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Art and the Oak Ridge Man

by Karl Miller
Special columnist

An exhibit of almost thirty recent oil paintings by Roy Nydorf is on display through November 7 in the Gallery in Founders Hall. With a few exceptions, all of the paintings have either figures or still lifes as their subject matter, and all have the vivid colors characteristic of Expressionism.

Upon entering the Gallery, one is struck by the expressive orange and red hues which jump from the walls. Nydorf's intention is to create what he describes as "a charged situation," and he does this partly by varying the opacity and the brilliance of the paint. In "Street Scene with Pries," for example, the woman's shirt and the buildings in the background are left with a transparent wash of half-tones, while the priest's robe and other areas are given a more opaque treatment of pure, brilliant color. The result is a dynamic composition which moves the viewer through the painting.

Nydorf considers the figure paintings his major works because of their capacity for psychological impact. They show a marvelously personal approach to humanity, an approach which is tinged with daydream and fantasy although still anchored in

the naturalistic tradition. It is interesting to see that Nydorf paints dogs, cats, and birds with the same conviction and psychological intensity that he applies to his paintings of people. The large painting of swimming ducks is a beautifully dramatic portrait.

Although they are smaller and less complex, the still lifes in the show are no less exciting. By virtue of their small scale and simplified subject matter they are more experimental and sometimes more light-hearted than the large works.

A visit to the Nydorf exhibit can be an inspiring experience even for those unfamiliar with Nydorf or his work. One student described his experience as "a setting of anxiety." Those more familiar with Nydorf's work will appreciate his increased use of a more Expressionistic treatment of space and form. With a couple exceptions, all of the paintings in the show were done in the last one and a half years. "Oak Ridge Man" is aptly titled, it being the first painting Nydorf completed at his new studio in Oak Ridge, North Carolina.



Clay Runs Around

by Joe Pardington
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About a month ago, during the City Stage Festival weekend of October 1-3, Guilford sophomore Clay Tyson finished third in his age group and 19th overall in the "I.H. Caffey's Run for the Arts" race. Starting early on Saturday morning, the 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) race attracted 450 entrants. The winning time was a brisk 30.04. Clay, running without training, finished with a time of 37 minutes, 50 seconds. Though he did not do any preparatory running for the race, Clay resigned himself to swimming some laps in the College's pool, for which he is now lifeguarding.

Asked how he felt during the race, Clay responded-- "After the first mile, it's pain from there on out." He recommends knowing your limits as a runner, and therefore attempting "any race that is a little farther than you're used to, every day." The best primer for a race, he says, is training for at least two weeks prior to the race and talking to someone knowledgeable about running. Clay warns that if you don't prepare by training, "you'll certainly spend weeks patching yourself together, like I did."

Clay is planning on running in a race this weekend. With a couple weeks of training and a half of a semester swimming to get him into better shape, Clay stands a good chance on improving his time for the upcoming race. If he's lucky a few people from Guilford will join him for the next meet; the competition could make for an intense contest.

Are You Animal or Vegetable?

by David Nash
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By now, everyone on campus has developed habits particular to him. Yet many people have assumed the traits of a favorite animal. (Especially at Guilford would such a diverse bestiary be possible.)

THE MOLE. This creature studies the most. He is most evident on Friday and Saturday nights in the library stacks. He has a hunched back because he always carries all his books on his shoulder to that special remote desk deep within the labyrinth of the stacks. He can easily be identified by his pale skin and constant blinking in bright sunlight.

THE SPONGE. This animal is immune to considerable blasts of sounds. He sits at his desk amid castles of beer cans with both speakers emitting dangerous levels of noise. The waves either bounce off or sink in the animal. (That isn't all he might absorb.) He has an infallible logic system: "Today is Thursday. Tomorrow is Friday--that means weekend. So why not begin tonight?"

THE NIGHT OWL. These creatures begin anything when the dorms close around one o'clock. They constantly have books to read or papers due. They tend to cling together in groups somewhat similar to Western campouts with such standard fare as coffee and Domino's pizza.

THE RABBIT. This creature is seasonal. He is now seen along the roads of the campus or the trails of the woods. This fast, frail fuzzi-ball has an energy level too high for most students. The rabbit runs nine or ten miles, does two hundred push-ups to relax his body before bedtime at ten, and then complains of soreness. This creature is occasionally accompanied by the moose-- a beast whose shoulders are as broad as your nearest door and whose neck is as thick as your nearest oak tree. This partnership is most evident on Saturday afternoon rituals when a line of moose protect a backfield of rabbits.

In addition to possessing these animal qualities, everyone has a pet: the cop-out. As winter approaches, maybe some rarer animals will come out of hibernation.



Thinking Capsule

by John Cox
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West Germany

The most tumultuous events of recent West German history began on September 17th when then-Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's ruling coalition dissolved. The moderately leftist association of the Social Democrats (SLDP) and Free Democrats (FDP) broke up, leaving the much-respected but embattled Schmidt in dire straits. On October 1st Schmidt failed a vote of confidence in the Bundestag (German Parliament) by a vote of 256-235.

The new chancellor is Helmut Kohl, leader of the conservative Christian Democrats-Christian Social Union coalition. Many international observers are wondering whether the relatively inexperienced Kohl, who speaks no foreign languages, can fill the gap left by the ousting of the brilliant and energetic Schmidt.

Although Kohl has already appointed a new cabinet and made connections with other world leaders, his position is far from secure. In recent regional elections the SPD and the environmental parties did much better than expected, and the powerful German trade unions and anti-nuclear groups have promised strong opposition to Kohl's conservative plans. Politically, Kohl fits in nicely along-side President Reagan and English Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Supply-side economics and a tougher anti-Soviet stand-- or at least talk of them-- can be expected in the future from Germany. But Kohl has promised elections for this March, and the question remains as to whether he can maintain his current popularity.

Usa

President Reagan has been traipsing across the land trying to boost GOP congressional campaigns and at the same time defen-

ding his heavily-criticized economic policies. Reagan visited Raleigh, NC, on Tuesday, October 26th. Last week he announced that a voluntary agreement limiting European steel exports to the US had been reached with West Germany and several other European nations.

Although Reagan has reduced the inflation rate drastically to 4.8%, unemployment has reached a post-Depression high of 10.1%. And in 1982, the first full fiscal year of Reagan's presidency, the budget deficit hit an all-time high of 110.7 billion dollars.

Israel

In response to profuse and angry public outcry in Israel and to worldwide statements of concern, Israeli Prime Minister Begin has launched an official investigation into the Israeli role in the September massacres of Palestinian civilians.

The recently withdrawn 1200 US Marines have again landed in Beirut and will remain there, according to the Pentagon, "as long as necessary. There is growing public confusion in the US as to what type of precise and just role our troops have in the peace-keeping efforts. And the summer's brutality in Lebanon has claimed four more victims; and Israeli explosive detonated last week at the Beirut airport, killing one US Marine and injuring three others.

Spain

Conservative rule of Spain, unimpaired since 1939, could very well be broken by elections held in late October. Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez, far from being a feared radical, has very strong support among Spanish voters. The deeply troubled Spanish economy is a major contributor to the growing leftist movement in Spain. Predictions of a Socialist victory, while proving the soundness of nascent Spanish democracy, raise fears of violent right-wing reprisals in this nation only five years free from autocratic military rule.