

Three Guilford professors arrested, students participate in K-Mart protest

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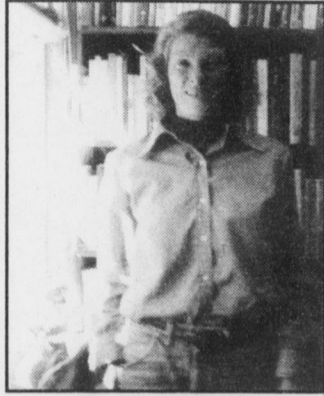
On Monday, January 15, this year's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, over 200 Guilford College Students and Faculty members gathered together for a non-violent protest outside Greensboro's Super K-Mart building.

Those involved were protesting the treatment of Greensboro's K-Mart Distribution Center employees, the majority of whom are minority workers.

These employees are not provided with proper bathroom facilities and also receive an average of \$4.60 less than distribution workers in other locations who are doing the same jobs as those employed in Greensboro.

The protest involved several hundred people gathered outside the K-Mart premises, singing, chanting and involving themselves in other non-violent means of protest.

The police were previously informed by the Pulpit Forum Com-



Sara Johnson

Claire Morse

mittee (organized for the protests) of the protesters' plans, and over 140 police members were already stationed on the premises to maintain order and control.

Those protesters that did not submit to the police's requests to leave were arrested, taken to the admittance basement at the police station and released shortly thereafter.

Among those arrested were Guilford faculty members Claire Morse, Joe Groves and Kay Doost. These faculty protesters were arrested with the knowledge of the consequences of their action—a

maximum \$200 fine and a Misdemeanor charge. All had previously taken a training session organized by the Pulpit Forum.

Morse saw the protest as a "continuation of the King Legacy" and considered her actions "a way to raise concern about the mistreatment of people in our society and respect for human beings."

She felt that she was "surrounded by people with the same commitment" as she had and considered the event to be "a community building experience." She felt the charges were "relatively minor" compared with the impact the protest had on the community.

Groves also felt that the protest impacted positively on the community. He stated that before the protests in December, Greensboro business leaders were refusing to correspond with the Pulpit Forum leaders.

Now, after this second group of protesting arrests, the business leaders have sought out the Forum members and there has been increased media coverage about the

issue of mistreatment.

He further stated that his protest expressed his "commitment to non-violent social change" and "expanded the circle of interested people" concerning the issue.

Although no students were formally arrested, many students participated in the protest. Student Danielle Goldberg, serving as the Student Coordinator, organized a booth in Founders Lobby to gain support for the issue and succeeded in organizing many students for the protest.

Senior Kadi Hodges felt that her involvement in the protest helped the cause "because it is important to have large numbers of people to attract attention" from the public.

She felt that "anyone involved helps in some way," and she urges students to "read the newspaper because the workers have a lot to say. We all need to be diligent about being aware of these situations."

Senior Sarah Dings also commented about student involvement

in the protest. She feels that "the people who have done the organizing are very passionate about their cause and have made it easy to become involved" in the issue.

Dings also said it was "great to see college students black and white, young and old, religious and non-religious all involved in this cause" and urges students to contact Danielle Goldberg for further information.

Already there has been visible positive change concerning the issue and this has been greatly assisted by those Guilford students and faculty who have seen this injustice and who have made the effort to act out against it. If you wish to become involved, there are student and faculty contacts who will appreciate any kind of support or effort you are willing to make.

Real World star to visit

staff report

Mohammed Bilal of MTV's top-rated television show "The Real World" will speak at Guilford College on Saturday, February 17 at 8:30 p.m. in Dana Auditorium.

Bilal will speak on his works as an AIDS activist and his experience living with Pedro Zemora, an HIV-positive man, on "The Real World." His presentation is a part of AIDS About AIDS 1996, a student service-learning conference on AIDS, and is free and open to the public.

Bilal was one of seven young people who were brought together by MTV for a series that documented their daily lives in San Francisco. One of Bilal's housemates was Pedro Zemora, an HIV-positive Latino man from Florida. Zemora died just after the show's season ended.

Mohammed Bilal grew up during the 1980s in San Francisco, a city which has actively responded to the AIDS epidemic. As a black youth he knows minority challenges. His life experiences have been unique and multifaceted, and he speaks about them with intelligence and energy. His perspective and fame will deliver a powerful message about AIDS.

Bumgarner chosen alumni director

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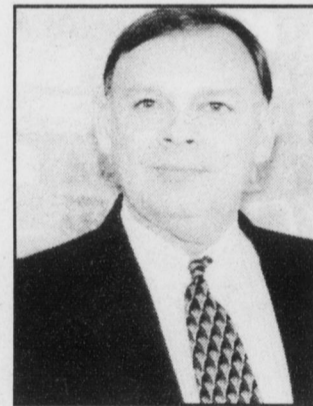
Bob R. Bumgarner, former operations manager for Lowe's of North Greensboro, NC, has been named director of alumni relations at Guilford College effective June 1.

In this position, Bumgarner will direct Guilford's efforts to build and maintain a strong, supportive network among the Guilford College alumni and between the alumni and the college itself.

He will represent the college to its alumni and will also represent the distinctive alumni point of view to the college.

His specific responsibilities will be to manage the efforts of the Parents Relations Program, serve on the Guilford College Alumni Association Board of Directors, coordinate activities related to Homecoming and Alumni Weekend, and establish and support alumni chapters in cities across the U.S.

"We are surely fortunate to have someone with Bob's very successful administrative experience and wonderful loyalty to Guilford College in this key position," said Guilford College President Bill Rogers.



Courtesy College Relations

Bumgarner

"Bob Bumgarner brings the energy, warmth and vision that will inspire alumni activities all across the country."

Bumgarner received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Guilford in 1967, and joined Lowes at its general office in North Wilkesboro, NC the following year.

He held several positions at the general office, including purchasing agent, head of the Contractor Technical Services Department, coordinator of the Homestead Program and director of sales promotions.

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