

The Guilfordian

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A Relevant Legislature?

Although the Hulburt administration takes office blessed by an outward display of almost complete student unanimity, the suitability of their mere existence remains an unanswered question in the minds of some students. For these the new officialdom are merely the caretakers of Guilford's prototype for ineffectual student government.

Certainly no one possesses the ability to argue affirmatively for the legislature's overall record of relevance or effectiveness. Highlights of past minutes include poor attendance records, personal resentments, and ineffective action on student problems.

However, before we are too quick in labeling the existing structure as the cause for our governmental failures, we ought to consider the possibility of our partnership in this guilt.

A look at the recently held student elections provides considerable legitimacy for such a query. Why were so many offices uncontested? Why did so few students vote? Do Guilford students believe in universal franchise or do they prefer minority rule?

Make The System Workable!

The administration of Guilford College, on the one hand, encourages students to work through the system for change. This same administration, on the other hand, denies its students the power and moral support necessary for the success of such a venture.

The past failure of the student legislature sponsored cafeteria committee to resolve food service complaints relates to this hypocrisy. Although the administration officially supported the committee's inquiry, they made it ineffective by depriving it of such basic bargaining powers as the right to terminate and negotiate contracts.

Want To Save Marie Hill

Students Protest Capital Punishment

Dear Editor,

It has been brought to our attention that a young girl of seventeen, Marie Hill from Rocky Mount, has been condemned to death on a charge of first degree murder. We write this letter in ardent protest for the crime which this state has seen fit to inflict upon one of her citizens who is so young.

Marie comes from a broken home and has had problems with emotional instability as a result of her environment.

North Carolina has not executed anyone since 1961; and we understand, a resolution has been presented in the state legislature suggesting that North Carolina chuck its law concerning capital punishment for certain offenses. We heartily support this resolution in the name of justice and humanity.

Granted, Marie has infringed upon the mores of society and broken a law which was made for the safety and protection of all. But so many factors enter into the case that to isolate the problem to Marie versus the

state (or society) is naive. According to society and according to the law, Marie has "leaped off the deep end"—she has digressed from a position of social tolerance. But we say—we shout—taking Marie Hill's life will not—will not bring to life the one whose life has already been taken. Nor will Marie Hill be benefited by the state's executing her for a crime she committed—she alone is not to blame and we who judge her know this. The state will not be aided nor will society be helped if Marie Hill is eliminated from the scene.

A country's resources are tied up in her people. Each and every citizen has something to contribute to society even if the contribution be no more than one's depositing litter into waste cans rather than marring the streets and highways with debris. Marie Hill is a citizen of this country. She has some contribution to make to society regardless of its possible insignificance.

But more than a citizen, Marie

Perhaps most important of all, we ought to wonder why those students so disgusted with the present form of student government failed to rally behind a slate of candidates proposing change.

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Despite past ineptness, there is evidence that the legislature can become relevant to students; providing its efforts are properly coordinated and supported.

The last several weeks of the Lowe administration seem to sustain this hypothesis. During this period, the legislature attuned itself to the needs of students through the medium of the cafeteria boycott. Moreover the organization finally had the courage to expel lax members.

We encourage the Hulburt administration to pursue such an enlightened policy during their entire term not merely their last few weeks in office. And we hope that those students, so discontented with the present form of government will examine such a change with an open mind.

Moreover the temporary sanitation rating grade drop imposed on the cafeteria by the Board of Health exemplifies administration disinterest in the welfare of students. If the college observed the order of Slater's kitchen on a regular basis, it would be impossible for unhealthful and illegal filth to pile up.

We strongly urge the New Garden Hall officialdom to accept the responsibility for the recent cafeteria confrontation and do something about it before another crisis occurs. If the administration really expects Guilford students to use their system in the solution of grievances, they out to at least make it workable.

Hill is a human being who has some good in her that should be—must be tapped and brought to the surface.

Marie has broken the law; but will the state make everything right by throwing the situation in reverse? In other words, can the state say that Marie acted illegally and then proceed to impose upon Marie the same fate she inflicted upon another and call it legality?

Taking a life for a life solves nothing. Redirecting Marie's energies toward more acceptable patterns of conduct could mold her into a citizen of responsibility and productivity.

