

Boyd chows down with dorm residents at candlelit repast

Although he was unanimously elected to the presidency of Tingle Dormitory more than six weeks ago, University Pres. William Boyd was able to avoid the duties of his new office — until last night.

At the invitation of the residents, Boyd ate dorm food with his constituents.

"I don't know whether this started out as a class project or if it was just one byproduct of having refrigerators in your rooms," Boyd told the dorm residents, referring to their easy access to cold beer.

The candlelit dining room was especially prepared for the occasion, but Boyd had to go through the chow line like everyone else. He passed over a main dish of hot dogs in favor of chicken. "I was glad there was a choice," he commented.

President pro tem Marty Balikov — seated to Boyd's right — called the dinner a success. He had placed posters in the dorm earlier asking the residents to "Break Bread with Bill" and "Barf with Billy."

Boyd admitted that he first doubted the existence of Tingle Dorm. "I thought that the name was ... part of an off-color joke," he said.

Boyd finished his dorm dinner by violating a cardinal cafeteria rule: He took his banana with him.

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America's wealth held by few, says prof

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In America today, 27 million citizens are poor, and 240,000 others are millionaires, said Political Science Professor Paul Grover.

He said 25 percent of America's wealth is held by 1 percent of the population, while 20 percent of the nation's poorest hold .2 percent of the wealth. Grover's lecture was part of the "America at the Crossroads" series.

Wealth is passed on through inheritance and marriage. It is achieved by personal qualities, such as ambition, and sheltered by institutional factors, such as trust accounts, foreign investments and tax loopholes, Grover said.

In fact, the very rich pay "10 percent (income) taxes at most," he said, compared to a 22 percent tax rate for people who make between \$50,000 and

\$90,000 annually.

But on the other side of the income tracks, the major groups to suffer poverty include the aged, female heads of households, people in large families, non-whites and people with emotional or physical afflictions, Grover said.

"A strong relation exists between the poor and the aged," he said, adding that this is a social commentary on our society.

Aged people have three main sources of income, Grover said: Social Security, bonds and family support. Family contributions amount to about 1 percent of a senior citizen's income.

Another group of American poor, often overlooked, is the "working poor." These people work 40 hours a week but still can't get above the poverty level.

The working poor includes marginal, domestic, service and migrant workers. Their group

totals one million, Grover said, not counting the millions of undocumented immigrants.

Although many complex reasons shadow poverty, Grover said, the poor are often blamed for their own plight.

Reading from a survey, Grover said that upper-middle-class Americans believe that the top five reasons for poverty are a lack of thrift and money management, a lack of effort by the poor, a lack of ability, loose morals and drunkenness, and

sickness and physical handicaps.

This attitude causes poverty to become a "political football," Grover said.

"The real issue is to provide income and support to those who need it," like the aged and the handicapped, and to provide incentives for companies to hire capable poor, Grover said.

One such incentive could be delaying property taxes for five

years for a firm that builds a plant in a poverty-stricken area.

The U.S. welfare system is plagued with non-standardization of aid from state to state, and a system of non-incentives for leaving the welfare roles, he said.

"The social bureaucracy has helped to perpetuate our (welfare) system," Grover said, adding that a case worker may need recipients as much as they need the case worker in order to maintain the job market.

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