From the Tennis Court to Xerox Office

BY FORREST HUGHES

Note: This article is the first in a series on graduates of Guilford College and how Guilford has affected their lives, particularly their careers.

It's a long way from South Boston, Va. to the office of Xerox's Marketing Coordinator for North Carolina but Aubrey Forlines has made the jump. There were a few intermediate steps along the way and Guilford College was one of them.

For Forlines, Guilford was not just a place to continue his education after graduating from Halifax County High School. At Guilford the 1974 Management graduate served on Judicial Board his junior year, and remembers a case in which a dorm resident was almost expelled for dropping water balloons. He was on the tennis team for four years, and was the best player on the team for two of those years. He can still be seen on Guilford's courts on sunny week-ends. He played intramurals all four years.

College was not all fun and games. Dr. Caudill's Industrial Management class particularly affected Forline's future. ". . . I learned more in his course than anywhere else," Forlines said. "What helped most was having to stand behind your own project and be interrogated about it." The experience of that class made him more confident and accustomed to pressure, and helped make him able to think quickly. "It helps me in talking to my boss now," he said.

Forlines never used Guilford's Placement Office, and now he regrets it. "I hadn't heard of anyone being successful at getting a job through them, and I didn't go down there." Perhaps he would have started off in a better job if he had begun having interviews earlier. After graduation he didn't know exactly what he wanted to do, and, like many people, he considered graduate school at UNC-G. In order to establish residency to qualify for cheaper tuition, and to earn a living he became a teller with Wachovia Bank. That position was so depressing that he left, with no job in sight.

A customer from the bank mentioned to Forlines that Xerox had an undisclosed opening for which he might be qualified. He got the job 18 months ago and it's been up ever since. He has some dissatisfactions with his present position, but he feels that he has a future and a choice in the directions he chooses now.

Although Guilford's only direct influence on Forlines was Professor Caudill's class, there were many idirect influences. "I grew up, learned how to think, how to be confident," he said. After a pause he added with a twinkle in his eye, "I never really had a confidence problem."

One important thing Forlines learned from Guilord was how to deal with people in all situations. He thinks gaining this kind of experience would have been impossible outside of Guilford, which is the right size to get to know many people well.

Another aspect of Guilford that he appreciates is the freedom to organize your own time. "Some people don't ever learn to spend some time on play and some on work, and some on sleep." Self-discipline is evidently another indirect benefit of Guilford College.

Forlines had a few words of advice to people who will be graduating soon. First, know what you want, " . . . set your ideals as soon as you graduate." Second, keep those ideals, but be willing to accept a job not as challenging or financially rewarding as your ideal. You have to prove your abilities. As Forlines said, "The guy who produces is going up, and you have to prove that you can do it." Third, "Hang in there. Keep your direction but don't get too restricted."

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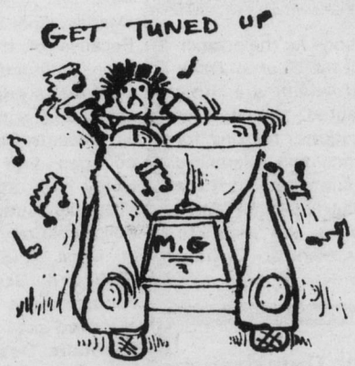

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Education Week

BY ALICE MALONEY

A.C.E. (Association for Creative Education) will sponsor Education Week April 4 through 8. A.C.E. has conveniently scheduled Education Week at Guilford to coincide with the Week for the Young Child held nationally.

Scheduled events of Education Week will include speakers Walter Drew from Boston University and Charles Coble, who has received recognition as an outstanding professor at East Carolina. Mr. Coble will speak about early childhood education, focusing his lecture on phonics. Thirdly, Alice Harrison will speak on the characteristics of young children with an emphasis on the positive behavior of children.

In addition to the above mentioned speakers, Education Week will include an exhibition of teacher-made materials in the library, and various activities and demonstrations.

Times and dates of scheduled events will be posted throughout the week.

Who were those guys?

Summer School?!

If you would not prefer to lend your name to the roster of unemployed students for this summer, why not just continue your student-hood and attend summer school? For the first time in years, Guilford will be the host school for the Greensboro Regional Consortium (Guilford, Greensboro, and Bennett Colleges) summer school program.

The first session will run from May 23 to June 25 and the second session will run from June 27 to July 30. Admission to the summer school session is being handled through Guilford College Urban Center. If you have any questions about the program, call Cathy West at extension 173, or drop by the Urban Center and she will be glad to answer your questions.