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Student Publication presses for activism

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The *Student Activist* is stirring things up.

Having avoided the all-consuming apathy that overtakes many college students and despite funding problems, the members of *The Student Activist* are striving to provide a place for voice within both Guilford and the larger community. The publication works on a simple yet somewhat forgotten principle: students can be active agents in their communities.

A project of the Pope House, this student-run publication is currently within its third semester and has just completed its second issue. The publication operates on consensus, having both rotating roles and community-based decisions. Fueled initially by the bookstore outsourcing issue last fall, the publication has expanded its scope to include many issues affecting the larger society.

Junior Chris Roose, along with seniors Hannah Loring-Davis and Amy Rouse, is a long-time participant with the publication. "When it first came out last fall, we felt like we needed to provide space for opinions on campus, especially within the issue of outsourcing, but then we discovered a more general need within Greensboro," Roose said.

Roose feels his work with *The Student Activist* has taught him a great deal. "Learning about working within consensus and within our new structure has been

amazing," Roose said.

A publication such as this one, according to junior Scott Pryor, plays an important role in any society, especially in America. "One of the things that is most unfortunate about American society and capitalism is that it translates into a main stream media that is biased," Pryor said. "Certain perspectives are not highlighted of people who are oppressed. *The Student Activist* is doing the service of being a voice for those issues that are not raised elsewhere."

The *Student Activist* is undergoing redefinition. "We are in the process of figuring out what our vision is and what we want the paper to be," Pryor said.

Senior Devender Sellars views his participation with *The Student*

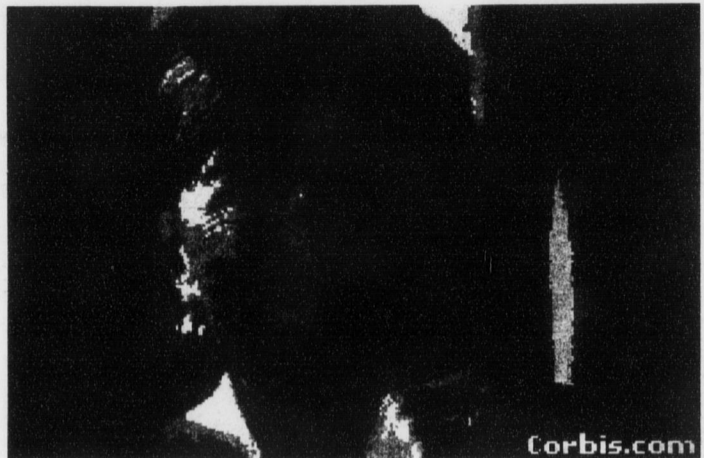
Activist as a means for personal fulfillment. "The uniqueness of what we're doing pays off for me," Sellars said. "The form and function [of the publication] are significant. It's not often that you get to do something like this at this age, that you create as your own."

Both summing up her own motivation and offering others motivation for joining *The Student Activist*, first-year member Eileen Naples said, "by coming to meetings, I hoped I would learn more about becoming a more active part in the Guilford community and in activism."

Action is easy with an outlet such as *The Student Activist*, offering a rare space for voice and activism within the community. Meetings are on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Hut.



The *Student Activist* is run and produced by Guilford students in spare time.



Doris Kearns Goodwin, presidential historian, spoke at Guilford on Wednesday, October 12th.

Goodwin speaks about politics and baseball

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Dana Auditorium buzzed with political excitement on Wednesday, October 12.

Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer prize-winning author and political analyst for PBS, spent the day at Guilford.

This election year Guilford College is sponsoring a lecture series on the American Presidency. The college's Bryan Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Arts, Humanities and Public Affairs sponsored the visit by Goodwin.

Goodwin spoke to a small informal group in the Gallery of Founders at 4 p.m. The informal session gave students an opportunity to question Goodwin on her wide range of experience. She mentioned her childhood, filled with baseball, in the suburbs of New York in the 1950's.

First-year student Mike Henderson also saw Goodwin speak at Duke University. "Her stories about baseball are what holds your attention through what is usually a boring subject," he said.

First-year students read Goodwin's novel, *Wait Till Next Year*, a *New York Times* bestseller, as summer reading. Students were

interested to learn about Goodwin's passion for baseball and politics.

The main event came with Goodwin's speech in Dana Auditorium. Goodwin gave a talk entitled "Shared Memories" and the American Presidency. "She reinforced the importance of knowing and learning history with the depth and breadth of her knowledge," said Sarah Malino, a history professor.

The first female journalist admitted to the Boston Red Sox locker room, Goodwin is extremely motivated. As a result, she has a wealth of experience. Goodwin knew many former presidents, such as John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

"It was very engaging," said Ken Gilmore, a political science professor. "I was overwhelmed by her personal experiences."

Goodwin held another informal discussion after her speech until late into the night. She gave her opinion about what happened during the most recent presidential debates. Goodwin's most recent project is a book about the Lincoln presidency.

The lecture series on the American Presidency continues with Jack Miles on November 2nd and Bill Bradley on November 9th.

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