

Psychologist, author Mary Pipher speaks in Bryan series

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organization that helped refugees. She signed herself up to help. "I started calling people who worked with refugees and volunteered my services. I went to the impoverished areas of Lincoln and started my work there."

One thing from which refugees can greatly benefit is help with education according to Pipher. "Anybody can volunteer to go to a school, sit in a study hall and help a refugee read. Another thing people can do is volunteer to be a tutor to adults and help them with English." Pipher said.

She also named journalists as an important factor in helping communities cope with the changes refugees bring.

"Journalists are really important. Refugees are coming into my town and your town too. There's a lot of people who aren't racist but just don't get involved, they're just indifferent. Lincoln newspaper as a staff, as an institution, made a real commitment to educate our citizens. Newspapers can be a cultural broker because people need to know

how to think about these issues. If they don't hear it from the news they might hear it from a talk radio show that spreads hate messages."

Vivian Lutian, ESL instructor and CCE career counselor at Guilford attended

"We've got some terrific students volunteering" said Lutian.

The Middle of Everywhere is Greensboro's One City One Book title this year. Many schools, institutions, and individuals have read this book to gain

president of refugee and immigration services of Lutheran Family Services, welcomes all members of the Guilford community to become cultural brokers. According to Priest there are many ways that students can reach out. Tutoring children, teaching adults how to read and write English, and babysitting while the adults are in ESL class are just a few ways volunteers are needed.

In many cases, internship requirements can be fulfilled through Lutheran Family Services. "The students tell us how valuable these lessons are and for the refugees themselves." Service organizations like the Bonners Scholar program co-sponsor single refugees and refugee families. They collect donations such as household items and arrange transportation committees. Priest said that students bring their own element to volunteering. "The energy students bring is vibrant" she said.

Area manager Shirley Thoms is the contact person for anyone interested in volunteer work. The phone number is 378-7881. Lutheran Family Services is located at 415 N. Edgeworth St. ☞

"Cultural broker" - Schoolteachers, public health nurses, and American friends who may teach refugees to make intentional decisions about what to expect and what to reject in America.
 ~Mary Pipher, *The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to our Town*

Wednesday's town hall meeting on refugees. As an ESL instructor Lutian has heard first hand the difficult stories of immigrants and refugees. "What bravery, what courage to come to a new country. I come from the viewpoint that there's plenty of room here." Lutian said. She also encouraged students to reach out and help but recognized the dedication of students that currently volunteer.

an understanding of refugees and their sometimes painful, dangerous journey to America. Discussion forums, lectures and poetry readings featuring ethnic music have taken place to educate the public and celebrate the many cultures in Greensboro.

Pipher encouraged Guilford students to volunteer their time and offered Lutheran Family Services as a way to get involved. Pat Priest, assistant vice

Community Senate's corner space: weekly update

A.Q. Abdul-Karim

Community Senate President

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.
 --Dwight D. Eisenhower

In the past three weeks we each had the opportunity to vote for the future leaders of our nation. In doing so those who we elected will be critical in determining our own futures and the future of rights and privileges we enjoy as residents and citizens of the United States. Many times in the history of this nation we (the people) have set the stage for social, political and even economic transformations.

Whether with our voices, our bodies, our picket signs, our ballots, and at times our lives, partisans of this nation have come together by the millions to ensure a future we can all live with, one that maintains the values of freedom, peace, and prosperity as rights rather than political slogans. In this past election, as a nation we marched to

the polls and voted for our future, as a nation we voted in a government, and as a nation we must live with that decision for another four years. But as a people we continue to cast our vote everyday. In every decision that we make we decide to except, reject, or compromise with our situation, our environment, our lives, the lives our children, our families, our loved ones. We decide to fight for who we are or give in to what we have resigned to be "just to get by." National Election Day like all days is over, and can never be brought back. But our opportunity to usher in our own futures based on our own paths and not ones prescribed to us starts anew every day we open our eyes. To honor ourselves and those who have come before us I challenge you to take a stand for your own future, be your own leader, honor the freedom you have with the courage to represent your own values and standards. Be the change you want to see.☞

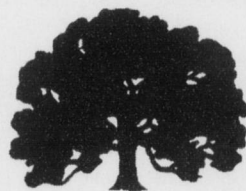
Proposals:

Yellow Bike Program: Passed
 Afro Punk: Passed
 ASC: Passed
 GCD, Early Voting: Passed
 Revisions to Senate By-laws: Decision

Pending

CAP budget: Decision Pending
Scheduled this week: None

On Deck: Photo Club (New Club), Ping Pong Club (New Club), Ulali.



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