

German semester highlighted

Guilford Students revisited Munich last Wednesday, Jan. 24. A full day of slide, photograph, and brochure showing, culminated in a lively discussion between this year's German semester hopefuls and the people who went in 1978.

Group members spoke on topics ranging from living situations to visiting East Berlin. On housing: students live in houses with German families who act as foster families and German teachers.

Some of the family members speak no English, others speak broken English, and still others are fluent.

English is not the issue, though, and families prefer to help students learn German since that is, after

all, a part of the overall experience. For those of you who hesitate to apply for the semester because you've never studied German there is reassurance. Students who went last year knowing no German found that within the first month they could make themselves understood — usually.

Don't forget English is a Germanic language so there are numerous similarities between them.

Five of the six courses offered in 1979 will be taught by German professors. The remaining course will be taught by Bill Burris, group leader.

Classes are not held at the

University of Munich, rather at the Munich Studies School, a language school right across the street from the university.

Students eat lunch and dinner at either of the university dining halls or mensas. Breakfast is eaten with the German family.

Some special events enthusiastically highlighted by this year's group members were the group trips to Neuschwanstein — Mad King Ludwig's castle (as well as the model for "Walt Disney's castle,") Oktoberfest, Dachau, East and West Berlin.

In East Berlin, after passing through border control (Checkpoint Charlie), the group had the option of either seeing the East Berlin Opera House or the Museum of East German History. At night the whole group attended an opera.

These trips and others will be repeated in 1979.

The semester costs only a bit more than a regular semester at Guilford. Included in the fee is one way air fare. This does not include special expenses — beer and wurst for example.

One possibility for lengthening your stay in Europe is to combine a summer school in Europe program with the semester or go on the London semester and then visit Munich.



Characters seek author

By DAVE BROWN

The Guilford College Revelers are in the process of preparing for their production of Luigi Pirandello's modern classic, *Six Characters in Search of an Author*.

The play will be performed February 22-24 in Sternberger Auditorium.

A "play within a play," the setting of *Six Characters . . .* is a stage. The action revolves around the strange events which occur when *Six Characters* mysteriously arrive at a play rehearsal and demand to be allowed to perform their story.

The major "characters" are Ray Rinchiuso as the Father, Lilli Shacklett as the Mother, Felicia Ashton as the Stepdaughter, and Thomas Abrams as the Son.

The Director is played by David Brown. The main "Actors" are Andrew Millikan as the Leading Man and Jenny Crocker as the Leading Lady.

Other members of the cast include Lisa Morton, Brian Beard, David Jewett, Elizabeth Allen, Jeff McCann, Heidi Hirshman, John Steely, Nick Beeler, James McKinney, and Geoff Holland.

Some good conservation news

By RICHARD FULTON

Tired of hearing about excess sulfur pollution, endangered species, and mercury poisoning of fish? This article is for you then, because I've decided to dedicate it to the brighter side of conservation news.

In Arizona, shopping centers now have a new kind of vending machine - it consumes, weighs, sorts and separates aluminum cans and pays 13 cents a pound in return. The "Golden Goat" gobbles up to 7,000 cans each hour, separating aluminum cans as it goes. The cans are then crushed and stored for weekly pickup. These are not real goats, but I think we could use some over at Bryan's Quad on Sunday mornings.

The United States and Canada are getting down on a serious clean-up of the Great Lakes. On November 21, 1978 Secretary of State Cyrus Vance signed the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1978 which contains details on what the two countries will do to eliminate excessive discharges from municipal and industrial sources.

Acting two weeks before the December 18 deadline, President Carter placed 56 million acres of land in Alaska off-limits to development and sport hunting. Mr. Carter's action, taken under the 1906 Antiquities Act, designates the land as national monuments because of their historic, scientific and cultural value. The President's action more than doubles the size of the national park system. As anticipated, it evoked praise from conservationists and sparked promises of legal challenge from state and pro-development interests. Congress can still act to change

the boundaries and the protection by passing an Alaska land bill.

This is not to say we should not care about other conservation issues, but it does point out that good, strong action is being taken to make sure this land of ours remains in a clean and healthy state. This news comes from the National Wildlife Federation.

Senate news — Farlow is President

By JANE ALLEN

The first Senate meeting of the second semester was held Wednesday, January 17. Because of Barbara Philip's resignation, Mark Farlow is now Senate President.

Mark asked the Senate's approval of Nancy Trull, former Secretary, as the new Vice-President, and Elaine Douglas as Secretary. The Senate approved the new Executive Council.

Todd Breneman reported on the Saturday Brunch. Responses to a questionnaire distributed last semester were about 95% in favor of continuing the Brunch until Spring Break.

It was agreed to continue Brunch until Spring Break (when more students eat breakfast because of the warm weather and longer days.) Another survey will be conducted later this semester to decide if the Brunch will be continued next year.

At this meeting, and at the subsequent Senate meeting on Wednesday, January 24, Hugh Stohler discussed the deliberate destruction of the Recreation Room and elsewhere in Founder's Hall. This damage occurred just before the start of Christmas

vacation.

Extensive repairs are needed before the Rec Room can be reopened. The largest expenditure will be replacing the walls. It is hoped that this will require less than \$700.00. Replacing the broken ceiling panels will cost \$50.00 and, providing the student body contributes the labor for paint-

ing the Rec Room, paint supplies should be the only expense involved.

Some suggestions for possible sources of money to cover the cost of repairing the Rec Room are revenue from the machines in the Rec Room, the general school budget, or the Senate. Work study students will institute the

repairs, and volunteers are welcome.

The Senate agreed to publicize the increasing vandalism in the *Guilfordian* and on signs posted on campus. The Senate would also like to ask that all Guilford students be aware of the growing problem of vandalism and to report any incidents.

Notes to and from the administration

By SUSAN IDE

A new column will be appearing in *The Guilfordian* in an effort to loving administration's questions and answers to the student, and vice versa.

There is a definite lack of communication between the administration and the student body, a barrier which this column will attempt to break down.

Each week, representatives from Ken Schwab's office (Dean of Students) and Dean Frazier's office (Dean of faculty), will be interviewed. Both of these departments are interested in increasing communication of their activities.

Some of the tentative issues to be explored are lack of scholastic

motivation on the students part, ways to make use of the full potential available on Guilford Campus, and methods of stopping the vandalism now plaguing the school.

Any questions and concerns from

faculty, administration, and the student body should be addressed to Susan Ide, P.O. Box 17287, Shore 102, phone number 855-7479.

Sierra Club

The Sierra Club is a national organization dedicated to the wise use and preservation of America's environment.

The local Joseph Le Conte Chapter meets here on the Guilford campus

the second Monday of each month. Meetings are held in Founders Gallery from 7:30-10:00.

Guests, speakers and environmental films highlight the gatherings.