

The Guilfordian

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BASIB

"You're the only Negro I've seen that can't sing..." The person who made this statement has just found out that his prejudice was unfounded. And a statement like that shows that contrary to what some people might think, Negroes *have been* and *are* stereotyped at Guilford. It happens very rarely and is quite subtle, but it's there nonetheless.

Fortunately, with thirty-five Negro students on campus this year, an organization was formed with which the black student can identify, BASIB. Last year, there were only nine blacks on campus, and many often complained that if they didn't see another black person soon, they'd go out of their minds.

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Brothers and Sisters in Blackness was the organization the Negro students needed. Its purpose by now is known to everyone—to aid the Negro student in becoming more aware of his history, culture and role in society. There are similar groups at Wayne St., Detroit, at Amherst College, Massachusetts, at Wake

Forest U., UNC-G and other colleges throughout the country, so the idea is not new.

But more important than making the Negro student more aware of himself, is BASIB's effort to get the white student to know the Negro and his problems. Whites, in fact, seem to have missed out on a whole chapter of history by not recognizing that the Negro has been in this country almost since its beginning. Many white people criticized the recent segment of the CBS program OF BLACK AMERICA, saying that some of the instances shown of Negroes in history were insignificant. What they failed to realize was that it's not a question of their relative importance, rather more a question of just recognizing that they were there. BASIB does well to concentrate on the white people to help undo their prejudices.

So it seems that although our black students *should not* be stereotyped, they *have been* in the past. We heartily endorse BASIB's effort to erase these prejudices.

—MARK LESSNER

The Publications Dilemma

It seems immediately apparent that in this age of highly sophisticated communications systems, any college desiring recognition as "the most exciting college in the Southeast," must maintain a high standard of student publications. For it is in this area, more than anywhere else,

that students are given the opportunity to express their opinions, communicating intellectually with their fellow students.

Unfortunately, these opportunities have not obtained at Guilford in the past, although this failure should not be seen as one of the students, nor necessarily of the present administration. It's simply that with the package of problems handed President Hobbs two years ago, other problems have proved more pressing.

Now, however, the time has come for Guilford to make a concerted effort to establish a literary heritage at Guilford. A literary magazine, plus plans to upgrade the quality of the newspaper by providing a journalism course to teach the elements of good journalism is in the making. So with the current effort to intensify the relations between Bennet and Greensboro College, it seems fitting that at least one journalism course should develop.

And, lastly, the element of scholarships exists. It seems overwhelmingly apparent that if Guilford is able to afford athletic scholarships for boys who will sit on the bench for a major portion of their college careers, it can afford half scholarships for editors responsible for student publications.

Guilford is in the midst of an academic revolution, and student publications should, indeed must, be swept along with the tide if Guilford is to become "the most exciting college in the Southeast."



"Welcome to the Great Society"

Quaker Pulse

Gripes Geared To Editor Garvin

Dear Editor:

In Guilford's recent Time Out "speak-in," you were challenged to defend your position as editor of *The Guilfordian*. Your statements were attacked by several of the students present, most of whom apparently had no conception of what a newspaper is, the work involved, or the money required.

However, some of the "gripes" aired (which, after all, was the purpose of the event) were, in my estimation, legitimate. You stated that, yes, *The Guilfordian* IS an "opinion sheet" for Jim Garvin. Since you failed to qualify this broad statement in any way, we were led to believe that the newspaper, therefore, is yours and only yours to do with what you please. If this fact be so, I suggest you start searching for a new feature and news editor in the very near future. I cannot and will not work under the condition that you or any editor dictate which copy is printed.

On the other hand, such a condition has not been the case during my tenure as an editor. Rather, it seems that any person—be he student or faculty member—can find a voice in the publication, no matter what he wants to say, so long as he is willing to take responsibility for its contents.

As for editorial policy, every newspaper should take a stand on issues. No pretense is made to cover up the fact that you, Mr. Garvin, are liable for the editorial articles. Whether you are accurate in your data-gathering is another matter indeed. Editorializing on a story which has not yet been reported is poor journalism; but then, again, the second page IS yours to do with as you see fit.

As to the other three pages, the young lady at the Speak-In (as I recall, a rather distastefully arrogant freshman who obviously knew painfully little about newspapers) should take a look at *The Guilfordian* of previous years. The paper this year, granted, has a long way to go before it achieves any level of excellence. But at least it appears regularly; it has far fewer typographical errors; it carries some good photographs; it attempts to carry pertinent news and feature articles that would be of interest to the campus; and, most importantly, it has some coherency in style.

We are hindered, however, by our early deadline (Sunday at 4 p.m.), our lack of money and our lack of experienced writers. If the displeased students refuse to write to us (every letter-to-the-editor is printed—in this way, each student can find a voice if he so desires), they are welcomed to establish their own. If they, for example, plan to publish a basic four-page weekly, then can count on an approximate \$5000 expense using entirely volunteer help who put in a minimum total of 120 hours a week.

If there are gripes about the lack of good journalism in the newspaper, try counting the number of good, seasoned writers there are on this campus—not, I emphasize, the Sensitive Poets who are "skilled"

only in writing Sensitive Poems... I mean those skilled reporters who can "bat out" a hardcore news story under a one-hour deadline.

Another criticism we heard during Time Out was the lack of news stories on the front page. Coupled with the scarcity of people around here who know what a news story is, is the rigidity of having only four pages with which to work. One can be only so versatile in a newspaper of this size. Features necessarily must be displayed on page one; and, on the other hand, some news stories must appear on page three. We didn't devise this necessity—our limited size did.

Again, we admit there is much room for improvement in *The Guilfordian*. But it would seem much more constructive for the Speak-Out gripers to help us write, lay-out the pages, or advertise, rather than blindly criticize what is not understood. We are always open to suggestions.

These comments also go for you, Mr. Garvin. Fortunately, you cannot run a newspaper single-handedly. Therefore, it seems that you must be content for *The Guilfordian* to be an "opinion sheet" for me and 998 other Guilford students. Your hard work and loyalty to the newspaper is to be commended... but that does not give you the right to make me, the other staff members, or the readers a whipping boy for your own (biased) opinions.

Emily Hedrick

Eager Beaver Offers Services

Dear Editor:

The October 26 letter to the editor quoted as follows, "one eager beaver requested, 'put me back there as a cook. Let me go back there and tell them how to cook the eggs'..." "I'd like to see 900 eggs turned on this young man and an hour be given to him to cook them."

I would like very much to have the opportunity to cook the eggs. I have been a cook for 400 kids during past summers. This means about 800 to 900 eggs every breakfast. I would honestly like to prepare the eggs my way for the students. I believe that they would enjoy them.

The letter of Oct. 26 implied that I was a student who was just sounding off without any knowledge of what I was talking about. This is not the case. I have had experience cooking and I honestly believe that the eggs could be better prepared.

Respectfully submitted,
Your ace cook,
Neill D. Whitlock

NOTICE

Students desiring to have their picture taken for this year's *Quaker* may sign up in the *Quaker* office in the Student Union Monday.