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NEWS LINE

STUDENT LOAN FUND AUCTION

The Student Loan Fund Auction will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at the Greensboro Coliseum Annex. The auction is held each year to benefit students who receive financial aid. Items may be donated up to Mar. 1. For more information contact Melissa Hoopes, ext.3448.

ADMISSIONS

Larry West, former Director of Admissions has been named the Dean of Admissions.

Guilford has received a 9.5 per cent increase in applications. As of Feb. 7, there were 1085 applications, a 14 per cent increase from two years ago.



Distinguished Quaker visitor Dan Seeger chatted with Max Carter and Judy Harvey. Seeger visited last week.

Photo by Daphne Lewis

Distinguished Quaker Visitor Seeger shares experiences

Chris Hosford
Staff Writer

Dan Seeger, plaintiff of a landmark 1963 Supreme Court decision and executive director of Pendle Hill, spoke to a group of students and faculty at the Hut Friday, February 11 at 12:00 PM.

Seeger, the inaugural speaker of the Judith Weller Harvey Memorial Distinguished Quaker Scholar series, spoke of his own experiences and led a discussion revolving around non-violence and peace issues.

Raised a Roman Catholic believer in the "just war" doctrine, Seeger, as a physics major at Queens College, fell under the spell of Tolstoy, Thoreau and Gandhi.

His study of Gandhi's teachings led to a spiritual conversion, which sparked his adoption of pacifism.

This, in turn, led to his questioning of the Selective Service system and his application for consci-

entious objector status to avoid compulsory service in the military.

However, Seeger was denied conscientious objector status because he could not say with absolute certainty that he believed in a Supreme Being, although he considered the possibility of one existing to be likely.

Seeger allied himself with the Quakers and later converted to Quakerism.

The Quakers urged him to serve as a "test case" to try and force the Supreme Court to clarify and expand conscientious objector status.

In 1963, after an eight-year-long climb up the litigation ladder, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously in Seeger's favor, declaring it unconstitutional that a conscientious objector should be denied on the basis of belief or lack of belief in a Supreme Being.

The ruling declared that nonviolent beliefs need only have the "quality" of a religious conviction.

Seeger is currently the executive director of Pendle Hill, described

by Campus Minister Max Carter as a "Quaker think tank" devoted to study, contemplation and the promotion of peace and nonviolence issues.

Carter said of Seeger's presentation, "As a conscientious objector myself during the Vietnam era, I am intrigued to hear some of the history."

Seeger was quick to praise the Hut and its promotion of spiritual activities.

Seeger said, "The sharing of a spiritual journey is as important a part of our education as accounting and physics."

Seeger seemed impressed by the school, the campus and the students, who turned out for the program despite icy weather conditions.

"I've been here once or twice before but I've never had a chance to meet the students," said Seeger.

"I've known of Guilford College because it is so well respected. It's nice to come here and see how beautiful it is, even in this weather."

The race is on

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As election day draws closer, the two hopeful Senate executive tickets are busy campaigning and presenting their platforms.

The Richard Ewell ticket, composed of Chris Behm, Brian Burton, and Terrence Laster, is running a campaign based on experience, stressing a combined Senate experience of 17 semesters.

The Wade Tomlinson ticket, which includes Gail Kasun, Shingai Jaravaza, and Nick Remmes, is campaigning under a three-pronged platform consisting of improving communications among student organizations, budget reform, and the recruitment of new talent in Senate.

"What we really want people to know is that we've been there," said presidential candidate Richard Ewell, a junior with five semesters of Senate experience. "We've been there when things have gone right and when things have gone wrong and we've learned from that."

"We can represent students' needs because of our experience in working with the faculty, staff, and administration," said Brian Burton, current Senate Treasurer

and treasurer candidate for the Ewell ticket.

At the core of the Tomlinson ticket's three-tiered platform is a plan for budget reform that encourages more cooperation between student organizations.

"Basically we will be allowing for organizations to communicate with each other so that they can decide how money should be spent," said presidential candidate Wade Tomlinson, a sophomore with four semesters Senate experience, who is currently serving as Senate Secretary.

Tomlinson said the budget reform plan involves taking the control of the \$210 student activities fee away from the Budget Committee and putting it in the hands of the students.

"Instead of having over a quarter of a million dollars in the hands of four to six individuals, it will go back to the individuals through clubs and organizations," said vice-presidential candidate Gail Kasun, sophomore and current news editor of *The Guilfordian*, who has covered Community Senate for three semesters.

"I'm convinced that our budget process is extremely inefficient," said treasurer candidate Nick

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Union: Solo again

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This year's sole Union ticket is comprised of President Megan McSheffery, Vice President Andy Swanson, and Secretary Lehia Sobsey.

Though a treasurer has not yet been named, McSheffery says that they are still looking and waiting to find someone.

McSheffery said that she "thinks [they] will do a good job" next year because Swanson and Sobsey have lots of experience with Union, and they all get along well and work well together.

McSheffery has been working with Senate and Union since her first year, chairing committees.

Swanson's experience has been working with Union, this year as

their vice president, which he will continue to do next year.

For the 1994-95 year, McSheffery said that their platform is to encourage and develop more "student involvement." She said that they are hoping to have "at least one activity that students can go to every weekend."

Commenting on what they want to do, Swanson said, "Union's going to change. We have a good program now, but we are going to make it more organized."

Swanson said that for next year, they are working on preplanning events and "getting involved with other schools."

He said that this year's Union has been attending conferences and studying other schools to try to become more organized and

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