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Fall Together, Fall Apart: Professor Henry Hood and President Rogers help celebrate the 1981 Fall Convocation.

Fast for world hunger: Concern for wasted food

By David Davenport

Cafeteria food is a complaint that has existed long before I arrived here at Guilford College, and no doubt it will remain an issue long after I have departed. However, this complaint is very troubling to me because more than being an indication of the food, it is a reflection of the student body's attitude. This general attitude towards the food represents in essence a petty bourgeoisie mentality.

Opinion

Most of the students here at Guilford come from pampered middle to upper class family backgrounds. These background experiences have created expectations for complete satisfaction of personal desires among a significant portion of these students. In these expectations, students are miffed by, and often times indignant towards failure to achieving their wants and needs.

It is unfortunate that there are apparently some "realities" that these people do not comprehend in their attempt to develop intelligent and mature perspectives. The price of food, along with many other aspects of our economy, has increased drastically. In an effort to minimize the impact on our tuition Guilford has contracted Epicure, which is a food service that can offer the most comprehensive and nutritious food selection for the lowest price. Epicure uses what is obviously less than top quality food. However, I feel confident that the food is more than adequately nutritious. As far as the taste is concerned, consider this: our insistence on better quality

might cost us, for instance, a decrease in our allowances from "Mommy and Daddy".

One fact that may not be apparent to us is the difficulty of cooking for over five hundred people. When preparing food in mass quantities for many diverse tastes surely we must recognize the effect on the food. This is not "home" and the food cannot be expected to be prepared especially for our individual cravings.

The most important reality that most people seem to be aware of, to a certain degree, is that we are among the most fortunate people in the world. We are able to eat food whenever we are hungry, and for some when ever the mood calls. Needless to say there are people in the world starving. Families that would love to have half the food we students waste in our snobbish contempt. Gratitude seems to be in short supply at Guilford. There are, although, some people at Guilford that are aware of the blessings which we have. These people are attempting to increase the needed awareness within this community.

Interested students have organized a fast for November 18 to show sincere appreciation for the plight of starving people, and also to raise money for contribution to the constant fight against this tragic reality. I urge and challenge the entire student body to participate in this worthy cause.

In closing I would like to extend both congratulations and thanks to Mr. Douglas "Doug" Guilmore for not only the exceptional way in which he manages the cafeteria, but also for his extraordinary ability to continuously deal with us.

By Steve Trout

The Fast for World Hunger scheduled for November 17th and 18th will be a twenty-four hour display of individual sacrifice, symbolizing Guilford's collective concern over the difficult situation endured by many of the world's people. In examining some of the issues surrounding world hunger, we will be confronted by the glaring contrast of domestic plenty and Third World austerity. We hope the proximity of our own Thanksgiving to the Fast will lead people to reflect on the situation of others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Besides an event displaying concern, we want to make the Fast a learning time as well, with films, lectures, and pamphlets provided.

From Guilford's committee on the fast for world hunger

Money raised during the Fast will be given to the American Friends Service Committee with instructions for the revenue to be sent to East African relief work. Plagued by war, the influx of refugees hoping to avoid worse violence elsewhere, lingering drought and famine, the concerned nations and relief agencies in the area can no longer hope to support their people. Most international hunger groups see massive aid from the West as the only means to avoid a calamity of starvation similar to the one which occurred in Cambodia. This immediate

REGISTRATION

Founders Lobby

Thursday, November 12
Friday, November 13
Saturday, November 14
Sunday, November 15
Monday, November 16

lunch, dinner
lunch, dinner
brunch
dinner
lunch

While we certainly encourage fasting, all events are open to any interested people. Contributions toward the AFSC East Africa Relief are welcomed.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 17:

Following lunch, the Fast will begin. It will continue through dinner.
5:00 p.m. film: "I Want to Live" Dana Lounge
slide show: "Somalia: Sharing Global Resources"

Wednesday, November 18:

The Fast will continue through breakfast, lunch

12:00 p.m. film: "Hamburger USA" Dana Lounge
slide show: "Bread, Justice, and Multinationals"
"Bread, Justice, and Trade"

4:00 p.m. Vigil in front of Founders

4:30 p.m. Breaking the Fast with brown rice, water

5:00 p.m. Dinner

help would allow East Africa time to regain its economic feet. Already a topic of AFSC concern, the issue of East African hunger is one a community such as Guilford, with its professed concern for individual suffering and hardship around the world, can and should address its attention.

In summary, this Fast will raise revenue for important relief

work, raise understanding of a major international problem and encourage Guilford community members to push for responsible U.S. Government assistance to ameliorate the situation. While having no illusions about the problem's complex, tenacious nature, we believe a group of people acting in an enlightened, concerned manner can make a small but nevertheless significant difference toward helping others.