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## An Addendum

For purposes of clarification, it should be noted that Richardson-Merrell, Inc., is by no means the only business firm to recognize the potential value of contact with the small liberal arts college.

Fourteen years ago, in fact, a group of "enlightened" North Carolina business executives met with the Presidents of almost every small, church-related college in the state to discuss the status of the small church related college.

The product of the meeting was an agreement to establish what is called the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges. Each year, it was agreed, the various businesses were to contribute to the colleges a certain sum of money (tax-deductable as they saw fit. The members have, over the years, contributed a total of five million dollars, and, interestingly enough, Guilford has received more of this than any other college in North Carolina.

The rationale for establishing such a foundation was, according to Archie K.

Davis, chairman of the Board, and top man in the Winston-Salem Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., that the Foundation is "... the logical agency through which we in business and industry can exercise self-interest and at the same time discharge a real responsibility to the welfare of our states' educational system."

H. E. Isenhour, though, of Isenhour-Freeman Insurance & Realty Co., was able to go even further, and stated that; *The Church-Related and Independent Colleges could well be the best guarantee that the American free enterprise will endure.*

While recognizing the importance of money for the survival of the small college, we must also recognize that if the students are to continue their difficult search for truth, the issues must remain unclouded. In this light, Dr. Hobbs (and Dr. Milner before him), just could be guilty of sacrificing the greatest asset of a liberal arts college... its independence.

## He Won't Always Be Too Young

If you're a college president's son, educated at the George School, an English major in college and something of a poet—if you're mild-mannered, articulate and reasonably dapper, what career do you choose? Teaching? IBM junior executive? Writer? Not if you're an Atlanta Negro named Julian Bond. What you do, "as any fool kin plainly see," is run for a seat in the Georgia legislature. What's more, you win, and there the fun begins.

Julian Bond succeeded in polling 82 per cent of the vote in his district against a Negro Republican. This should have been enough to earn him a seat, even in the Georgia legislature, yet the people of his district were forced to elect him three more times before he finally took his seat. The problem was not that he was a Negro... there are other Negroes in the Georgia legislature. The problem was that his SNCC supporters issued a statement condemning the Vietnamese war. Bond refused to repudiate this statement and the Georgia legislature refused to seat him.

Bond, though, was on record as more than willing to take the oath to uphold the Georgia and United States Constitutions. And having taken this stand he argued, interestingly enough, that even a Georgia legislator had the right to take a position on a public issue. The legislature disagreed. The U. S. Supreme Court, however, finally said that it was not only proper but essential that elected officials make their positions known. For the first time, acting in line with prior decisions on representation, the Court ordered Bond seated. In short, unpopular views were not sufficient grounds for exclusion

of a duly elected state legislator. End of Round One.

He hit the headlines again at the Democratic National Convention this summer. The Democratic party in the South has been characterized by "tokenism" where representation of Negroes is concerned. The handwriting on the wall began in 1964 with the provision of seats on the floor of the Democratic National Convention for representatives of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. This year, though, the Credentials Committee went even farther, and seated a bi-racial insurgent delegation from Mississippi instead of the regular party delegation. The Texas and Alabama delegations just barely squeaked through. The Georgia delegation? Well, Governor Maddox had spiced his delegation with seven black faces (out of 106) in the belief that the Credentials Committee would not dare to seat anyone else. By a vote of 59-31, however, they did dare to seat someone else, thereby splitting the seats allotted to Georgia between the "regular" group and Julian Bond's "loyalist" group.

After some confusion over seating the Bond delegates, and after the Convention's acceptance of the Credentials Committee's decision, the Bond group did gain the floor of the Convention. Further, Bond found himself placed in nomination for the Vice-Presidency. As he pointed out, in withdrawing his name, he's too young.

But he won't always be too young. Where does he go from here? Probably to more work on consolidating his gains in Georgia's party organization. Possibly to Congress in 1970,

but certainly as a delegate to the Democratic Convention in 1972. It may be that his entire delegation will be seated next time around.

The situation is open, and the interested observer cannot help but be intrigued by Julian Bond. He doesn't fit any traditional political categories. He isn't sloppy, he isn't forceful, he isn't militant in the sense of the word as usually applied in contemporary politics. Yet he has succeeded in making one point—the old rules of the game no longer hold in Georgia.

