

A Community

by Tim Collins

Guilford College has taken important steps toward the creation of "community" decision making. A genuine concern on the part of the administration and the faculty has resulted in visible progress. Students have been added to most faculty committees and the Board of Trustees. In addition there has been increased consultation with the Community Senate on obviously student-related issues. Even the name, Community Senate, may be viewed as progress of sorts. It remains to be seen whether or not this progress should be considered the end or only the beginning of "community" decision making.

Most students and almost the entire governance structure of the college consider the student members of governance boards to be student representatives to governance boards. This distinction is crucial. In making it we judge the success or failure of our efforts at "Community" decision making. If the students presently sitting on governance committees are genuine representatives we have achieved limited "community" decision making. If not, if our representatives only represent themselves, we still have a considerable amount of work to do before achieving "community" decision making.

Two factors are critical for effective representation; the first is attitude, and the second is communication. A representative must desire to represent or he will always remain a member of a board. Fortunately Guilford College appears to have no problems of attitude. Our representatives do seem to honestly desire to represent us in the governing process. Yet, unless we know what they are deciding and they know how we feel about that, no representation can take place. In at least one recent case the representative function broke down due to this communication factor. This case was the decision to schedule classes on four Wednesdays next fall, thereby forcing the students to "make-up" Thanksgiving. The important issue here is not whether or not the decision was correct, but whether or not it was made correctly.

The relevant student members of the governing process were present at and party to the final decision. The Academic Dean consulted the Community Senate. The Guilfordian prominently printed the "proposed" changes in the schedule. The Academic Dean passed out a questionnaire asking how students used their time on Wednesdays. Considerable informal discussion resulted and many students thought they had participated in the decision making process. At first glance this decision appears to be the utopian model of community decision making. The problem is more obvious when one realizes, that with the exception of the one or two student members of the governance process, all of this communication was after the fact. The printers had to be notified of next semester's schedule Wednesday following the Tuesday meeting with

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the Community Senate. It is in the little time remaining before the decision was finalized. It is a fact that they had no time to consult their constituency. It is a fact that both the Guilfordian article and the student questionnaire come out Thursday, after the decision had been finalized. The changes were not proposed changes, they were changes. The decision was reached and the community was consulted -- not the other way around.

Even if our student members of the governing process had desired to determine student opinion they were not given the opportunity. Instead they were presented with the cruel choice of deciding for (rather than with) the community, or of not being part of the decision at all: either ignore your responsibility to represent, or ignore your responsibility to decide. Obviously there are times when this is unavoidable, when decisions must be made immediately. The Academic Dean maintains that this was one of those cases. Decide now or never -- yet it appears obvious that this was not the case at all. Decide now or miss the catalogue was the alternative. What if we had missed the catalogue? The worst that would have happened would have been that the reforms were delayed a semester. Most likely, given a little imagination, the beginning dates could have been printed and a one page supplement printed later and inserted. A little less convenient.

Acclaimed Pianist

to Appear Tonight

Japan's young piano virtuoso, Minoru Nojima, will appear in concert tonight in Dana Auditorium at 8 p.m. His performance will be presented as part of the Guilford College Arts Series.

Nojima was prize winner of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1969. The award was a Carnegie Hall debut which earned him a rave notice in the "New York Times." "Music-lovers who specialize in pianists should make space on their 'must hear' list for Minoru Nojima. The slight, studious-looking young man made his debut at Carnegie Hall last night before a large audience and dazzled his listeners with piano playing of a king that does not come along very often... he must certainly be a pianist of major significance."

Nojima began studying the piano at the age of three under the guidance of Japan's leading teacher, Miss Aiko Iguchi. At fifteen, he entered the famous Toho Music School, and at eighteen received the First Grand Prize in Japan's nationwide Music Concours sponsored by the Maninichi Newspaper and the NHK Broadcasting Corporation. He was immediately acclaimed by the Japanese music critics and the public as one of the greatest keyboard talents yet produced by Japan.

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Campus Elections



Esther Hall, known to one freshman class as the "outstanding Freshman Woman" and to another as "the girl with the broken fly" won an overwhelming victory in Monday's Union elections. She defeated Junior Jon Greene in a campaign that stressed planning for a changing Guilford community. Esther, who has served for the past two years as chairman of the Freshman

Advisory Committee, has been active in the Union for three years.

The Senate election resulted in a run-off, to be held after Spring break, between the tickets of Matteson - Forman - Zulick and Rice - Haddad - Lathrop. The ticket of Dickenson - Newman - Johnson was eliminated in a close race, polling just twelve votes fewer than Rice. The exact date of the run-off has not been determined.

In the Union Board of Governors race unopposed Susan Pujak managed to pull more "yes" votes than "no" and campus figure Allan Social defeated Randy Hopkins. 537 students voted in the election, the relatively large turnout credited, in part, to members of the student senate who sat at the entrance of the cafeteria and "persuaded" hungry students to vote first, eat later.



photo by Fenske

Assume the worst, assume the reform had been delayed a semester. What would we have lost, what will we lose by deciding this way? There is a positive value in the way decisions are made which can outweigh the temporary advantages of immediate implementation of policy. As the administration's representative in this issue, the Academic Dean should have been aware of this value. The administration is supposed to a little more trouble, but no disaster.

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Hall campaigns in cafeteria

Bike Theft

Two ten speed bicycles were discovered stolen from the porch of Mary Hobbs Sunday morning, March 4. The bicycles belonging to Pat Ward and Karen Borreson, were a yellow Schwinn "World Traveler" and a blue "Western Flyer". Both were in very good condition. One bike was unlocked but covered carefully by a jumble of five apparently less desirable bikes, and the other was locked, but only to prevent the wheel from moving.

Guilford bicycle owners are urged to record their serial number and to keep their bikes in a safe place.



Biophile Brief

Tuesday, March 20

Dr. Charlotte Dawley will speak on "Birds in the Carolinas" in King 122 at 6:30.

Wednesday, March 21

"Who Killed Lake Erie" will be shown in King 122 at 6:30.

Increase in Tuition

The schedule of charges at Guilford for the coming academic year is as follows:

	Day Students	Hobbs	New Dorm	Other Dorms
Tuition	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
Special Fees	225	225	225	225
Room & Board	-----	796	971	910
	\$1,925	\$2,721	\$2,896	\$2,835
Student Activities Fees	66	66	66	66
	\$1,991	\$2,787	\$2,962	\$2,901

The above reflects an increase of \$50.00 in tuition; \$25.00 in fees and \$14.00 in room and board charges. The hourly rate for the main campus will be \$54.50 and the Urban Center \$44.50.