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The student organizers of the AIDS for AIDS conference, Amanda Sabin, Jack Register, and Mark Ferguson, meet up with participants from Wofford and Antioch Colleges.

AIDS about AIDS: Bonner Scholars-organized conference to show realities and emotions of disease

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AIDS about AIDS is an unprecedented conference being held on the Guilford campus from Wednesday, November 30 until Saturday, December 3. The conference seeks to Acquire Information and Destroy Stereotypes about HIV and AIDS.

Twenty-seven colleges including Davidson College, Earlham College, Emory and Henry College, Oberlin College, Rhodes College, Spelman College, The University of Richmond, and Wake Forest University, have been invited to attend.

"The conference is not about who has AIDS; it is about what to do about it. We are going to hear from fathers, mothers, lovers, and children, as well as anyone else who is willing to speak," said Jack Register, a Bonner Scholar and organizer of the conference, "We want to stress that AIDS is not a gay issue, not a straight issue, not a black or white issue, not male or female, it is a human issue."

The conference is the first service learning conference at Guil-

ford organized by Bonner Scholars. Bonner Scholars Jack Register, Amanda Sabin, and Marc Ferguson created and organized

“We know that AIDS is a daunting disease, not only for those who have it but also for those interested in helping.

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” the conference with help from Bonner Coordinators Katrina Knight and Judy Harvey.

The conference is a cooperative effort between the Triad Health Project, a local, volunteer-based AIDS service organization, and Guilford College's Bonner Scholar Program. It will feature workshops on the Guilford campus, as well as incorporate larger activities in the Greensboro area such as

the Winter walk for AIDS and the AIDS quilt.

Workshops include "Body awareness in the age of AIDS," which is a dance presentation by a group from Virginia; "Ethics of AIDS, Personal Commitment and Service," a discussion led by people who are in direct contact with people living with AIDS; and "Panel of people living with AIDS," hosted by a panel made up of a diverse group of people living with the disease.

The workshops will be held in Dana Auditorium.

The Winter Walk and the Aids quilt are both events that were organized by Triad Health Project to commemorate National AIDS day, December 1. Both events will take place at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The Winter Walk is a candlelight vigil, in which people walk carrying the names of several people who have died from AIDS.

The section of the national AIDS quilt that will be on display in Greensboro contains about 2000 panels of mostly North Carolina residents that have died from the

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Kay tells Holocaust horrors

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She seemed to be the typical grandmother as she sat in front of students in the Leak Room on Thursday morning, Nov. 17. But Laura Kay only had to reveal the identification number on her arm, a constant reminder of her days in a concentration camp, and the audience realized that her story would be far from typical.

Laura Kay, the grandmother of freshman Jessica Berson, was invited by Doug Smith's English class to discuss an issue on which they had been writing: prejudice.

Kay was arrested in 1942, at the age of thirteen, and sent to a concentration camp in Birkenau, Germany. This was when the dehumanization process began. On arrival, her head was shaved, and she

was given a striped uniform and wooden shoes. She was virtually starved, and what little food there was had often been tainted with chemicals. She was beaten for something as simple as just looking around. She slept in straw infested with bugs.

The Leak Room was shrouded with a silent chill as Kay held her hands to her ears and told how the sounds of moaning and crying constantly haunts her. Kay witnessed unimaginable horrors, such as a man's liver being removed and eaten by German soldiers. At one point Kay was forced to walk twenty miles in two left wooden shoes, constantly digging and pulling up large rocks. She remembers thinking, "I want to be a bird, I want to be an ant. Anything. But a human—no."

In January she made the "death march" from Birkenau to Bergen-Belsen. People were dying on all sides of her. She herself clung desperately to life, barely able to walk in shoes only half-fitting her swollen feet. The road to regaining her life and freedom began on April 15, 1945, when the British army liberated her camp.

The story was difficult for the audience to hear, and it was obviously painful to tell. As granddaughter Jessica says, "She does not talk to the family about it."

Kay's message to Guilford students was powerful and clear, "If you see discrimination and prejudice, speak out." She urged students to take advantage of the education they are receiving to combat ignorance and battle anyone who poisons their mind with lies.

Military recruitment forum focuses on Quaker heritage

Two fundamental tenets of Quakerism—an opposition to military and the witness for peace—formed the foundation of the discussion.

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Sponsored by the Administrative Council, Tuesday's forum highlighted the concerns of the Guilford community as to the presence of military recruiters on campus. Ad Council will act soon to formulate a formal policy to address this issue.

Questions as to the appropriateness of allowing representatives of the armed services to recruit Guilford students arose this summer. In June, the college received a letter from the U.S. Navy requesting permission to recruit.

The Administrative Council found no written, formal policy on this issue. According to Provost Dan Poteet, it responded to the Navy by explaining that while there was no explicit policy barring their visit, that Guilford "has

not been a fruitful recruiting ground." Council members also added that there was a high likelihood that recruiters would be challenged by students, faculty, and staff opposed to the military.

Another request, this time from the U.S. Army, prompted the Council to question the need for an institutional policy.

President Bill Rogers read from a letter by Max Carter, Director of Campus Ministries, who advocates a policy banning the military from recruiting at Guilford. "In the Quaker world," Carter says, "[allowing military recruiters on campus] would be interpreted as a rejection of Quakerism."

Carol Cothorn, a Guilford graduate and library worker, agrees with Carter. "I prefer that students interested in the military go to the recruiter downtown. I feel strongly we should not have recruiters on campus." She also added that she is the daughter, wife, and mother of Navy veterans, yet as a Quaker, she feels this way.

Most participants, for varied reasons, did not support a policy banning the presence of military re-

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