PROF. JOHN C. GRICE

### Unfair Judgment

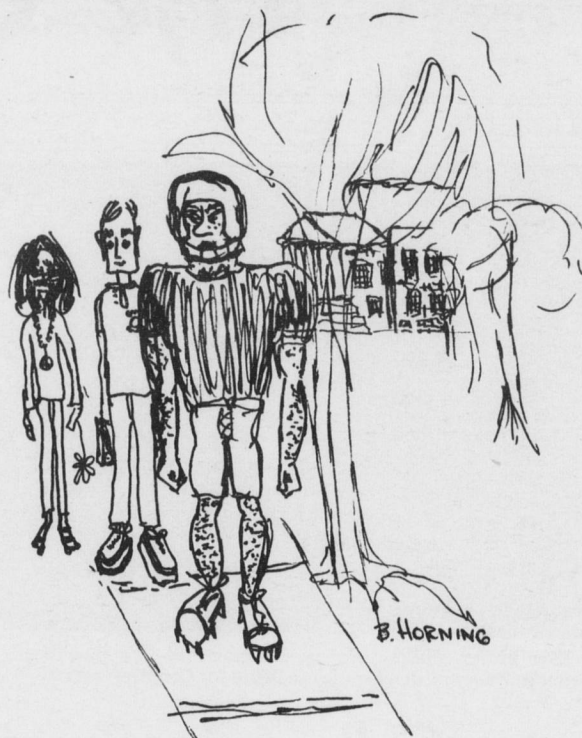
Dear Editor:

In my opinion the article written in the September 27 issue about Miss Rau was totally uncalled for.

Of course she's unknown around campus because she's brand new to Guilford. College has only been in session for a few weeks and she does have other responsibilities to take care of for the students. Incidentally, she is making a strong effort to get to know the students. For example, she had arranged to meet the freshmen, in our dorm, in her office during Freshmen Orientation Week. She also has attended several of the student functions since then, I might add. Furthermore, I have had a chance to talk with her personally and have found her to be very likable and interested in what the students are doing and what they want. Therefore, I think the article is jumping to an unfair conclusion and is not giving Miss Rau a chance to make herself known to all students.

Barbara Bliss

## Our Beautiful People . . .



### Quaker Pulse

## Gardner Defended

Dear Editor:

On your Friday, Sept. 27, issue of the Guilfordian you make comment to Jim Gardner's "failure" to appear on campus.

These observations are offered: The announcement that he would appear here was premature. He had not made a firm commitment.

At this late date of the political campaign, any candidate's time is precious and his time schedule is planned far in advance. How long ago was Jim Gardner asked to come here?

Politically speaking, why should a political candidate come to any place, be it a school or whatever, where the people to whom he is to speak, for the most part, will not be able to vote in the election.

Is it not a candidate's job to solicit votes?

Don Morris

### 'Devil's Advocate?'

Dear Editor:

Must "developing an atmosphere of educational relevancy" or "doing one's own thing" result in automatic membership to elitism? If so, perhaps Guilford might better be as a college where none but the elite were admitted.

However, I saw very little evidence supporting your statement that the Richardson Fellows Program is, in fact, an "experiment in elitism." Any group set apart from the others by name, participation, or outlook will be elite in its own way—from football players to members of newspaper editorial staffs. In this letter I hope to prove that the Guilford Richardson Program's way is not one of "corporate invasion" of the academy.

The original Richardson grant to Ohio may have been intended to develop young business executives. I frankly don't

know. But Guilford is not Ohio and I am certain that this Fellows program is not founded on any such singularly "ambitious goal". The paramount purpose here is clearly to help develop constructively critical individuals, whose creative efforts in any field will be valuable to themselves and the world in which they live. Critics have been shouting at student rioters, mobsters, and destructive activists: "who will replant the uprooted trees?" No trees, personal or social, are even going to become seedlings unless more minds begin ticking freely. I hope that if the Richardson fellows join with those who are already involved in creative thinking, others will join them in a chain reaction that is endless.

And the Fellows' minds are not fine-tuned solely to Richardson-Merrell Inc. or to any other particular group or institution, and I do not feel that the delinquency of modern firms (intentional or unintentional) is a justifiable charge against the Richardson program here at Guilford. The money which constitutes the generous grant has (and to the best of my knowledge continues to be) distributed with no "tainted" obligations to Richardson-Merrell. Please note that the local division of the company has not as yet even been able to find internships at its plants through which Guilford Fellows might gain business industrial experience.

An examination of the tape made at the "reported" (I would say unreported) meeting will show that a wider choice of internships for the individual Fellows exists than was mentioned in your editorial. Contact with teachers, authors, artists, farmers, social workers, labor unions, press agencies, etc. is available in accordance with the interest of each individual fellow. The possibilities of these experiences has been arranged to

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