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Smith To Discuss Kennedy Assassination

BY FRANCES HENDERSON

Where were you on November 22, 1963? Most of us remember, for on that day the most powerful man in the world was assassinated. Kennedy's death is still shrouded with mystery, as a result of the dubious findings of the Warren Commission investigations. Guilford Senior Chip Smith is one who has serious doubts about the validity of the official investigation of the assassination. His intensive research has convinced him that the Warren Commission did not do its job, and the mystery is not yet solved.

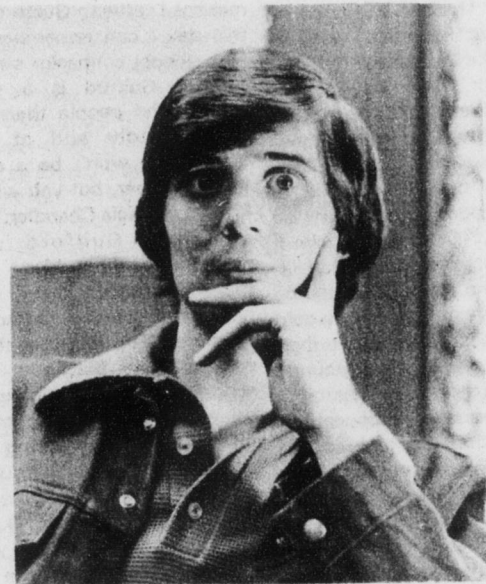
Chip's research began as work for his Honors thesis in History, but has expanded so much that Chip is now considered an expert on the assassination. He has lectured at several schools, including UNC-CH, Meredith College, and UNC-A. His research has taken him around the country. Over Christmas he drove 15,000 miles to gather information and talk with experts and witnesses. He has interviewed Dick Gregory, John Connally, Ted Kennedy, Barry Goldwater, and countless other experts.

Dan Rather of CBS News has been a very good contact. Chip now has so much material that he is writing a book which he hopes to finish while in Law School. The hours he has spent working on the project he says are inestimable. Chip was recently offered a two-year job with the newly appropriated Congressional investigative committee on the assassination.

When Chip speaks of the assassination, and of the Warren Commission, it is obvious that he feels a personal involvement. Kennedy is one of his favorite presidents, and one whose brilliance and charisma were powerful forces for good in the country. He finds it incredible that "the most powerful person in the world is shot and we couldn't find out who did it." Incontestable evidence such as the film shot by an amateur photographer at the scene, of the six-second sequence of the shots flatly contradict the Warren Commissions' single bullet theory. The study is "so full of discrepancies that few people hold it as true." But, he says, the new

investigative committee will have a hard time because of the passage of time. In the 14 years since Kennedy's death, nineteen key witnesses have died, in addition to then Vice-President Johnson, Jack Ruby, Lee Harvey Oswald and Hal Boggs. Time cannot be made up, but Chip hopes that the new committee will uncover some truths and reveal them to the public. At present there is too much doubt, too many discrepancies in the evidence, for another investigation to not be undertaken.

Chip, a Rhodes Scholarship finalist, will present his History Honors thesis this Thursday at 10 a.m. in Founder's Gallery. He will show slides and discuss his theories of what really happened. A limited question and answer period involving the audience will be permitted. A copy of Smith's written presentation may be examined by requesting it at the checkout desk in the library. Everyone is invited to attend his lecture on this vitally important issue.



Chip Smith

Haley Comes Home

BY BOB WELLS

Alex Haley returned to North Carolina last Sunday in an event that was co-sponsored by the Guilford College Arts Series in conjunction with Brothers and Sisters in Blackness (BASIB) of Guilford and the Neo-Black Society of UNC-G.

At a press conference prior to his lecture Mr. Haley denounced those who have attacked *Roots*, saying they did it just "to get in print." As for charges that he "copied" other works Haley quipped, "It would not have taken me twelve years to write *Roots*, had I copied it." Haley stated that when he is finished with his grueling promotional tour of seventy-three lectures this Spring he would "dissect and demolish" each charge of inaccuracy in his work.

Mr. Haley said his next book would be entitled *Search*, which will tell the story of his researching *Roots*. Haley disclosed that another television series is in the making, picking up where the first left off and continuing the story line for one hundred years. The

series is tentatively set to air in 1979.

In his lecture Mr. Haley immediately gave due credit to his ancestors and expressed that the success of *Roots* is really theirs. He told of his father's struggle to break out of the share croppers cycle, which was usually passed from father to son, and how he came to North Carolina A&T. His father later won a scholarship to Cornell, earning a Masters Degree in Agriculture, and later became a college professor. Mr. Haley acknowledges that his parents were instrumental in his acquiring an "upward perspective."

During Haley's lecture, Guilford was granted its due. At an earlier visit Mr. Haley met Dr. Jim Gifford who mentioned he might contact Dr. Algie Newlin. Dr. Newlin is a retired History professor and a leading source on Alamance County history having grown up there. Dr. Newlin helped Mr. Haley locate other sources in Ala-

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Harvey Goes on Leave

Cyril Harvey, Professor of Geology, has requested and has been granted an administrative study leave for the 1977-78 academic year. After eleven years at Guilford, including five as Academic Dean, Dr. Harvey looks forward to a year away from the constant demands of administration. He is not certain at this time that he will resume his responsibilities as Academic Dean upon his return to Guilford. By fall Dr. Harvey

intends to render a decision concerning this matter.

With the approval and support of the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Clerk of the Faculty, and the members of the Administrative Council, Bruce Stewart has been asked to serve as Acting Academic Dean for the coming year.

The *Guilfordian* wishes Dr. Harvey a productive study year and we give support to Bruce Stewart in his new endeavor as Academic Dean.

Summer School Spanish

BY HIRAM HILTY

Guilford students can complete their language requirements in the two summer sessions as follows:
First session - Spanish 100 (111)
Second session - Spanish 201 (112)

The total credit for these courses will be only six hours, but the language requirement will have been met.

The discrepancy between Greensboro and Guilford numbering systems and corresponding credits seemed to make this clarification necessary.