

Frazier Defends Slumlord On Condemnation

By JEFF BLOOM

Is it legal and constitutional to inspect and to condemn slum housing? This is one of the questions being used by Robert H. Frazier, chairman of Guilford College's Board of Trustees and attorney for W.W. Horton of High Point, who is the slumlord of about thirteen houses on Greensboro's Gillespie Street.

The city of Greensboro has inspected and has gone through the process of condemning some of these shacks. The case presently at point, the residence at 305 Gillespie St., was condemned at the first inspector's hearing, but was appealed by Frazier and Horton and will now go to the Guilford County Court.

According to Archie Andrews, of the office of city inspection, if Frazier cannot get the court to rule that condemnation of property is unconstitutional, he will probably question the procedure of inspection. But Andrews said recently that he was sure that his office has held to the set legal procedures.

The decision to condemn a house is made when it would cost 60% or more, of the value of the house to bring it up to legal standards of health and safety. Horton has argued that he could fix these houses up for less than that by his own standards. One of the differences between his standards and the city's is hot water, which he considers unnecessary in these houses renting for about \$50 a month.

But then Horton has a pioneer mentality himself. He may not rough it like his tenants are required to, but he goes to collect their rent wearing a gun in a shoulder harness and walks up the street like he owns it and the people too. One time he

even told some inspectors to get the hell out of there; as he flipped open his jacket so that the gun showed; and they did. want?" And Mr. Gilcrest yelled out, "You can just tell Horton to go to hell!" A few minutes later a couple



Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilcrest of Gillespie Street.

SEVERAL VISITS

I have visited Gillespie Street several times. The first time, I got out of the car and was greeted by a few jeers from one old man and cold stares from everyone else. To say the least, I felt unwelcomed by these people who were so indoctrinated with fear that it was pathetic. I was afraid, too, but I walked up to the house where the old man, Thomas Gilcrest, was sitting with his wife.

I asked Mrs. Gilcrest what she was going to do now that the houses were being condemned. She replied, "I got to move; I just don't know where to go." Although weary and hopeless, they showed a certain pride. When I asked what they thought of Horton and Frazier, she said, "Just what do these people

more people came over, a Mr. and Mrs. LeAnden Hearing. They lived next door, but were evicted and were relocated in a housing project just up the street. When I explained to Mrs. Hearing that we were trying to help the people here she repeatedly said, "God bless you!"

I asked her what she thought of Horton and she went into a rage: "If I ever get my hands on him!" They explained to me that they had received a water bill which they paid off, and which, they said, Horton mixed up with theirs. He tried to make them pay this larger one, and when they refused he had the water cut off and evicted them.

Mrs. Russell said that with the help of the city inspector, Andrews, they were able to

move into the housing project. "This whole thing is a mess!" she said, "It's unsanitary!" Concerning Horton, she said, "He's just not doing a thing right." She followed up by saying, and making a point of it, "But don't say anything bad about Mr. Andrews! He has really helped us." Her one last concern was, "All I have to do now is get my mother out of here."

Further down the street three women were sitting on the porch. As I approached, one got up and ran away screaming that she did not want her picture taken. When she found out that I was not going to take her picture she returned. One of the other ladies, Mrs. Rosa Stine, lived in this house. A widow, she lived alone and was self-employed as a baby-sitter. I asked her what she thought of these houses—she answered, "They aren't fit for nobody to live in!—Except for the rats—yea, the rats. They sure can have them!" She went on, "We got to pay so much for rent. But we stopped. We don't pay it anymore." Most of them have become so fed up with Horton and the houses that they went on rent strike. She told me to come in the house and take some pictures. I walked into the

small combination living-room-bedroom. There was an old wood heater in the center with a pot on top of it. To the left of the door was a bed that was made up neatly. Next to it was a desk, and next to that, in the corner, was a dresser with a couple of bottles containing flowers. On the wall was a calendar with a picture of Martin Luther King, the person they could once look to for hope. I might add that, although she was not expecting me the room was neat. The rooms, however, were lopsided—one of the lesser evidences of the poor

construction. Mrs. Stine told me to take some pictures of the kitchen and of the bathroom: "They're really bad!" she said. These were the only three rooms in the house. In the small kitchen I saw an old wood stove, and a small porcelain sink that was falling off the wall. There is no outlet for an electric stove, and, of course, only a cold water tap in the sink. Her pride still showed through in her care of this miserable room. She would not let me take a picture of the two tables on which were a couple of pots and pans, and because they were "too messy." The bathroom was unreal! The tiny, unheated room held only a broken toilet, and no shower, bath tub, or wash basin.

