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WIN ALEXANDER

New Senate President

by Bob Johnston

President Bob Forman opened the Senate Meeting for Wednesday, November 13, with a moment of silence, before getting down to business.

For the first time, the President of the Student Senate will be graduating at the end of the first semester instead of at the end of the second semester. The Senate decided that it would elect a new President among the Senators whose term will last for the remainder of the year (until mid-March). Some Senators suggested waiting a few weeks for the election until the total attitude of the students could better be understood. However, the Senators decided to go ahead with the election after reviewing that the duration of the term is relatively short; that only a President was being elected, not also a Secretary and Treasurer; and that waiting a few weeks would not necessarily produce any new candidates. There was a suggestion that the Senate have a Vice-President in the future, to facilitate such a situation as this.

The candidates for the Presidency were Mike Wagner and Win Alexander. Mike is a Senator from English and Win was the Treasurer for the Senate. Win was the winner of the election; the results were determined immediately. (See "...And Win Alexander Steps In.")



Phobe Pollitt, Senate Secretary with Alexander and Foreman, [l-r].

Foreman and Alexander

Bob Forman does not leave his position as President of the Student Senate without his own sincere best wishes. He would like to see many changes in various aspects of the College.

Bob sees a need for more student and faculty participation in the Board of Trustees. Student-faculty committees have very little say in what is done by the Board. He believes that the establishment of a campus-wide communication center and the formation of a legal rights commission could vastly improve awareness among students in those areas. A continued commitment to the Area College Consortium, he states, can improve the college students' relations with the City of Greensboro.

Also, Bob would like to see improvements in the Grill Room and the Bookstore in the near future, more Wednesday fasts for worthy causes, and other additions, such as bicycle paths and adequate pet housing for Bryan residents. Bob believes in Guilford, and that these changes are possible with a little determination. Bob's plan after graduating are to go

on exploring the earth and space through work with either the American Friends Service Committee or with handicapped children.

Win Alexander transferred to Guilford in the fall of 1973. He was at Brevard College for two years, where he was the Speaker of the Legislature, which is the head of the student government.

Last year, Win was the first floor Senator for Milner, a member of the Student Affairs Committee, a student representative to the Board of Trustees, and dorm president of Milner for the second semester. This year he is an intern in Milner and he was Treasurer of the Senate until his election to the Presidency. Win is an Economics major.

Win would like to see improved communication at Guilford in the form of an open information switchboard. He would like to see more political awareness of the college, and more student input in places such as the Trustees' subcommittees. He has worked very much and very hard in college government in the past, and shows all signs of being a good student leader.

At this point, Bob "bequeathed" Win President with a boxful of assorted materials, presumably related to the position of President, and he gave a short talk on changes he thinks would be important for the College. (See "Bob Forman Steps Out...")

Going on to general discussion, it was asked that the Senate be represented regularly in the Guilfordian, and a method of seeing that this be done was determined.

Win suggested that the Union phone line be open evenings as well as during the day. It was also pointed out that many students aren't even aware of the phone line. Bob observed that the primary cause of this is poor communication. One suggestion he made in order to improve communication was to have a date of expiration for all notices which are posted around the campus clearly marked on each of the notices to allow for better circulation.

The lack of communication between Urban and daytime students was discussed. It was noted that Urban students don't even see the Guilfordian (our fault: poor distribution).

Phil Pendleton, who lives on the third floor of Milner, revealed that the pay phone on his hall has been destroyed, leaving Milner with only two pay phones. He said that the phone company will not repair it, because of the frequency of such acts. Several ideas were

suggested for replacing the phone, including installing a phone only able to receive calls; installing a free, non-long distance phone; and installing personal phones with dial locks. It was decided that this is a matter for the House Council and the House Judicial Board.

Michael Tove, who is on the Food Committee, presented a proposal to the Senate in behalf of the kitchen staff. The proposal was to have a special meal plan for Thanksgiving Day, which would have breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and Thanksgiving Dinner from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. The proposal was primarily intended to allow the staff members of the kitchen to be able to enjoy the evening at home. It would be the intention of the staff to make up the loss of the price of supper with an exceptionally good Dinner. Senate approved the motion to recommend that breakfast be from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Dinner from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The proposal to close the partitioned section of the cafeteria to smokers, for the benefit of non-smokers, was discussed. It was decided to take a poll in the cafeteria sometime in the near future, in order to view the student consensus before Senate takes a stand.

Thus, Bob Forman took his final bow, and Win Alexander takes the stand.

TO GUILFORIAN INTERVIEW

Hobbs Responds

I am generally pleased with the job of reporting which resulted from my recent interview with David Green and Jon Hiratsuka, and I hope that we will have several more such conversations during this academic year. I would like, however, to put some aspects of the Guilfordian article into a bit larger perspective. It was stated, for instance, that the Administrative Council makes most decisions concerning student life. While it is true that the Administrative Council is the highest internal decision-making body at Guilford College, the council

is always subject to the ultimate authority of the Board of Trustees. Moreover, the Administrative Council does not have authority over all student life. It should be pointed out that many committees operate at the dormitory level or at the college-wide level (such as the Student Affairs Committee), and in many instances are empowered to make binding decisions. Many decisions concerning student life are made by these committees without ever being discussed before the Administrative Council, and only come to this

group if a particular committee action needs review. Nor should we overlook the academic dimension of student life: decisions about the curriculum and academic requirements are almost wholly in the hands of the faculty and their appropriate subcommittees (each of which of course, has student representatives). And while it is true that the president, as

See Hobbs

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