

## Guilford represented at State Student Legislature

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Last week students from across the state assembled in Raleigh, for the 32nd annual North Carolina State Student Legislature Convention.

The sessions, conducted after the fashion of the N.C. State General Assembly, were attended by delegates representing 23 colleges and universities in North Carolina.

The week was spent acting on legislation presented by member schools.

This year, Guilford was represented at the convention, for the first time.

Delegates Zack Lowe, president of the student body, Lloyd Covington, vice-president of the student body, and Dan Hulbert, MIG representative and 1968 New Dorm president, were on hand to voice the opinions and needs of the small, private college student.

Since Guilford could not present a bill this year, its delegation assisted neighbor schools in securing passage of their bills.

Zack spoke in favor of UNC-G's Higher Education Bill and Dan spoke affirmatively for Methodist College's bill to require motivational analysis testing in secondary schools.

A & T, one of Guilford's neighbor schools, introduced a bill asking for courses in Afro-American history to be taught in elementary and secondary schools. The bill passed with little opposition and only one amendment.

Other legislation ranged from East Carolina University's bill regulating the transplanting of vital organs, the Meredith College girl's bill establishing the legal paternity of a child conceived through artificial insemination.

Greensboro College's bill asking for liquor to be sold by the drink in North Carolina won the distinction of being the best bill presented by a small college.

Other highlights of the convention were the reception for the delegates given by N.C. State's Chancellor and Mrs. Caldwell, and the reception for

the N.C. legislators.

Saturday morning climaxed the convention with the election of officers for the coming year. Elected were Calvin McSwain, president from A&T University, Gray Payne, vice-president from N.C. State, and Kay Watson, secretary, from Atlantic Christian College.



Guilford's delegation to the N.C. State Student Legislature Convention is pictured above as they participated in debate on the floor of the student senate. Photo by Pat Andrew.

## New New Women's In Planning Stage

Guilford women students had the opportunity to help plan the new women's dormitory which will be built within two years. A student-faculty committee devised the questionnaire which all women were asked to complete, and the committee then compiled the results. Added to these suggestions were ideas incorporated from dormitories at other colleges visited by committee members.

According to Paige Via, committee chairman, 218

students replied to the questionnaire. Single rooms (the type now in use in the women's dormitories with two girls per room and a communal hall bathroom) were preferred by 70 girls; 136 girls wanted some form of suite arrangement. Three girls had no preference on the kind of furniture, but 79 wanted built-in furniture and 103 asked for movable furniture. (The results don't total 218 in all cases since some girls did not reply to all questions). The committee noted, however, that girls tended to prefer whatever type furniture they currently had. Binford girls voted overwhelmingly (68 to 26) for built-in furniture, and the committee felt this was significant since they were the only women students who lived with it. Built in furniture is more feasible since it is cheaper and more easy to clean around.

Basic needs most often expressed by girls at Guilford and other colleges included a better communicational system, more closet and storage space, better laundry and kitchen facilities, better lighting and more electrical outlets, improvements to make the dormitory quieter, brighter, and more home-like, individual room-controlled temperature, recreational areas for the girls only, study rooms and parlors.

The committee proposed a dormitory based on the idea of central core with the individual rooms built around it to avoid long halls and "institutionalism." A suite of four girls (two connecting rooms with two girls in each room and a shared

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## BASIB Voices Discontent

The black student organization known as BASIB would like to let the student body know that we are not a secret organization. We, the members of BASIB, are not fully content with the way the black student is looked upon at Guilford. Black males are thought of as being only athletes with little academic inclination. We are not here only to play basketball, football and baseball, but rather want to get a well-rounded liberal arts education. We have voiced our discontent to the administration only to be filibustered by them.

Now we would like to relate to the student body our predicament. Our talks have gotten us little or nowhere, so we solicit the support of the student body on the following things: Afro-American History taught by a black professor (we should have first priority in taking the course), a course in Black literature and writing, and a course in African art. We want full-time black professors and counselors, more financial aid for all students and an increase in the college activities program.