We are pleading for Marie Hill's life. But we are not just pleading for her life. We are pleading for the life of every human being. Her life is of great worth simply because she is human. Surely the state of North Carolina will not commit such a terrible deed toward Marie as it has suggested. Marie needs direction and guidance

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Quaker Pulse

Davis Answers Complaint

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Jeff Bloom's article in the last issue of *The Guilfordian* I have a few things I would like to say to Mr. Bloom and to anyone else who feels as Mr. Bloom does.

First, Mr. Bloom, Guilford College does have a problem, I grant you. The problem is not the numerous complaints you have listed, but rather it is apathy (a word I can't stand) I find in trying to get people to our dances and concerts. That is the problem!

Secondly, let me clarify a few things you seem to not understand, Mr. Bloom. I apologize for what you feel was an outrageous price for our last dance. How many clubs in Greensboro have you visited lately? It costs considerably more to attend these clubs than it does a Guilford dance. The group we had for that dance you referred to is currently appearing every Sunday night at the Jokers' Three. Try to hear them there Mr. Bloom, but carry your check book with you.

Third, "Where does our \$45 go?" True, Mr. Bloom it goes for student activities, not just for dances and concerts. Someone has really led you astray on this one. This year the Dance and Pop Artist Committee had \$4,000 to work with out of \$45,000. Needless to say, with the loss of money we incurred at every dance and concert, \$4,000 did not go very far. As a matter of fact, the Student Legislature and the College Union have had to work very close together this year, trying to scrape up all the

pennies that are available. As for where the rest of your \$45 goes, drop by the Student Legislature office and ask to see where your \$45 goes. Man are you in for a surprise!

Fourth, Charlie Byrd, Mr. Bloom, is one of the world's greatest jazz musicians. He will be at Guilford over our May Day weekend, but as a part of the Art Series, not as someone booked by the Dance and Pop Artist Committee.

Fifth, you are right about the cost of concerts, Mr. Bloom, but the price of "good" combos? Maybe you have had more experience in booking groups than I have, but I can't bring a group to Guilford for \$100 or \$200. The group you complained about having to pay \$3 a couple to hear cost \$500. They were what I consider a "good" group. You see Mr. Bloom, we have to charge at our dances in hopes of being able to have another dance, but never knowing, for \$4,000 is very little in this business.

Lastly, I would like to ask Mr. Bloom and any others who are concerned about the College Union or more specifically, the Dance and Pop Artist Committee or any other committee, to take an active part next year in the Union. We need people like Mr. Bloom who are concerned!

George Davis
P.S. Check out May Day weekend Mr. Bloom, "Percy Sledge" and the "Swinging Medallions"?"

Quaker Quotes

By PATTY LYMAN

Why are we so disunited in our student body? Can it be because we have three separate governing bodies? At the last retreat, it was suggested that the W.S.C. and M.I.G. be put together into one organization under the student legislature. How feasible is this?

"I think it would be an excellent idea. Three student bodies are completely unnecessary. One student government would be more effective," remarked Vickie Greene.

Hank Hackett's comment was "I don't think W.S.C. and M.I.G. should exist, I think there should be one student government with a president."

"I don't think it would work because I think the men need a separate body which can work through the dormitories—the basic working unit of the campus."—Stephen W. Bowles.

A girl who wanted her name withheld, but admitted she was an anarchist said, "I think we should do away with any organization which enforces rules."

Colleen Thornton decided, "I can see where it would be feasible; in the effort of combining, the ideas might

prove more beneficial in achieving the goals of the two organizations."

"I think it's a terrific idea. The effectiveness of the student legislature is hindered by the excess of two organizations whose duties are negligible, whose people are probably active students, and therefore needed on legislature."—Linda Rogers.

"I think that putting the W.S.C. and M.I.G. into one body would be a fatal mistake. Women and men are different and their needs are different. About eight years ago, there was only one student government, and it was entirely ineffective. I think the W.S.C. and M.I.G. are doing a fine job."—name withheld.

"I think it's a good idea, because for the obvious reason that Guilford needs a united student body."—Sally Crews.

Would this change unite the student body? This is a question very difficult to answer. One thing is certain—the Women's Student Council and the Men's Interdorm Government are not very effective at present, and something must be done to improve this.