

Censorship Abhorrent to Democracy

When such headline men as trumpet player Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong hurl violent language at the Washington Administration, or the opponents of States Rights use vulgarity at Gov. Orval Faubus, one may ignore such things by recognizing the fact that some people will do anything to get their names in the newspaper; but when the self-appointed leaders of minority political and racial groups engage in censorship activities, it is time for Americans to wake up and make sure that the land of Uncle Sam remains the land of the free.

In the long line of censorship activities, the latest literary suppression is the action of the New York board of education in dropping Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from the approved textbooks of the city's schools.

Some quarters which have been most violently against political censorship of literature in the past are offering criticism of the most temperate kind in this incident. Anyone who has kept up with national affairs for the last few years can still remember the criticism hurled at a late senator from Wisconsin who sent two investigators named Cohn and Shine overseas to get books with a communist slant off the shelves of state department information libraries abroad, and the speech Eisenhower made soon afterwards at Dartmouth against "book burning."

One can well imagine what would have been the howl and uproar if the senator and his two investigators had gone to the library to find something subversive in "Huck Finn." If old Mark Twain were alive today all he would need is a "Commie" membership card and an intellectual ability to color his writings with a little Red propaganda and all the "liberals" from here to Moscow would denounce any censoring of his books as a threat against his constitutional right to write as he doggone pleased.

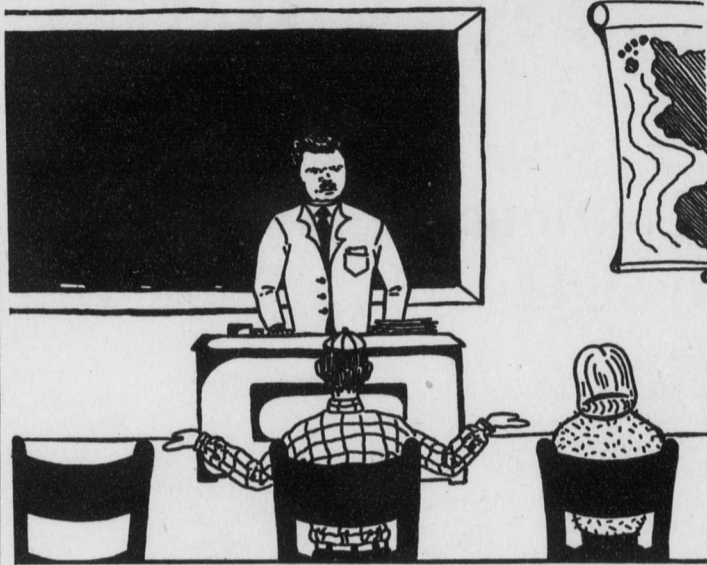
Previous activities in this censorship circus of events center around the action of the sanctimonious, so called educators and political pressure groups to back away from the great classics such as Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" and Dicken's "Oliver Twist," and the action of NBC and ABC in censoring, rewriting or banning from the air such great American classics as Stephen Foster's "Swanee River," "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Old Black Joe."

Shortly before the end of the last session of Congress, Kentucky's Congressman Frank Chelf pointed out that radio and television broadcasters operate only under government license and introduced a resolution calling for an investigation to determine whether the Federal Communications Commission has a right to prohibit such censorship. Chelf's bill is known as House Resolution 9115 and is now before the Committee on Interstate Commerce. This resolution imposes fines and jail sentences on radio and television network big shots who "censor, edit, delete, change or modify, any song, verse, lyric, manuscript," etc., without first getting approval from the Federal Communications Commission.

The resolution states that violators shall:

"Be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 for the first offense; but upon conviction for a second offense the same shall be a felony and any official or person who is directly or indirectly responsible of said violation shall upon conviction thereof be imprisoned for a period not to exceed five years, or a fine not to exceed \$25,000, either or both, at the discretion of a jury."

It will be interesting to watch the Congressional hearings conducted by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in the forthcoming session of Congress. Censorship, as Frank Chelf said, "is abhorrent to our democratic concepts and repugnant to our constitutional guarantee of free speech."



"BUT SIR, I CANT READ HUCK FINN; I'M FROM NEW YORK!"

A System with Honor

As aptly expressed in the Student Manual, "The honor system applies to all social rules and standards usually accepted by society." The system is introduced to freshmen upon enrollment so that they may become a part of the moral climate of the college.

In our society the ethical side of life is often under emphasized or even ignored. It is the policy of Guilford College, however, to promote a high level of moral responsibility. For this purpose, the honor board has been given the authority to see that the ethical standards of the college are maintained.

