



ILSC celebrates Stoneburners' tandem career *John invited to deliver May commencement address*

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"We were children when we got married," said John Stoneburner, Professor of Religious Studies. "We grew up together." John and Carol (Coordinator of Women's Studies) Stoneburner do almost everything together. They have been professors at Guilford for 45 years. They often finish each other's sentences.

This weekend, April 7-8, a celebration will be held in the Stoneburners' honor to celebrate their joined careers and John's retirement.

"We see this as an opportunity for our alumni to honor them both, and also to reconnect with each other, (current) students, and the college," said Karrie Opaleski, Assistant Director for Alumni Relations.

"This celebration is exactly the kind of thing we want to be doing here at Guilford," said alumnus Blaine M. Lukkar. "(We are) bringing alumni who love this place back into contact with one another and introducing them to ways they can stay connected to Guilford and build strong relationships

with students." Lukkar is the Interdisciplinary Leadership for Social Change (ILSC) Coordinator and helped put the celebration together.

E.F. Craven Professor of Religious Studies John Stoneburner has been a Guilford professor since 1968. He is a scholar of American religious history. He holds a

Shelini Harris, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. "Over the years, he and Carol have been like family to so many students."

Though hired separately at Guilford, the Stoneburners quickly found that teaching in tandem held many benefits for their students. The administration encouraged the Stoneburners' co-teaching techniques.

"There were so many students from divorced families, they thought it would be good for (the students) to see a couple working together in a constructive way," John said. "It's been a great treat for us to be able to teach together."

Some of their most popular classes have been "Feminist Theology," "Contemporary Images of Self," and "Women, Body and Voice," which they co-taught for 12 years. Carol and John see their co-teaching as essential to the student's overall understanding of feminist theology.

"'Women, Body, and Voice' studied misogynistic tradition throughout western culture," Carol said. "I would have found the course really difficult - to teach that



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John and Carol Stoneburner have taught at Guilford for 45 years.

Carol earned her Baccalaureate of Arts in Religious Studies from Drew University, and has been a Guilford faculty member since 1970. In 1974, she became the Coordinator of Women's Studies. "Carol basically founded ILSC," Opaleski said.

Doctorate of Theology from Drew University and bachelor's degrees from Earlham College and Drew Theological School.

"John Stoneburner is a very caring colleague who treats you like family," said

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Students critique minimum wage

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Paul French, a sophomore, has been working at Hege Library for a year. His wage started at \$5.15 per hour - exactly minimum wage.

"Although scanning out books and computers isn't exactly back-

breaking manual labor, I still feel that paying someone \$5.15 an hour is not only exploitative, but ridiculous," French said.

French feels that the Guilford administration is taking advantage of the work-study students. "The work I do in the real world would call for a much higher salary," said junior Jonathon Vogt, Theatre Studies Office Manager. "Not that I think I should get a professional salary, but the work I do is not minimum-wage work."

"Proponents of a 'living wage' recognize that the current minimum wage cannot sustain a family and seek to bring it more into accord with the real cost of living," according to California newspaper The Daily Bruin. "Most suggestions hover around \$7.25."

Economist Robert Pollin calculates that \$7.37 was actually the minimum wage 30 years ago if measured in 1998 dollars. If it had kept up with economic growth since then, it would be \$11.07.

"The notion that you can pro-

mote 'integrity, honesty, compassion, courage and respect for the individual' while paying people less than a living wage is two-faced and beyond hypocrisy," French said, citing the "About Us" page on the Guilford College Web site.

"Student employees are at Guilford College to be students first, not employees," said Fred Devine, Director of Human Resources. "Their primary reason for being here is to earn a degree in their field of choice, not to earn a living, sustainable wage."

"Students receive an increase in salary each year," said Jerry Boothby, Vice President for Finance & Administration.

Madeleine Pope, a sophomore, started working at the circulation desk in Hege Library her first year with a wage of \$5.15 per hour. "After a year of working there, my

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Scramble for housing

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Students applied for 2006-07 housing during the week of March 27, but a wave of students was suddenly outraged and left scrambling for housing after the apartments, Bryan hall and alternative houses quickly filled to capacity.

For the fall semester, there were 123 group applications for 59 apartments. For the 28 Bryan suites, 42 groups applied, two-thirds of which were spillovers from rejected apartment applications.

"I feel as though everyone is very restricted in their options," said first-year Sarah Showell. "I am appalled that sophomores got apartments last year but this year some juniors can not even get into Bryan. I am shocked that current apartment residents did not get apartments for next year. I feel

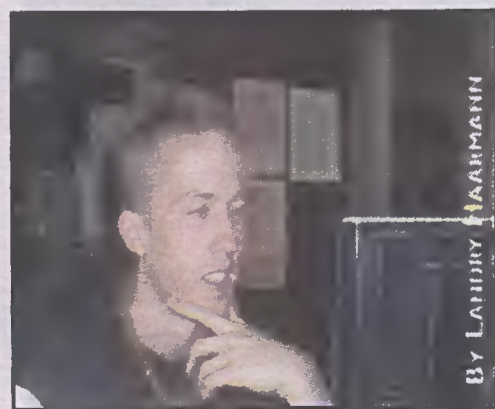


The North Apartments

that if we can not get the on campus housing we desire, it should be easier to get off campus."

According to Aaron Fetrow, Dean for Campus Life, there were too many apartment applications. There were even students who currently live off campus who decided to move back to the apartments on campus. Because of the influx of students applying for apartments, the school had to ask those who did not get in to the

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Alex Barnett, library worker.