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Danny Carr Visits Cuba For Personal Interview With Liberator Fidel Castro

Danny Carr, a Senior Spanish major here at Guilford, left Friday, January 23, on his way to Cuba. The object of his trip was to see and speak with Fidel Castro, leader of the successful Cuban rebellion against Batista.

Circumstances were against this, but he did get as close as next door to Castro. Danny returned from Cuba last weekend with the tales of his adventure.

Had Danny gotten to Cuba one day earlier or one day later, he would quite likely have been allowed to speak with Castro personally. As it was, luck was against him.

On the day Danny arrived in Cuba, Castro left on a two-day trip to Venezuela. When he returned, he slept a whole day to make up for a three-day lack of sleep. Then, unfortunately, one of Castro's best friends died and the day was spent in mourning. On the fifth day it was necessary for Danny to leave on his return trip.

However, Danny talked to two of the chiefs of the rebel army in the room beside Castro's bedroom. These men, Camelo Cienfuegos

and Ernesto Guevara, told him about Castro's life and about some of the battles of the revolution.

Danny interviewed people on the streets and found that everyone seemed content with the revolution's outcome and the now existing government. According to Danny the soldiers that he saw didn't look at all like a victorious, well-pleased group. They weren't in uniform and appeared just the same as anyone else.

Danny hoped to see one of the trials but there were none while he was down there. He has been promised that if he writes to Cas-

tro, he will receive a personal reply since the fact that an American went all the way to Cuba to see Castro is an honor to him.

Danny has been studying about and writing his thesis on the Batista regime and the rise of Castro for two years now. Besides giving him valuable information for his thesis, this trip has helped Danny further his study of the Spanish language.

Danny has followed the Cuban situation closely. Last year he gave his Junior speech in Spanish on the "Rise of Batista" and began outlining his thesis.



Guilfordian, Researcher Makes Television Debut

Recently one of Guilford's graduates made his television debut on the Lowell Thomas show. He is John "Jack" Lindsay, one of Dr. Purdom's boys who graduated with a major in math and physics (and then received his Ph.D. from UNC). His wife, Joyce Frye Lindsay, is also a math and physics major and graduate of Guilford.

John, one of the senior research men in the Navy Solar Research with tickets, was sent to a small island in the Pacific to send up rockets and test atmospheric conditions during an eclipse visible only from that island. Lowell Thomas went along on this expedition to take shots of the island, the inhabitants, and the naval group on the project. As the film turned out, approximately three-fourths of it was about the navy project with much of it centering around John.

According to Dr. Purdom, without the "rocket boys" the trip would have been made in vain because on the day of the elipse, it rained "cats and dogs," and the cameras were of no use.

The January Alumni Journal has this to say about John:

"One of Guilford's alumni has

recently made headlines in Honolulu, Paris and Washington.

"John C. 'Jack' Lindsay '40, a scientist with the Naval Research Laboratories, has recently been in Paris for an international Geophysical Year conference. At this meeting he was one of the U. S. scientists who reported the discovery of intense X-rays bombarding the earth from huge explosions on the sun. This was reported in the Paris Herald Tribune.

"The Washington Post and Times Herald featured an article telling of the study of Dr. Lindsay and two other scientists of the relationship between the green clouds in the sun's corona and conditions in the upper atmosphere which affect radio waves. The group traveled to Danger Island, a remote speck in the South Pacific, to observe an eclipse. Subsequently, a picture of the scientists appeared in the Star-Bulletin of Honolulu and in February Lowell Thomas, famous news commentator who filmed the eclipse, will show the films on his CBS television program."

Since the time the television program was filmed in September, John has transferred from Navy Research to Air Space Research Agency.

History & Theories Of Valentine's Day

There are various theories about how the name of "Valentine" came to be connected with the day on which lovers send tokens to one another. One is based on the belief throughout Europe during the Middle Ages that the birds begin to mate on February 14. Chaucer referred to it this way: "For this was Seynt Valentyne's day.

When every foul cometh ther to choose his mate."

Some suggest that the association between "St. Valentine" and February 14 grew out of the similarity between the Norman word "galantin," meaning a lover of women, and the name of the saint. They think that Galatin's Day with the initial "g" frequently pronounced as "v" led to confusion.

Another theory is that the lover's custom is a survival and a Christianized form of a practice in the Roman feast of the Lupercalia occurring in February. The names of young men and women were put in a box from which they were drawn by chance, an arrangement under which a young man became the gallant of a young woman for the next year. As this drawing occurred on February the 14, the day of the saint, the association with Valentine was established.

But no matter what the origin of Saint Valentine's Day, with all its customs and theories, it is a day that can be described and expressed in four small letters: "L - O - V - E."

Charles Snow To Be On Television Panel

Charles Snow, a senior here at Guilford, has been selected to be one of the eight panel members on the first in a series of television "Talk Back" programs this Sunday afternoon at 3:00. This 13-week series is to be a two-way communication series concentrating on problems which concern Americans the most. It will appear over Greensboro's TV station, WFMY-TV.

This program, which Charlie is helping with, will deal with everyday pressures. The problems of pressure will be posed in a 12-minute filmed drama featuring professional actors. Afterwards, a studio group gets a chance to "talk back" and discuss the problem and means of solving it.

The Talk-Back series is being presented on Channel 2 as a public service by WFMY-TV and Churches in the area in co-operation with the N. C. Council of Churches.

Mary Hobbs Open House

Mary Hobbs Hall will hold an open house next Saturday, February 14, from two until four o'clock in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to come over and tour the dorm.

Refreshments will be served and the dorm will be open and decorated from first floor to third.

BUDGET TIME ARRIVES

This year, as every year, the Guilford College student body will groan with boredom on finding out that a chapel period has been set aside for discussion of the budget. There is no getting around it—budgets are dull things, especially when they don't involve one's own money. And they are absolutely unpleasant when an increase in fees becomes necessary. The last few times that the budget has been submitted, a general state of confusion has occurred. This seems to be the fault of both the student body as a whole and the budget committee. If both groups have learned a lesson from last year's finances, this time the problem can be discussed in an orderly and relatively painless manner.

It seems that there is no need for anyone to read the allocations to all the organizations and to men-

tion where increase has occurred. The budget handed out explains all this very clearly. However, a logical explanation of why certain organizations have received more money would be a good idea. This will give the students time to consider the budget and decide if they have any questions. Questions and debate are, of course, in order; but they should be intelligent and carefully thought out. The budget committee can avoid certain problems by saying specifically what happens to any extra money.

If the committee thinks an increase in student fees is necessary, and if they have logical reasons for the increase, it seems that it should be given. After all, the rise in the cost of living affects Guilford College as well as the rest of the world, and a few dollars won't be that painful.

LET'S VARY CHAPEL

Recently the programs in chapel have seemed to be more interesting and varied. For this improvement, thanks should go to the program-planning committee. Too often speakers are dull, topics are boring, and chapel is monotonous. This should not be true.

Why not have even more variation? Last year several chapel periods were given over to talent shows, light entertainment, etc. This year, until recently, all the programs have been on the serious side. There's no necessity for this. Instead of forcing monotony on students and turning them against the thought of chapel, there should be a variety of interesting programs for students to enjoy. In other words, students shouldn't become immune to chapel.

Naturally students will always unthinkingly complain about required chapel attendance (even if programs are excellent), but if the recent trend in programs keeps up, their complaints will be unfounded.

Elections Are Coming

Elections will be coming up sometime around the first of March. Now is the time to begin thinking about likely candidates for each office. Remember that offices are more than a position and a title. They are a job — and as such involves real work. Don't vote on popularity; vote on capability.

Little Arnold

