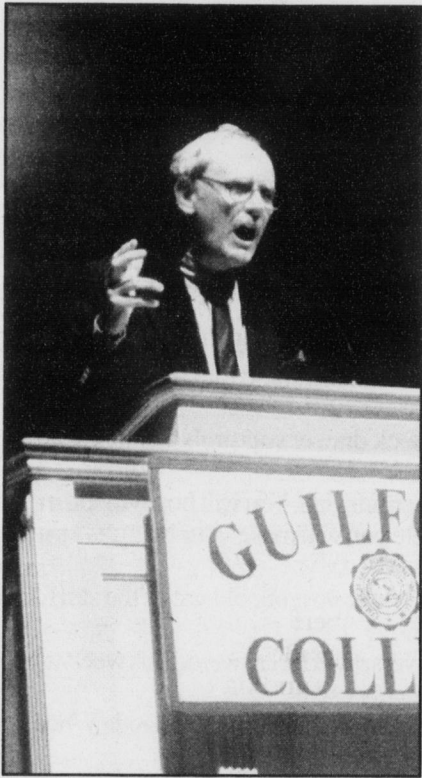


News

James Carroll speaks on activism



James Carroll addressing the community.

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James Carroll, an award-winning author and columnist for the Boston Globe, spoke at Guilford's opening convocation in Dana Auditorium on the topic of "Academics and Activism." The convocation was originally scheduled for August, and because of the change in date, the focus inevitably changed to feature the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Looking back on the past, Carroll noted that there have been certain moments that took hold of the world and forced everyone to reevaluate their lives and the possible future. He identified several turning points in history that affected his own life, including the first atomic bomb tested by the Soviet Union, the

launch of Sputnik, and the Cuban missile crisis.

Although he was only seven when Harry Truman announced to the country that the Soviet Union had exploded an atomic bomb, James Carroll still remembers the moment that started the age of McCarthyism and the fear of a nuclear threat. He remembers watching Sputnik flicker across the sky, and what that small satellite meant for the United States. He explained how incidences like these can motivate a generation to activism.

Carroll's generation, the generation that came of age during the Vietnam War, simply could not avoid activism. Carroll spoke of "being drafted, literally, out of academic attachment into activist political commitment. It was one draft we could not resist." More recently, the sacrifice of so many lives on Sept. 11 and the escalating conflict with Afghanistan should be

motivation to inspire the current generation of students to a new activism.

Being a pacifist, Carroll does not usually consider violence and force as options. However, he feels there are some circumstances in which a choice must be made to use force for the greater good. "I salute the people that found a way to make that choice. I don't presume I would have had the courage to be one of them," he said of the passengers in flight on the hijacked airplane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

Carroll's hope for the future is that the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 will be a turning point in history towards a renewed peace. Instead of starting World War III, the collapse of the World Trade Center should be a catastrophe that starts negotiations, disarmament, and unity between every country.

"Sept. 11, 2001 - we all know it will be the turning point," he said.

THE WEEK AT GUILFORD

Friday, November 2

Bowling	AMF All-Star Lanes, 6:30 p.m.
Gospel Choir workshop	Boren Lounge, 7:30 p.m.
International Dance	Founders Commons, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

Acoustic Syndicate and Keller Williams	Dana Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday, November 4

WQFS meeting	Founders Commons, 7:00 p.m.
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Monday, November 5

Guilfordian meeting	Founders Commons, 7:30 p.m.
GANE meeting	King Peace and Conflict Studies Room, 8:30 p.m.
Outdoor club meeting	King Environmental Studies Room, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6

Latin American Film Festival	Leak Room, 7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, November 7

Lunchtime Art Talks (Charles Tefft, ceramics)	Hege Library Art Gallery, 12:45 P.M.
Senate meeting	Boren Lounge, 6:00 p.m.
"One Night Only" Acoustic Coffeehouse	Underground, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 8

Town Hall Meeting on Racial Reconciliation	Bryan Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
Animal rights group	King Environmental Studies meeting Room, 8:30 p.m.
Yachting Club meeting	Bauman 202, 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to see an event or meeting published in The Week at Guilford, please email the event title, date, time, and contact information to The Guilfordian at guilfordian@guilford.edu.

On Thursday, Nov. 1, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright delivered a public address in Dana Auditorium. Please see next week's issue for complete coverage.

The One Love Roots Co-Operation Celebration

will take place Saturday, **November 3** at the lake (in the Underground if it rains, or if it's too cold). There will be food, reggae music, a few vendors and an Underground Railroad simulation showing how Guilford fit into it.

Our schedule is the following:

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| 12:00 | Playtime with a DJ, art mural painting, frisbee, soccer |
| 1:00 | Potluck - bring something to share or just come and eat! |
| 2:00 | Underground Railroad Education |
| 3:00-5:00 | IMANI (local reggae band) |