

Letters to the Editor

Clerk Please,

I'm not normally one to complain, but I have a concern. It's about the mail: You see, I don't get any. Oh I get properly folded and addressed notices. Some say *Please attend or Will you do.* Others say *Meeting cancelled or Can we help you.* (I much prefer the later). What I don't get is honest for goodness communication from someone.

Before anyone thinks I suffer from an unrecognized ego, let me continue. I have the feeling that there are people who have something to say; what they think about, what their perceptions of life and the present day are.

I know letter writing went out with the broad-brimmed hats. I know people can't spell anymore or write complete sentences. But I think we would all be better off if we took time to clarify our thoughts to a friend or to try to understand his.

Yesterday, someone in the mail room at the same time I was got a card with a little fluff ball on it. The card said "May thee have a nice day." Needless to say this person left beaming. Not that I'm jealous, but that was nice and it spoke to that persons condition.

Before anyone asks if I have written any letters lately let us proceed with further business.

C. Verry Little
Groping Friends Meeting

Dear *Guilfordian* folks,
I thought a change of style was needed.

Sincerely,
A. Staunch Quaker

Ed. Note — How many A. Staunch Quakers might there be?!

To The Editors:

I somewhat apathetically began to peruse the *Guilfordian* page one with its up-date, resound, and almost rehash when I turned the page. Where have they been cloistered and sequestered: Mr. Jeff Milsap and his related hummer Eartha Quaker?

It is a delight to find two such gutsy readables if only to be found in "Letters To." I congratulate the editors for their co-sagacity in unearthing these stellars; we, at Guilford College, are looking forward with in-hand-sight of the past via triangles and RB Hayes!

Both inclusions are of verve and panache; I am anxious for October 12, 1976!

Thankfully, gratefully,
and anticipatorially,
Mr. A. Reader

To the Editor:

A matter of scorched buns ...
A rather annoying problem in Bryan Hall is the Constant surge of hot water every time a toilet is flushed. Everyone I've talked to agrees that the problem is at least worth looking into.

As I don't know the proper procedure for this (another problem, the lack of communication), I'm taking a petition of Bryanites who want the problem solved. If you care to take an uninterrupted shower, come by my room, Bryan C 112, and sign for your showering rights! I'll leave a petition on my door.

Chas Heath
Bryan C 112

To the Editor:

We are looking for fellow vegetarian workers. If you are or would like to be involved in some sort of vegetarian action on your campus would you let us know.

This fall there will be a network of *Unturkey* or vegetarian Thanksgiving public dinners around the country. Vegetarian Thanksgivings save grain for some of the 50 million hungry, save animals from going terrorized to an unjust death, save humans from food poisoning, intestinal cancer, kidney disease, and other hazards of animal flesh.

The laboratories on your campus, if it is a typical one, are involved in some of the kinds of research which have happened elsewhere.

At the University of Calif. at San Diego, pigs are forced to run a treadmill till they drop of exhaustion.

At Harvard several years ago, pigs were dropped alive into 800 degree boiling oil for eventual compilation as research in The Symposium on Burns. At the University of Rochester, at Wayne State etc., dogs were strapped into Blalock Presses and into crash cars, to see how much pressure could be taken before bones broke and skulls were crushed.

We are animal liberationists, world hunger activists, and disease fighters. All can be accomplished through vegetarian work, either on campus or with us. We work for \$5 a week and room and board. Come on aboard.

Sincerely,
Don Wilson, Neelie Shriver,
Billy Mick, Emma Wood
(703) 524 - 4646

Trees or Gas Pumps

BY RUTHANNA HAINES

You may have noticed a petition going around last Wednesday concerning the area of land just across from the college gates. Previously, this land was planned to support some grass, trees, and maybe even a park bench or two. Recently, within the last week or so, the city has been seriously entertaining the idea of putting in another gas station on this same spot.

This petition, signed by nearly 400 of us, states: "We, the undersigned, protest against the building of a gas station across the street from the Guilford College entrance. Should the gas station be built, we refuse to buy gas from it. This land was previously meant to be a park, and we support those intentions." Let's make that list of 400 names into a list of 800 signatures.

All students, on main campus and in the Urban Center, are urged to take interest and action in this rather serious matter. Contacts with more information are Jim Newlin, many faculty members, and Karen Hartsoe. If you are interested in seeing some trees instead of more concrete, call 855 - 6349 and ask for Karen.

We fully intend to buck this thing!

The following petition was signed by members of the Guilford College Community Senate:

WHEREAS, the students of Guilford College are concerned about the construction of any commercial establishment that will contribute to general congestion, traffic hazards and pollution, across from the college gate; and do recognize the concern of other members of the community, many of these the businessmen who have invested in maintaining aesthetic quality in the architecture of the immediate neighborhood,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford College Community Senate, with the consent of the students, supports suggestions that the County purchase this land for development as a park, or as a parking lot with some degree of landscaping; and on behalf of the entire community, urges that this matter be seriously reconsidered.

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EDITORIAL BY RICHARD PHILLIPS

Gadzooks! There is a word missing from the dictionary. I would imagine there are quite a few such words that come to each of our minds, but the one I was searching for might be quite important.

The word I've in mind is SELF-PROPRIETY. I got onto the concept one evening last week when I went over to UNC-G to hear Bill Moyers speak. Moyers is an award-winning broadcast journalist with PBS and now works with CBS News on documentary broadcasts.

The topic of the evening revolved around the Bicentennial and the aches of America. Moyers supplied the audience with up-to-date commentaries

from journalists around the world about the predicament of the United States in the midst of the Bicentennial Celebration. Predictably, most of them were pessimistic and alarming about the future. Moyers urged in his "conversation" that Americans should be alarmed, worried, concerned — or whatever their hearts and minds did tell them, as long as that arousal stopped short of pessimism.

His message dealt with the futility and destructiveness of pessimism. I'm not a historian, nor am I a socio-political prognosticator, but I was able to get Moyers' drift when he reminded us of the chorus of "boos" that greeted then-President Ulysses S. Grant as he ascended to deliver the

Centennial Address on the heels of the then-greatest corruption in the Executive Branch of our Federal Government.

I think one can safely assume that America pulled out of those despairing days — at least for a time. Now it would seem that those same despairing days are upon us once again, and what are we to do?

Bill Moyers suggests that one thing we can all do is to pull out a dictionary and try to find the word "self-propriety." It's not there. There are over 900 "self-____" words listed in Websters New International Unabridged Dictionary, but "self-propriety" is not one of them.

I was able to find the word "propriety." The following

terms are used in its definition: ownership, proper, true, true nature, character, peculiar attribute, inherent quality, appropriateness, correctness, fitness, suitability, and sense of what is proper or fitting.

Preface that word with "self" and a hyphen and one has a concept that might begin to get Americans back in some kind of healthy frame

of mind about what their country is doing. That is to say that they will once again begin to feel like an integral part of decision-making processes and the strong sense of participation and responsibility that accompany.

Bill Moyers believes that an "aggressive citizenry" is vital for the life of our nation, and I will have to agree with him.