Guilford is experiencing the same problems that other predominantly white colleges are now facing with regard to the new demands of the concerned Black students. As an example, a pamphlet was circulated on Guilford's campus recently concerning the Black students at Amherst College. The authors of this pamphlet were endorsing their school to convince other Black students to come to it. Although it was admitted that Amherst was not a perfect environment for Blacks, one finishes the pamphlet with the impression that it is a miniature paradise—with Satan present, of course, in the form of white supremacy.

As a result of reading this pamphlet, someone in Guilford's administration decided that the Black students on this campus should compose such a pamphlet. Upon hearing the idea, Guilford's Black representatives compared Guilford with Amherst and found many things lacking here. Discontent with life here was

revealed and a gripe session resulted. The administration proposed that these gripes be placed in the hands of several committees. These committees were to contact designated members of the faculty and administration with the purpose of finding solutions for the Black student's problems.

The committees and those interviewed were as follows: Financial Aid, Wiley Ruth; obtaining full-time Black teachers, William Burris; and Courses, Edward Burrows. Transportation off campus and the high risk program were also discussed. As a follow-up to the gripe session, the administration proposed that the possibility of a Black student working with the Admissions Office be given consideration.

Clyde Milner and Bruce Stewart later met with BASIB to see what had been accomplished by the committees. The committee members reported that the comments and/or advice given by those persons contacted were generally shallow and evasive. Encouragement was offered and another meeting was planned for a later time.

That "later time" came soon thereafter. One night Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs, Bruce Stewart, John Bell, Jerry Goddard, other administration members, and several guests met with BASIB in the Board Room. What could have been productive communication between a select number of Black students and administrative officials was actually an unsuccessful session marred by the presence of the guests, who were unknown to and uninvited by BASIB. No matter what BASIB requested, the reply was, "that seems reasonable", but no one could offer an acceptable method of accomplishing the aims. For instance, when the subject of Black teachers was discussed Dr. Hobbs was favorable to the idea of having a Black in his faculty, but stated there was difficulty in obtaining one.

None of the prospective candidates contacted were interested in coming to Guilford. Someone remarked that the

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## For Nation's Capital

## Third Seminar Set

The third 1968-69 Guilford Off-Campus Seminar will be in Washington March 26 to April 2. The major emphasis of the seminar will be aspects of government but interested students will be able to study education and the social problems of Washington. Again one hour credit will be given for participation in the seminar.

In the first meeting of interested students, held last week, three basic areas of concern were established. There were urban problems, with emphasis on crime and social conditions in Washington itself; foreign relations, with emphasis on Southeast Asia; and the poverty program and its effect on the South, particularly North Carolina.

Dr. William Carroll of the Political Science Department will accompany the group, which will be headed by the

Off-Campus Seminars Co-ordinator, Claude Shotts.

Students wishing to go with the seminar should register at once so the program can be further planned by Shotts and those already registered. Students are also encouraged to read up on topics of special interest and write letters to Congressmen and members of government for appointments or special assistance.

About half of the time in Washington is being planned in advance for the discussion of important issues and the other time will be left free for individual appointments and other activities of interest to the individuals.

The approximate cost for the seminar, including rooms, meals, travel, and administrative cost, will be \$74.50. A registration fee of \$10 must be turned in with the application.

## Spring Elections

Campus-wide elections will be held March 25, according to an announcement made by Dewey Whitley, chairman of the student legislature elections committee.

All petitions from candidates must bear five signatures and must be turned in to Dewey or any member of the elections committee by March 18. Campaign speeches will be made in convocations March 20 in Dana Auditorium.

The elections include the executive council of the student legislature, student union president, MIG and WSC presidents and vice-presidents, Honor board, and all class officers and legislative representatives. Dorm elections will be held at a later date.

The committee hopes to secure voting machines to speed tabulation of the results.