

**Union Retreat Held**

Members of college unions from North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and South Carolina met recently to discuss the function of those organizations. Nine executive committee chairmen of the Guilford College Union, accompanied by Cliff Lowery, attended the retreat sponsored by the American College Union International and held at Montreat Anderson College.

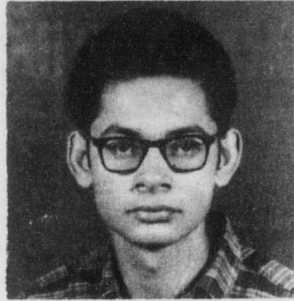
According to Barbara Norton, who attended the event, Guilford seems to be rather well-known in this part of the country, as a result of the Fine Arts Series initiated this year. "We knew before we went that Cliff has done a fine job. But we didn't know how good until we got there and had the chance to compare him with other union directors. It seems that the thing other kids knew about Guilford was the fact that it had a fabulous art series... It made us really proud we went here."

Booking of the various performers and speakers has primarily been the work of Lowery, Director of Student Activities, and Sally Peterson, Union president. Pam Henry has been responsible for the film series.

"Our film series is really fantastic, particularly when you see what the other schools don't have," added Miss Norton.

The Guilford College Union will participate in the Block Booking Conference to be held in Charlotte in February. The conference will make known to entertainment committees what will be available in the field of films, pop artists, dance and fine arts.

The GCU will also sponsor its own retreat this month at Quaker Lake. Interested students active in the Union, may notify any member of the executive board or Lowery.



ASHRAF FARUQI

**Post-Graduate Studies Youth**

By EMILY HEDRICK

"I was told of the prejudice here, that I might find discrimination," said Ashraf Faruqi, "And I was warned not to get my hair cut at your 'Corner.' Well, I went anyway and the barber asked where I came from. When I said I was Indian, he said, 'Oh, Cherokee?' And I told him no, I was from India, and then the guy said very brightly, 'Oh, Indiana!'"

Ashraf, a 21-year-old graduate of Aligarh University near his native Delhi, is at Guilford on a special student basis. His area of concentration is history.

His trip to America, where he plans to stay several years, was "the goal of my life." He wants to attend graduate school in the North, and eventually enter the diplomatic service for India, possibly with the United Nations.

What is his reaction toward American young people? "They show much individuality," he says. "They're not so dependent on their parents... And everyone is extremely friendly."

One observation Ashraf has made is the increasing interest Westerners are taking toward Indian culture, such as guru meditation and the classical sitar music. On the other hand, "India's young persons are leaning more and more toward the West, imitating its music, fashion and so forth."

group called Brothers and Sisters in Blackness, or BASIB. They stressed that BASIB is neither a militant or a separatist group. Its purpose is, rather, to unify and organize black students and make them more aware of their culture, history, and importance in society. When asked about prejudice at Guilford, the answers were once again varied. Alexander said that he felt little prejudice at all in daily life, although if he were to express openly his ideas through more active means, he was sure there would be dissention. Graham felt that if he abstained from overt action, there would be no active repression, but he realized some prejudice did exist.

Allen felt that when he first came to Guilford, that inexperience on both sides caused misunderstandings, but once he and other students got to know each other, treatment became more tolerant. Miss McSwain comments that black people should even subject themselves to prejudice so they can learn to handle it.

Their consensus was that the faculty and administration are very broadminded and fair in their classroom treatment. Allen stated that in some cases the administration has been "more than tolerant." Graham, on the other hand, deplores "Special treatment," which is actually worse than discrimination.

**Black Power Discussed**

As for Black Power, Alexander feels that the concept of the movement is a good one, but that more capable and responsible leaders are needed. He says that although people have been conditioned to think of Stokely Carmichael only as a separatist, that some of his ideas are good. Graham feels that black power is not directed at white people in general, as racists argue, but primarily against white oppression. He feels that separatism has no place in today's society.

Miss McSwain and Allen both felt that the primary idea of Black Power is pride in being black. The purpose of the new long hair style is not to identify with "hippies", but to show pride rather than shame in their race. They felt that singer James Brown was right when he said, "Say it loud—I'm black and I'm proud."

All four agreed that the

purpose of Black Power is not to make "slaves" of whites or to eradicate them, but to remove the stigma of second-class citizenship from black people and to place them on an equal level with whites.

Another aspect of the so-called "Civil rights movement" is the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Alexander feels that his philosophy died with him, and that other leaders with more militant or progressive ideas will come to the forefront. Miss McSwain feels that the trend is toward more violent and less passive reactions, and that one can be pushed to a point when violence is justified. However, she still feels a sense of unity in the black movement.

Allen, on the other hand, feels there is much less harmony and unity among black people today than when King was alive. Graham says that where the theory of nonviolence is still alive and is a good one, there is a big difference between nonviolence and passivism. He says that one should not "look for a fight," but not allow his rights to be infringed upon either.

**Black Vote Suggested**

These four individuals agree as far as the political scene is concerned. All feel that Nixon would benefit the middle class blacks and possibly forget about the poor of the country. Graham would advocate a black vote by blacks for the Democratic Party. The four representatives also feel that George Wallace "would not last long" if he were elected president. Many militant Negroes, they say, support and will vote for Wallace to be able to have a confrontation. They feel that the militants would definitely reply to the "dare" if Wallace were elected.

**Three Elected**

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independence from the administration and made the point that the legislature should not have to seek the approval of the administration for all its actions. "The legislature derives its authority from the students," he said, "and not from the administration."

If the proposal passes, the legislature will no longer have to present budget proposals and constitutional changes to the administration before they can be put into effect.

A special meeting was set for Monday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Leake Room to consider the proposals made by the legislature campus housing committee. Chairman Pat Hammers made the report listing additional carpeting, honor dorms, and new furnishings as major improvements needed. The committee report and all suggestions will be discussed at the special meeting next week.



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