The five members of the honor board are elected for two years by the students. It is their responsibility to judge the infractions of the honor system and to take action in accordance with the regulations. This may mean failure in a course in which dishonesty has been observed, suspension, or expulsion from school.

Violations are usually brought to the attention of the individuals involved who are warned that further infractions will be reported to the board if continued. All reports are confidential. Those who are not directly concerned with the case in question are not brought into it.

The honor board is for the students benefit, not merely a form of oppression as some may think. The promotion of the kind of attitude which makes for a life of integrity and responsibility is the chief end for which the honor system was created.

Let's make it work.

Change in Library Schedule Adds Extra Hours, Rooms

A change in the Library's schedule for "open hours" has added extra hours and classroom accommodations for the convenience of Guilford Students this year.

The Library will be open this year during the "supper" hours from 5 to 7 P.M., Mondays through Fridays, instead of being closed as in the past. As a result, the complete new schedule of the Library will be as follows:

Monday through Friday—8 A.M. to 10 P.M.
Saturday—8 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Sunday—2 P.M. to 5 P.M.

By remaining open during the extra hours from 5 to 7 P.M., instead of closing, the Library will be able to accommodate classes in the Seminar Rooms. Committee and seminar groups meeting late in the afternoon in the Library may continue their meeting past the 5 p.m. hour. Students will be able to use the Library before early evening classes. It will not be necessary to completely close the Library at 5 p.m. only to open it completely again at 7 p.m., in less than two hours. Early arrivals for 7 p.m. meetings in the Library will not have to be kept waiting outside until the building is reopened.

Student Affairs Board Activity

The first meeting of the Student Affairs Board was held Thursday, September 26. Jimmie Askins, president, welcomed the group back to Guilford and Rachel Richardson, secretary, read the minutes which were approved.

A Campus Chest Committee, composed of Jimmie Askins, Woody Finley, and Rachel Richardson, was appointed to work with Dr. Victorius. It was requested that an explanation be made to the Student Body where the money would go; there was a suggestion that a list of the associations to whom the money is given be memiographed and distributed during chapel.

The cheerleaders requested \$70.00 from the board to buy seven new skirts at \$10.00 per skirt. A motion was made and carried that the money be granted. Also, the Budget Committee was given permission to determine traveling expenses for the cheerleaders to out-of-town games.

The Guilfordian, which sponsors the election of the Homecoming Queen, reminded organizations that their nominees for this election must be in by October 3 and that the election would be conducted in chapel on October 8 and 9.

Heea Halder was chosen as the Student Affairs Board candidate for Homecoming Queen.

Floats and dormitory decorations for Homecoming are to be sponsored by the WSG and MGS. It was decided that the students should concentrate on good dormitory floats rather than attempt to have every organization decorate a float. The cheerleaders will be in charge of the half time activities and the parade of floats.

Following a discussion on registration and the crowded conditions in Founders Dining Hall, the SAB adjourned until its next meeting on Thursday evening, October 10.

Help Wanted? Just Ask

This year marks the 121st year that Guilford College has been in existence. This year also marks the 121st year that bright-eyed freshmen have matriculated at Guilford with the idea that the more you study, the more you know, the more you know the more you forget, so why study. It isn't until the end of two years of college, when the freshman is handed a "Dear John" letter from the college, that they come to a realization of the fallacy of their ditty. Amazingly enough, they still retain the knowledge of it.

There are many advisors on campus who would be willing to help students if they were approached, but, alas, they hardly ever are. The Guilfordian would like to do its share to keep as many students as possible in the confines of this campus. If you feel you need help in any course, let us know. Leave your name and the course that you are having difficulty with, in the Guilfordian Office. A tutor will be found for you. There will be no charge for this service.

If your new overcoat is too loud, buy a muffler.

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CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

October 4-11

October 4—Canterbury Club, 7:00 A.M. Student Union
Freshman Chapel, 10:20 Memorial Hall
Mr. Haworth
Student Union Committee, 2:00 Student Union
WSG Council Dinner, 5:00
October 5—IRC Square Dance, 7:30-11:30 Student Union
October 7—Quaker Staff Meeting, 7:00 Student Union
MSG Council Meeting, 10:00 Student Union
October 8—Upperclass Chapel, 10:20 Memorial Hall
Election of Homecoming Queen
October 9—Freshman Chapel, 10:20 Memorial Hall
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Methodist Council, 6:45 Student Union
October 10—Upperclass Chapel, 10:20 Memorial Hall
Canterbury Club, 6:30 Student Union
October 11—Freshman Chapel, 10:20 Memorial Hall
Trustees Meeting
October 16, Society for Advancement of Management, Student Union, 7:30 p.m.