is the showing of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* in Sternberger Auditorium.

Thornhill explained some of the difficulties that were experienced in planning Serendipity: "The most difficult part is dealing with criticism in a never-satisfied group. You can never please everybody."

He also addressed the tension between the administration and students in planning the weekend. "It's obviously an event that causes the administration some sleepless nights, but I think they sometimes lose sight of how important it is for the students."

Pike said, "I loved working with Scott Thornhill this year. We've been a team, and we both love it when a plan comes together."

Thornhill said, "I want to commend Eddie publicly for doing a great job."

Thornhill and Pike both expressed concern about Serendipity's future. "It's up to the students how Serendipity goes—the majority of it is how students behave. It's got to evolve into something healthy for the majority of the community."

"If we follow the rules, Serendipity can be around for a long time," said Thornhill.

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