I walked outside again and talked with the lady who had run off earlier. By now I was accepted as a fellow human. She said, "I've been trying to get after that man (Horton) for months to fix the water in my bathroom. It runs all over the place, that's why my water bill is so high! We don't have no hot, only cold! 'You don't need no

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A scene in the home of Mrs. Stine—a Gillespie Street tenant.



A row of Gillespie Street shanties owned by W.W. Horton.



The residence of Robert Frazier—an attorney of W.W. Horton.

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Quaker Quotes

By PATTY LYMAN

Communication seems to be one of the most serious problems at Guilford. Many students, in their frustration, have voiced the opinion that the Board of Trustees often misunderstands issues on campus. Should, perhaps, a student be put on the Board as a full member?

Jan Nichols remarked, "I think it would be good to put students on the Board in order to inform them what is happening on campus."

"I'm in favor of putting a student on the Board of Trustees because, although they're liberal on some points, there is room for improvement," commented Walter Harris.

"It's the only way the students are going to have any meaningful representation on this campus," claimed Palmer Blair.

"The Board of Trustees should be disbanded completely and a student-faculty ruling board set up."—Doug Reu.

"The Board has so much more education than we do. So much of this change is not for a real purpose. This school is based on a Quaker tradition which is conservative. If you don't like it—get out."—Lani Lentz.

"The Board of Trustees doesn't want to see any progress and students should clue them in, into what's happening."—Bob Willis.

"I'd like to see girls have unlimited hours, drinking on campus, and co-ed dorms. The only way we're going to see this is if we have some young blood on the Board."—Karl W. Noyes.

"As to whether or not there should be a student on the Board of Trustees depends on whether he can serve a constructive purpose. I don't see how he can be constructive unless he can be representative of all the different factions of the school. This is obviously impossible. I would suggest instead open meetings of the Board in order for students and Board members to mutually be exposed to one another's feelings and responsibilities—leaving ultimate decisions up to the trustees."—Elizabeth Cameron.

"Students have learned from the black community the importance of power in order

that demands are met. A student on the Board of Trustees is an important manifestation of necessary student power."—Bob Wilson.

Student power? Why not?! With a student on the Board, the trustees would have a better picture of the misunderstanding between the various factions of students on campus, and they could help Guilford to draw together.

Legislature Minutes

By PAIGE VIA

At the April 21 meeting of the Student Government, the need for better communication between students and legislature members was brought forward. It was decided that a brief summary of the minutes of legislature meetings would henceforth be published weekly in *The Guilfordian*.

Another main point of the April 21 meeting was the appointment of the following committees: Student Affairs—Alan Rosenblatt, Sally Peterson, Sara Cox, David Mahaney; Freshman Orientation—Mary Ella Tetterton, Bob Milan; Pathfinder—Kate Flippin; Finance—Dick Sifferlen (chairman), Tom Simek, Bill Overman, Bob Blue, Ann Schofield, John Andrews, Susan Ratteerree.

A proposal to keep King Hall open the last two weeks of each quarter was passed with the specified time limit being due to expenses incurred for lighting and a guard.

A proposal was passed to send a report to the Conventions committee stating that the legislature felt the need for convocations but not on a required basis. (It was reported that one of the chief reasons for convocations—student communication—would be somewhat alleviated by the near future installation of a marquee in front of the library and the intercom in the cafeteria).

At the April 28 meeting, Jane Forbes was elected chairman of the Baby Book and Tom Simek chairman of the Elections Committee.

Economics Seminar Set Tuesday

The fourth annual Jefferson Standard Economics Seminar will be presented Tuesday by Guilford's Economic and Management Departments. The seminar will feature an address by Henry Wallich in Dana Auditorium at 11:00. Three afternoon seminars will be conducted. Each panel will be composed of businessmen, economists, and students.

