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AFSC Book Wins Acclaim

Since its publication early in May, AFSC's 80-page booklet *Search for Peace In The Middle East* has been discussed on four nation-wide television programs, has been quoted and commended in scores of newspaper articles across the country, including full-length editorials in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, and has been ordered by more than 60,000 readers.

In the first of three programs on the issue of the Middle East, Roger Fisher of "The Advocates" praised the book. As a result of this program alone, 40,000 requests have been received.

Since the demand for copies continues, arrangements have been made for translations of the book into both Hebrew and Arabic, and contracts have been signed with Fawcett Publishing Company to market the book in quantity through bookstores and other retail outlets. To meet the possible orders for this second edition of *Search For Peace In The Middle East* the number of books printed by Fawcett may greatly exceed the 75,000 originally printed by the AFSC in May.

A New York Times editorial of May 13 stated: "Prospects for progress in the Arab-Israeli stalemate might be significantly improved if both sides would give ear to some of the advice contained in a recent report of the American Friends Service Committee. Quaker proposals for new peace initiatives are based on a sensitive assessment of the deep feelings on both sides and contain pragmatic suggestions for compromise."

Search For Peace In The Middle East may be ordered from the AFSC, P.O. Box 1791, High Point, N.C. 27261. The price is 75¢ for individual copies.

Conference Discusses Guilford's Priorities



Photo by Willson

President Hobbs and Edwin P. Brown, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Sac Raps with English Hall

Professor Fred Parkhurst and Dr. Henry Semmler met with English Hall students Sunday as representatives of the SAC. The informal discussion ran the gamut from the relationship between the SAC and students to student life and problems.

Information flowed first of all from the professors to the students. Both Parkhurst and Semmler thought that SAC is not just a disciplinary organization. "That's just a minor role. What we are concerned with is student life—what goes on—what can improve student life on campus."

Semmler expressed his thoughts on rules at a college. He said that there must be some form of regulation—be it either influence because of public opinion or a police state. He and Parkhurst said that a good policy would be in effect if everyone was bound to a sort of Honor Code of responsibility. Other

colleges have this in their tradition, thus making it easier to perpetuate.

Then the information flow was reversed—the question of why English Hall was different from other dormitories was raised. Students expressed unanimously a sense of community—a community where all were individuals linked by common experience. The small size of the dorm plus the fact that English is virtually a microcosm of the male student population on campus aid in the bond.

Student problems arose—and discussion dwelled on the lack of decent counselors on campus, the lack of a place to study, the drug situation, rule changes, continued on page 3

"Setting the priorities for the major thrust of Guilford in the next several years" was the topic of discussion at a retreat of nine trustees, six administrators, nine faculty members and eight students held in Pinehurst, N. C. Nov. 13-15.

The discussion at the retreat centered around a statement of the purposes of Guilford College which was distributed before the retreat by President Grimsley Hobbs and the Challenge for the Seventies Campaign list of priorities.

Friday evening five small groups composed of trustees,

faculty, administrators, and students met to attempt to draw up a list of the things which Guilford College should consider to be its top priorities in the next two years.

A steering group of group chairmen and recorders compared the priority lists of the groups and discovered that each group had decided that the greatest immediate need of Guilford College is a strengthening of community spirit between all elements within the college.

Other items on the priority lists included strengthening the programs of the college, and increasing scholarship funds. The group stressed the need for the new college union center which has been proposed as a part of the Challenge Campaign.

Inter-Cultural Programs

Conference participants were concerned about the quality of the inter-cultural studies program and about the conditions under which the foreign students at Guilford must live. Suggestions were made which include setting aside scholarship funds exclusively for foreign students, establishing a cultural center for foreign students and providing special instruction in English as a foreign language.

Also discussed was the idea of having each student spend a semester off campus. The supporters of this idea indicated that they felt it would allow individuals to supplement the regular curriculum with off campus experiences while enabling the college facilities to be extended to more students.

Expectations

At least one of the groups talked extensively about the importance the setting of high expectations can have on the building of a community. This group reported that they felt that "the expectations of academic excellence and social behavior must be set high enough to allow the development of the Quaker faith in individuals that will help us develop the kind of community we want."

N. C. Yearly Meeting

The group exhibited concern over the relations between Guilford College and the North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Several trustees reported that N. C. Friends had shown a misunderstanding of the recent changes in social restrictions for Guilford students.

Challenge Priorities

Dr. Hobbs asked the small groups to rank the goals of the Challenge of the Seventies Campaign in order of their immediate importance. The consensus of the group placed scholarship funds on the top of the priority list.

In building projects, the proposed College Union was ranked number one in importance.

The retreat, which is Guilford's third annual Pinehurst conference was held at the Carolina Hotel.

Day Students Organize

The Day Student meetings have been organized for this year. They hope to promote activities and develop a mailing list to circulate calendars, papers, bulletins and other college information to day students.

The Day Student population is almost one-fourth of the student body at Guilford College.

The next meeting will be held December 2, at 5:30 in the College Union Lounge. For more information, please contact Valerie Johnson at 299-2599 or Ed Saleem at 292-7310.

The Piper Returns. Rm 222, Cox Old North

Honor Board Clarifies Role

The following statement was released to the GUILFORDIAN by Honor Board chairman Michael McMillan.

In our judicial system found in the United States, an individual is innocent until he is proven guilty. Even though there may be the suspicion that one is guilty, the defendant cannot be convicted without conclusive evidence. However, in certain departments at Guilford, when a professor suspects something irregular in the work of one of their students which would be considered an Honor Board violation, the professor often takes matters into his own hands. Professors have on more than one occasion done this. The reason for this procedure, although against college policy and in disregard for the rights of students, could possibly be that the professor feels as though the case is not strong enough for an Honor Board conviction; so, rather than have the student possibly escape penalization, they handle matters in what they think is the most efficient method. I will agree that the route they take is often less time consuming than the normal, just method of bringing up the case before the Honor Board, but it is in total disregard of the rights of the individual student.

The Honor Board may not be

composed of time-tested, professional judges who are infallible. However, they do take a sincere interest in their job of attempting to protect and defend the rights of individuals under the provision of due process as well as maintaining justice in all matters that involve students in academic violations.

Often students have one view of the Honor Board, while some members of the faculty have another. Both it seems are erroneous. Students, who don't know or understand the workings of the Board, sometimes think of it as being more partial to the faculty. At the same time, some faculty think the Honor Board is entirely too lenient on student offenders. It must be understood that the Honor Board does perform a necessary function. If both the faculty and students followed the procedure outlined in the PATHFINDER, some of the problems that have developed in recent times would have never occurred.

With the cooperation and support from administration, faculty, and students, the Honor Board will be able to do a more effective job that will greater benefit the entire college community.

*Michael F. McMillan
Chairman, Honor Board*



Ian & Sylvia will Play Dec. 5

Ian and Sylvia and the Great Speckled Bird will be in Dana Auditorium on Dec. 5. This group is new, but Ian and Sylvia Tyson have been around a long time. Veterans of eleven record albums, they've made a transition from folk to country-freak-type music.

The Great Speckled Bird is a four man back-up band that evolved out of recent recording sessions in Nashville.

Ian and Sylvia are Canadians, and have been singing together for ten years. Both grew up with

country music, Ian in western British Columbia and Sylvia in Ontario.

In addition to making music, the group supports the ecology movement, and plays at benefits for the cause. Said one writer after hearing them at such a concert in Boston—"The Great Speckled Bird is composed of people whose eyes are clear and minds are free like we all ought to be. Not bogged down by its increased number of passengers, Ian and Sylvia's new album is a quietly beautiful flight."