

Adrienne Israel uncovers history

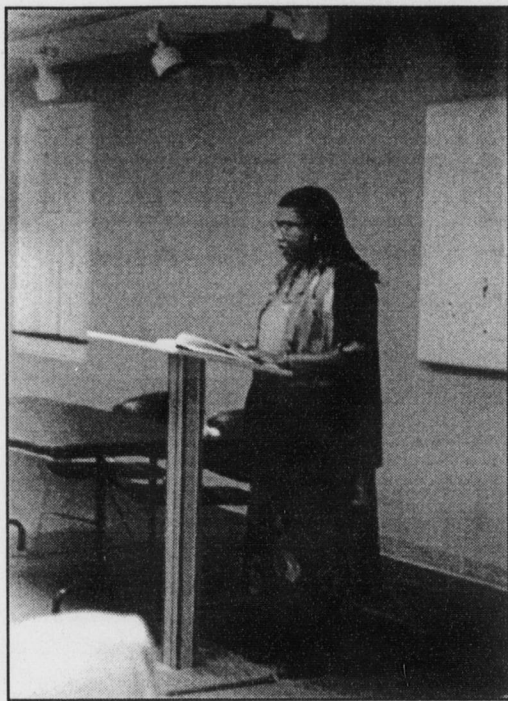
◆Community gathers to celebrate the publication of her book

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Professor Adrienne Israel read from her recently published book, *Amanda Berry Smith: from Washerwoman to Evangelist* last Wednesday, the 23rd, in the Gallery of Founders.

A cozy gathering of Guilford students, faculty, staff, and members of the Greensboro community met to celebrate Israel's publication and to hear her discuss her experience of uncovering the history of a remarkable African American woman, too often overlooked by American historians. Israel read excerpts from her work, spoke about her research, and answered questions from the audience.

Amanda Berry Smith was a woman of great courage and strong faith who preached to both blacks and whites during the early years of this century. She helped build a bridge between the races at a time when prejudice, inequality, hatred, and racial violence ran rampant



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Adrienne Israel read from her new book.

throughout the country. Israel spoke on how this remarkable woman endured a life of poverty in crowded, dirty, and corrupt New York City at a time when race riots

were especially common and the violence involved extreme.

Smith worked as a maid and washerwoman for eight dollars a month, slept on a ironing board, and lost four children to illness. She began to preach at the African American Methodist Evangelist Church and eventually became one of the most influential and revered preachers in the country. She worked as a missionary, supported orphanages, and taught children in industrial education, believing that for their own welfare, children should be self-sufficient.

Israel also spoke about Smith's shortcomings, such as her failure in striving to build certain charitable institutions. Israel also mentioned that Smith was often criticized by African Americans for socializing with whites and for struggling with personal doubts as to whether blacks really were equal to whites.

Israel's book is historically provocative and provides a clear image of Smith's life, as well as social/racial conditions and circumstances in New York City during her lifetime. The book is available now at the bookstore in Founders hall.

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Henry."

The situation also puts into question the future of Johnson, who has managed the bookstore for 11 years and Henry, who has worked as both cashier and textbook coordinator for ten years.

Johnson asserted in an interview that "the college bookstore does need improvement in terms of physical renovation. I would like to

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lower ranks? Not according to McNeeley.

"That wasn't an attempt to keep someone down or to segregate anybody," said McNeeley. "If they make a reservation and it's not being used by somebody else, it's at their disposal."

However, McNeeley's perspective is not the only one on campus.

Another cafeteria insider, who asked to remain nameless, expressed a general opinion contrary to this one. "In a Quaker community the man who mows the grass is supposed to be just as important as the president. That is what they believe, but that ain't what's here."

Anthony Staples, a housekeeper, straddled the line with his comments. He feels that the new administration, Don McNemar and his colleagues, are meeting the needs of all concerned. "The atmosphere, environment, students, faculty, and staff just seem a little bit better than [they have] been," he said.

However, Staples also clearly commented on feelings of inequality between the administration and the staff many times.

"Administration can't help it, they look at staff, and we are just different," said Staples.

"That won't change too quick," he said, comparing it to the continuing battle with racism in the United States.

see the college invest in the bookstore rather than simply outsource to a corporate concern."

Students will be given the opportunity to give their input about

the bookstore on Tuesday, October 6th, when a survey will be administered in the cafeteria during lunch. Anyone who wishes to voice an opinion on the matter and cannot attend

lunch on this day may pick up a survey at the Information Desk or in Hendricks hall.

"There are many who feel that a college bookstore should make the service of students and faculty the first order of business."

—Beth Keiser

Corrections

The article "A Student's Guide to Valencia" should have been credited to both Sarah Weissberg and Sara Johnson. *The Guilfordian* apologizes for the error.

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The Week at Guilford

Friday, October 2nd:

FCA in Boren lounge at 6:30 p.m.
Volleyball Tournament with Bridgewater, Averett, Greensboro and Chowan Union presents *L. A. Confidential* in the Underground at 9 p.m.
Concert, "Diggin' taters" in Bryan Quad from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Saturday, October 3rd:

Volleyball Tournament with Bridgewater, Averett, Greensboro and Chowan FY Programs presents Clean-Up day at Hagan-Stone Park from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Refused, Frodus, Catharsis and Cavity in Concert in Underground, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
FY Programs presents Quaker Historical Tour. Call x2425 for reservations.
National Coming Out Ball in Dana Auditorium lobby from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sunday, October 4th:

GCRO Meeting for Worship in the Moon Room at 9:15 a.m.
Catholic Mass in the Gallery at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 5th:

Men's Soccer v. Hampden-Sydney at 4 p.m.
Guilfordian meeting in the Commons at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6th:

Volleyball v. Eastern Mennonite at 6:30 p.m.
Episcopal Eucharist in the Moon Room at 5:15 p.m.
Union meeting in the Commons at 7:30 p.m.
AACS meeting in the Gallery at 8 p.m.
New Generation Ministries meeting in Boren lounge at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7th:

Community Day - Founders Lawn and Founders hall - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Community Senate meeting in Boren Lounge at 3:30 p.m.
Men's Soccer v. NC Wesleyan at 4 p.m.
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meeting in Boren lounge at 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 8th:

Community Senate's Worker Appreciation Day in Boren lounge
Women's Soccer v. Hollins at 4 p.m.
German Club presents Oktoberfest on Founders lawn from 5 - 7 p.m.
Union presents Jazz/Lecture "Galen Abdur Razaq" in the Underground at 7 p.m.
SCRABBLE Club in the Commons - 7 p.m.
GCRO Coffeehouse with Fran McKendree in the Underground at 9 p.m.

To have your event or meeting appear on the Week at Guilford, submit it outside the publications suite in the box labeled public service announcements. Please turn it in before Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. and mark that it is for the Week at Guilford.