Henry Wallich is known both nationally and internationally for his expertise in the field of economics. He is a former advisor to President Eisenhower, and to the Republican Party. Currently serving as advisor to the Treasury Department, he is Professor of Economics at Yale University.

Other participants include the chairmen of the Economic Departments of Duke, Davidson, and UNC-G, leaders of area business and industry, and economic consultants of both government and business.

Dr. Khamis Abdul-Magid and Dr. Fred Courtney are working with Jefferson Standard in Planning Tuesday's seminar. Explaining the basis of the program, Dr. Abdul-Magid said,

"I feel that this is really the age of economic development. There is so much the professional economist can contribute, both nationally and internationally."

"The overall aim of the seminar is to bring one of the nation's top economists together with regional economists and businessmen. The students should benefit from their presence, as they show how the academic community has been helpful in serving both business and government, and the economy in general."

High school students from all parts of the state, area businessmen and economists, students, and faculty have been invited to attend the seminar. Topics will be discussed that are relevant to the current economic situation, such as inflation, unemployment, and questions of social welfare programs.

In bringing situations of actual life to the campus, the seminar will enable guests to learn of the work of economists, and of opportunities in the fields of economics and business.

Frazier

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hot water,' that's what he (Horton) said!"

The largest family on the block has seven children plus the two parents. Their house has four rooms in the same amount of space as those with three rooms. The very tiny bathroom has a continually running toilet and sink that does not work. There were originally thirteen families living in this section but this number has been cut by over half. Those who have been able to get into housing projects where the rent depends upon each individual's income and the maximum is \$75 a month. This rent includes electricity, gas, and water up to a certain reasonable limit. Not all have been so lucky yet, but if the city successfully condemns the property they will relocate these remaining families into standard housing. Many of the people have been evicted by Horton before the city could do this, however.

Dr. Morell's Spanish will present their Play Tuesday night in the Leake room at 7:30.



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The Gillespie Defenders!

The shameful refusal of slumlord W.W. Horton to provide decent housing for the tenants who occupy his infamous shanties on Gillespie Street, is a sad reminder that southern ante-bellum chivalry still reigns supreme in Greensboro.

Particularly chivalrous is Horton's generosity in providing his tenants with such luxuries as cold water, out of order toilets, and energy absorbing floors which collapse on impact.

But even more worthy of mention is Horton's dedication to white paternalism. This is the virtue which enables him to arbitrarily decide that his tenants have no need for hot water, bathtubs and wash basins.

Not surprisingly the presence of Horton, a southern gentleman so dedicated to the welfare of his subjects, parking his Cadillac Eldorado in front of

a shanty on Gillespie Street provides a productive setting for mistrust, fear, and resentment.

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Robert Frazier's defense of W.W. Horton's Gillespie Street shanties leaves a deep almost incurable scar on the reputation of Guilford College as an institution of Quaker thought.

Certainly any lawyer's decision to dedicate his keen legal mind to circumventing North Carolina law and turning the courts into chambers of slumlord mockery is regrettable.

But for Frazier, president of Guilford's Board of Trustees and long time defender of Quaker traditions which include a respect for human beings as individuals and a deep sense of social concern, the decision seems absurd.

A Judicial Contradiction

The failure of the Student Affairs Committee to deal firmly with a student who shed his garments and sprinted naked through the streets of Greensboro is another contradiction in Guilford's long history of judicial disgraces.

The decision of the committee (possibly wise) to coddle the student with a relatively token sentence of disciplinary probation is a sharp contrast to the harsh punishment it imposes on students who leave marijuana unattended in their dresser drawers.

Apparently the committee is of the opinion that naked students who disrupt

businesses, invade women's dorms, and harass motorists are more deserving of mercy than students who forgetfully leave their marijuana unattended.

But even more revealing than the sentencing policy of the Student Affairs Committee is the failure of those who so gloriously led the crucifixion mob against Doug Reu to protest the sentence imposed on the naked student.

