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## Quad Dances To Stand Trial

By Kenneth Goldwasser

On Thursday, Housing Director Bob White dismissed rumors that Bryan Dorm will no longer be available for dances. "I recognize that the Bryan Quad is a fun place to dance," White said. "I simply want organizations to be responsible for their parties."

The dorm, which in the past has been the sight of popular "Quad dances" held in its courtyard, had been rumored to be off limits to Union dance committee planners. The rumor started when a dance at the beginning of the semester originally scheduled for Bryan was cancelled and subsequently held in Sternberger Auditorium.

"The Union planned the dance without contacting me" White said. "No one on the Housing Staff knew about it, so I refused it." White cited previous Bryan Quad dances as grounds for his extra precautions. "in the past,

whenever there was a dance in Bryan, the Housing Staff ended up enforcing rules," he said. "This responsibility should not fall on the Housing Staff." White added that he felt "residents of Bryan Dorm got a bum deal. They ended up responsible for damages that they might not have caused."

White said that he decided to discontinue the use of the courtyard for dances until he could meet with the appropriate student representatives to discuss regulations. A meeting was held with Housing representatives, Union officials, Student Activities leaders, Bryan Dorm President Tom Kelly, and dorm representatives. As a result, the conflicts have been resolved and the dorm is again available for dances. White felt that the meeting provided "something good for everyone. The Union can have dances in Bryan, but they must

take full responsibility."

Student Union President Diana Wurster was pleased with the decision to utilize Bryan. "I think it will be a better semester since we can use Bryan" she said. "It's an ideal place but its been

abused." Wurster said that a dance has been planned for the Friday of Homecoming weekend. "This is a trial dance" she said, "if people don't cooperate we're sunk."

Dance committee Co-

Chairperson Adele Harrison did not foresee any problems. "We'll have student sheriffs there," she said. "Union people will have to keep the policies."



Distinguished Quaker Visitors Phyllis and Richard Taylor

photo by Andrew Stuart

## Senate Notes

By Becky Gunn

The September 12 Senate meeting was busy and informative. Discussion topics ranged from substance abuse awareness to changes in the mailroom.

Claudette Franklin sat in on the meeting to talk to the Senate about the substance abuse task force which she chairs. The task force was formed last year. Its purpose is to inform the community about drug and alcohol abuse. Franklin hopes to get more students involved in the force. She is soliciting help for the substance abuse awareness week the task force plans to sponsor in November. Interested persons can contact her in the Center for Personal Growth.

Next Karen Hemmer presented the Senate with some of the campus-wide plans to help the United Way Fund Drive. Guilford will be raising money to help the annual campaign in a variety of ways during the last week of October.

Doug Wright, president of the Revelers, told about the benefit performances of the Revelers production of Dracula. All profits from the show will be donated to United Way. There will be collection cans at all of the performances so that people can make

donations. Students will not be charged for the performances as usual.

Hemmer also hopes to raise money through dorm drives and challenges as well as other campus events. This is the first time Guilford students have been so involved with United Way.

Senate president Tom Jarrell brought up the need for volunteer help at City Stage on October 5 and 6. He asked that anyone interested in helping out while enjoying the festivities contact him at the Senate office.

The meeting closed with the news of the changes in the mailroom. Some changes have happened already, others will happen soon. Students can purchase as many stamps as they want (within reason) instead of just a dollar's worth. The mailroom opens at 10 am, closes at 1 pm and reopens from 2 pm to 5 pm. For the first time students will receive mail on Saturdays. A scale has been purchased so students can weigh and determine the postage for packages they want to send. Credit for the changes goes to Peter Lauria, Jayne Mardock, Tom Jarrell, John Goodwin and Mrs. C.

## Non-violence Promoted

By Andrew Stuart

The 1984 Distinguished Quaker Visitors, social activists Richard and Phyllis Taylor, spent September 11-14 at Guilford in a variety of programs sponsored by the Friends Center.

Richard Taylor is an author and human rights organizer. He has demonstrated both in the United States and abroad for human rights, against the Vietnam War, and against nuclear arms and power plants. He has recently co-founded the American Christians for the Abolition of Torture.

Phyllis Taylor's work is similar to her husband's but she concentrates on health care. She is a stoma-therapist at the Osteopathic Medical Center of Philadelphia and is a consultant for hospice programs for the terminally ill.

At the "Strategies World Community" lecture September 12 the Taylor's main message was one of non-violence, human

rights, justice and peace.

Richard Taylor said that, "To be non-violent is not to be subversive." He used Martin Luther King and Gandhi as examples of leaders of successful movements without violence. "Non-violence," he said, "is an active, not passive, struggle which is an organized movement for social change."

A major area of interest of the Taylor's is Amnesty International. This is a London-based organization, whose purpose is to insure fast, fair trials for political prisoners, mainly in third world countries. Without the help of this organization prisoners are often tortured and murdered.

Currently, Richard and Phyllis Taylor's main concern is the conflict along the Nicaraguan-Honduras border where the United States-backed Contras are reportedly torturing and randomly killing men, women and children. The Taylors are afraid that if Reagan stays in office, there will be an American invasion of this area, possibly causing a second Vietnam. The Taylor's

are attempting to prevent any U.S. involvement in Nicaragua through the organization Witness for Peace.

Witness for Peace states its purpose as: "To develop an ever-broadening, prayerful, biblically based community of United States citizens who stand with the Nicaraguan people by acting in continuous non-violent resistance to U.S. covert or overt intervention in their country. To mobilize public opinion and help change U.S. foreign policy to one which fosters justice, peace, and friendship."

Richard Taylor gave four measures which students could take to further the Witness for Peace movement: 1) write letters to Congressmen, 2) vote in elections, 3) attempt to have peacemaking integrated into academic courses, and 4) participate in vigils against violence. Richard Taylor strongly emphasized that even the smallest non-violent action makes an impression on government officials. Students can play a major role in the movement.