

UNION VOX

◆ Union plans events for Parent's Weekend and beyond

BY JENN WINGO
Union President

Hello again! I hope that everyone's year is going well so far. I am sure that all of those who turned out for Putt-Putt had a great time, and that UNION will see many of you tonight at the Family-Student Coffeehouse at 8pm in Sternberger and the movie "Son In Law" in the Underground at 10 p.m. (the movie will also be replayed on Sunday in the Underground at 2 p.m.). Also, look for our second concert of the year next Friday! Zion Wave (a reggae band who opens frequently for Jimmy Cliff) will be playing in either Sternberger or on the Milner/Bryan Lawn! Watch for publicity with further information!

I am still seeking coordinators to head Recreation (such as Putt-Putt), Dances (such as the Quad Dance during Welcome Weekend), Spirit (such as Homecoming events) and Serendipity. Serendipity planning will begin VERY soon and I would love to see many people be a part of the planning for one of the biggest, most anticipated weekends at Guilford. So, please contact me, Jenn in the UNION office (x2303) or in my room (x3864) if you have an interest in ANY of these positions.

Our meeting time has been confirmed. We will meet every Tuesday in the Passion Pit in Founders Hall at 8pm. Bring your ideas, thoughts and input to help make the activities you want happen. Have a great week!

the week in **Campus Ministries**

Daily: Unprogrammed worship. 8:05-8:20 A.M. Hut

Friday, September 12

noon: GCRO Brown Bag Lunch Discussion. "Current Issues in Nicaragua." Hut.
5:00 PM: 3rd year QLSP Leadership Supper at Bennett College.

Sunday, September 14

9:15 A.M.: College Meeting for Worship, Led by Greer Nuttall '98. Moon Room

Monday, September 15

3:30 PM: GCRO Meeting. Hut.
8:30 PM: Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Boren Lounge.

Tuesday, September 16

3:00 PM: Grief Process Group. Hut.
5:15 PM: Episcopal Eucharist. Moon Room.
8:30 PM: New Generation Ministries. Boren Lounge.
8:30 PM: Seeker Session, "Who ARE these peculiar people called Quakers?" Led by Max Carter. Hut.

Wednesday, September 17

Noon: Campus Ministers' Lunch. Caf.
5:30 PM: Midweek meeting for worship. Hut.
6:05 PM: Seeker Session, "Undervalued Gifts." led by Deborah Shaw. Hut.
7:30 PM: Seeker Session, "Jesus Through Many Eyes," Led by John Robichaux. Hut.
8:30 PM: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Boren Lounge.
9:00 PM: Unitarian Universalist students. Hut.

Thursday, September 18

8:30 PM: 1st year QLSP meeting. Hut.

Friday, September 19

Noon: GCRO Brown Bag Lunch Discussion, "Anticipating Profound Change." Hut.
7:30 PM: GCRO Friday Fireside Worship, "Worship in the Tradition of Jainism," Led by Varsha Isharani. Hut.

QUAKERISM AT GUILFORD: How does Guilford compare?

◆ How Quaker is Guilford? It depends on who you ask. We examine Quakerism at other colleges.

BY KELLY A. WHITE
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When one thinks about the top Quaker colleges in the nation, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, and Earlham all come to mind. All of these schools have some affiliation with the Religious Society of Friends, although for some the association is a thing of the past. Guilford College, too, is affiliated with the Quakers and has a strong heritage of Quaker beliefs and practices in its community, as does George Fox University.

It is hard to believe with such a short list of Quaker colleges in the nation that there would be much difference between them, but a close look proves different. Guilford is a place that prides itself on its diversity, crediting its Quaker heritage with the acceptance of such a broad range of students. On the contrary, George Fox University has virtually no diversity—there is not a single unprogrammed friend on the whole campus, chapel and bible classes are required, and all faculty are required to sign a statement affirming their faith.

At the opposite end of the spectrum is Swarthmore College. Swarthmore has renounced its connection with the Society of Friends and even allows a fraternity into campus life. Many looking for a Quaker education will find this surprising as the Friends have long been opposed to secret societies.

Earlham and Haverford Colleges are the most similar to Guilford out of all the Quaker colleges. Still there are differences—Earlham is owned and run by Quaker meetings, but the relationship is only close in the legal sense. The Indiana Yearly Meeting

discourages its members from attending Earlham and often recommends Guilford as an alternative.

Guilford, on the other hand, is not owned by the North Carolina Yearly Meeting or any other meeting, yet manages to maintain a very warm relationship with the wider Quaker community.

Haverford College is very similar to Guilford in that Quakerism is more a part of the culture than anything else. "I think it's more the social code associated with Quaker makes it's way into student life," said Andrew Maleson, a junior at Haverford.

One major difference between Guilford and Haverford is that at Haverford the entire student body (approximately 1100 students) meets to amend the honor code. At these sessions, called plenary, the students vote on the amendments rather than deciding by process of consensus as at Guilford.

Guilford is beginning to make a name for itself as a place of Quaker higher education. According to Max Carter, director of Campus Ministries, "Guilford College is the only Quaker College whose Quaker student numbers are increasing rather than decreasing."

In addition, many other Quaker institutions including Haverford, Bryn Mawr, and Earlham Colleges as well as George Fox University are looking to duplicate Guilford's Quaker Leadership Scholars Program (QLSP) on their campuses.

"Guilford is perceived as an exciting place for Quakers to attend," says Carter, "and many students looking for Quaker higher education are coming directly to Guilford."