



Food Committee Meets



by Forrest Hughes

The Senate Food Committee has met twice this semester to discuss the food in the cafeteria and grill room. The first meeting was sparsely attended and the business consisted mainly a few specific complaints, most of which were answered immediately by the cafeteria management.

The second meeting was better attended, and more business was taken care of. Those present were Ron Short and Jim King of Epicure Food Service, and five students.

One of the main subjects in this meeting was the grill room and the recent changes that have gone on in connection with it. The menu for meals to be obtained from a meal ticket was reduced to four choices and those items now include sub sandwiches. The reason for the change was to speed up food preparation, especially during rush hours.

Another alteration in the grill room is the removal of the french fryer. This machine was taken out to be cleaned and plans have not been made for its return. Dirtiness and reduced speed of food preparation were given as reasons for it's not being reinstated.

Candy bars were removed from the grill room because of low profit.

Sex

Discrimination?

Here's Help

Credit Problems? If you have been discriminated against because of sex, contact Greensboro National Organization for Women, Post Office Box 525, Greensboro, North Carolina 27402.

It was suggested that a suggestion box be placed in the grill room for people with ideas about the food or service. If you would like to say something directly to the management, Ron or Jim can always be found in the cafeteria.

The heat in the dining room was turned off over Christmas break and problems have been encountered in getting it properly turned back on. The maintenance department has been notified of the problem.

The food service directors have brought out the fact that much china and glassware is missing from the cafeteria, and these items are expensive to replace. This ties up money which could possibly be used to improve the quality of the food.

The suggestion box from the foyer of Founders was opened and the contents read.

It was proposed that for the rest of the semester the Food Committee meet only once a month. The next meeting will be on a Wednesday (to be announced) in February. The suggestion box will be opened approximately once a week. If you wish, you may make your comments directly to Ron and Jim.

GCCF: The GCCF will host a gospel sing in the Boren Lounge, Thursday night, February 5, 10:00 p.m. The group that will be singing is from Fairfield United Methodist Church in High Point. The program will probably last just under an hour.



Minister Calls For Love, Acceptance Of Gays

by Chris Benfey

"Gay Liberation as a Spiritual Movement" was the topic of Rev. John Gill's presentation Wednesday night in the Moon Room. Gill is minister and an elder of the Metropolitan Community Church in Atlanta, one of an international organization of MC Churches which welcome gay people into their congregations.

It is time Christians stopped preaching fear and hate, said Gill, and returned to love and acceptance. We need "less people afraid of the Devil, and more people in love with God". Attend a conventional church and look around you: where are the gay people, the poor people, the old and sick; where are the present day lepers, where are the Mary Magdalenes? Christ preached to society's outcasts and welcomed them to the fold. "Whom do you minister to?" Gill asks the traditional churches. To those who are straight, married, who wear coats and ties, and who employ the "missionary position". The what: That means, said Gill, "the native on the bottom and the missionary on top".

Gill stressed acceptance throughout his talk. Churches have refused to deal with Christians as sexual beings. "If the church doesn't deal with passion, lust, and animal magnetism," Gill argued, "it won't be able to deal with meaningful emotional exchange."

The church should be more

than a place for worship, Gill maintains. It should be a place for Christian fellowship (or "personship"). For gay people especially, whose social contacts are too often confined to the five "B's" - bars, baths, beaches, bushes, bookstores - the church can be a meeting place where one does not feel pressured into setting up sexual contacts, where people can interact not just as sexual beings.

Gill recounted some of the abuses against gay people in the church. One thirteen-year-old was taking communion with his peers. As he approached the sacrament his minister hung a home-made sign around his neck reading "Pervert". Gay people have been physically thrown out of churches.

But doesn't the Bible condemn homosexuality? someone in the audience asked. "I'm not a fundamentalist", said Gill. "I don't regard the Bible as a rulebook, but as a divinely inspired guide". He pointed out that we no longer follow the dietary rules prescribed in the Old Testament - which were for the most part sanitary precautions no longer relevant in an age of refrigeration and preservatives. Certain customs are outdated. A man no longer marries the widow of his dead brother, for example.

We must read the Bible in the light of the times. If Saint Paul seems to condemn homosexuality, we must also remember that he was a fanatical anti-feminist. Women should neither teach nor

preach, Paul maintained.

The passage most often quoted is Romans 1.26-27:

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another...

Reverend Gill said that he too felt that it was wrong for a woman to give up natural relations with a man and instead have relations with other women. Such a woman is violating a gift from God; her sexual orientation. If heterosexual relations are natural to her, then it is wrong for her to pursue homosexual relations. By the same reasoning it is unnatural for a homosexual to have sexual relations with the opposite sex. "I honestly believe that it is unnatural for me to lie with a woman", said Gill.

What about bisexuality, then? Gill admitted that bisexuality is "the coming thing". He spoke of the pain and confusion of a wife who found that her husband needed to have affairs with men to complement his marital relations.

Few people are strictly homosexual or strictly heterosexual; most of us are somewhere on the continuum between the two. Bisexuality will become more and more evident, said Gill, and we'll have to adapt to the problems it creates. "We'll have to agonize through it", he said.

How They Get That Way

by Pat Townsend

Last Wednesday, the Dana Scholarship Committee met in preparation for the Scholarship awarding to be done later this semester. To many students, the process by which certain students became Dana Scholars is a mystery that needs to be cleared up.

Each year approximately 300 students of the Guilford College Main and Urban Campuses are found eligible by having attained a cumulative 3.0 (B average) by the spring semester of the year. A list is published of those eligible, and about 200 are nominated by members of the faculty, members of the

student body, and the student personnel office. The nominations are based on such criteria as participation on campus or in the community, assuming of responsibility and effective carrying out of this, and, of course, the outstanding academic performance. In otherwords, one must be involved. 45 students receive the scholarships!

The Committee, composed of William Carroll, Richie Zweigenhaft, Sheridan Simon, Ed Lowe and J.R. Boyd of the faculty, students Bob Gold and Valery Blackburn, Hugh Stohler and Cyril Harvey of the Administration, Bob Willis, Ex. Officio, and Betty Watkins as resource person

are already hard at work getting the eligibility list prepared and the paper work under control. On or around February 10th, the letter to faculty and eligible candidates will be sent out. Nominations will be due in the Financial Aid office before March 5th at 5. Getting the forms in on time will be exceedingly important, not meeting the deadline will mean loss of candidacy! So, if you think you may be eligible, but for some reason have not received the necessary forms in your campus box (Pay Attention, Day Students!), sometime after February 10th, you'd better check with the Financial Aid Office immediately.