Evidently the mob's cries for Reu's permanent department were merely expressions of prejudice and resentment rather than sincere pleas for law and order.

Quaker Pulse . . .

Meeting Vent For Hot Air

Dear Editor:

This letter is for the benefit of patrons of White, Burchette, Lanier & Co.'s televised carnival which I attended last Thursday night at New Men's. The hot air about Doug Reu was stifling me, when a loudmouth on the second floor balcony cleared the air. His tirade went something like this: "Doug Reu is the kind of guy who brings a bad name down on this school. If you want to help him, go ahead and help him yourself, but leave us out of it. He's not our kind and we don't want him here. We want him kicked out and not to come back."

I exploded with the retort: "Doug Reu is the kind of student who makes this school different from a cattle barn." I have been known to say more intelligent things, but let me explain. The guy on the balcony said what the rest of you were there to say. None of you were there out of concern for Doug Reu, but to grind you own axes. I lived in a military barracks with people like you. Some of us were honest, some of us were thieves, pimps, murderers, and queers, but we all believed that unconcern for each other's welfare was the proper way to live. It made us the scum of the earth.

I thought I had risen out of this when I came to College, but I was among the same scummy class of people Thursday night. Your class is determined by how you regard your fellow human beings, and your behavior then makes you filth. If you don't learn to have mercy, you are swine who don't know that you must protect each other instead of trampling on each other in order to live decently. This letter is written in hope that some of you may come to appreciate the disgusting character of what you were involved in and change your tune.

Steve Elrod



Bloom Gives Rebuttal

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Mr. George Davis' response to my article in the March 21st, Guilfordian. Thank you, Mr. Davis, for attempting to answer some of my questions.

You mentioned that Guilford's problems are due to student apathy (which, by the way, is a word that you "cannot stand.") I, too, cannot stand the word. It is too often used as an excuse for short-comings on the part of a person or of a group of persons. I do think that this is the case with Guilford. It seems to me that the students here are not nearly as apathetic as you might think. Most campus activities are not supported by the students because they are of no interest to them (or to most anyone for that matter) and because of their outrageous price, and not because of student "apathy." If an activity is inexpensive or free, whether or not it is of tremendous interest, students will be more apt to come, since they have little to lose except the time. However, if the activity is of interest, too, there will be an even greater increase in the number of students participating. So is apathy really our problem, or is it the activities?

By the way, I did not need my check book to go to the clubs in town. That very night of the Combo Party (which I almost went to, but . . .) I went to one and only spent a dollar or two more than the admission to the dance. Need I mention the difference in quality? But also consider that these clubs are PROFIT-MAKING organizations, not the student sponsored activities of Guilford College!! As you might see, your use of these clubs in your argument is the logical fallacy of false analogy since there are insufficient points of similarity between the clubs and Guilford College dances.

You also failed to mention where our \$45 does go! I did have the opportunity, however, to talk to some people about this. No one was quite sure about some of the facts, and why so much money was needed for some of these activities and

how the money allotted for these was really used. However I can see where certain organizations and activities do need money, such as, the Guilfordian, the Quaker, and the Symposium. I also understand that many of the speakers cost as little as \$25, but then a couple may cost as much as \$1000 or so. And films cost between \$20 and \$80, but I do think this expense could be defrayed by an admission of \$.25 and by showing them on a Friday or Saturday night. This would probably bring more people and would also give Guilford students, who are normally stranded on campus, something to do.

As for your fifth point, Mr. Davis, that "good" group which was at the Combo Party must have had a bad night or something! I attempted to enter twice, but by the time I came within fifty feet of the door they went completely out of tune. Needless to say, I gave up on any further attempts. I have also been doing some research into the prices of combos at several clubs here in town and back at home. You may or may not be surprised to hear that groups charge between \$100 and \$300 for a weekend night from 8:00 to 12:00, most of which are in the one to two hundred dollar range! And, as I said previously, if you charge less, more people are going to come. I do, however, sympathize with your \$4,000 expense account. I do think that more money should be allotted to the Dance and Pop Artist Committee. So don't cry about it, work and get more money! Get more students to back you! But, may I say a couple of dirty words, "Do something!!!"

Jeff Bloom



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