

From the president's desk

Lobbying for student aid

When was the last time you took political action by contacting your Senator or Representative in Washington? Have you ever done that?

Lobbying to influence Federal Legislation is not reserved for gigantic corporations. It is something each of us can be involved in. What issues grab us sufficiently to invite spending time and effort in attempting to influence legislation?

Certainly one issue very close to the needs of most of us is financial aid for college students. And current trends in Federal policy-making and committee work may be a threat, not only to our own well being, but to the development of well-educated groups of citizen-leaders in the nation as a whole.

Many people were in agreement that budget cuts had to be made in order to get a balanced budget. And during the early budget negotiations under the Reagan administration some \$34 billion was slashed from Federal education budgets.

But since that time even further cuts have been recommended-cuts that could sharply diminish the aid that we receive or that future student generations could receive in choosing an independent college education at Guilford.

The Senate Appropriations Sub-committee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and

Education recently responded to the administration's call for further cuts by lopping \$282 million from three student aid programs. The Sub-committee's action would reduce the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants from \$370 million to \$215 million. The National Direct Student Loan program from \$286 million to \$186 million and the Student Service Incentive Grants from \$76 million to \$50 million.

Pell Grant (formerly BEOG) appropriations were set at \$2.3 billion, a reduction of almost \$300 million from the reconciliation level worked out this last summer. Only college work study has remained untouched in this new wave of cuts (budgeted at \$550 million).

Even before these further cuts were made the National Association for Independent Colleges and Universities estimated that some 150,000 now eligible students would lose Pell Grants by 1985-86, and that the

purchasing power of Guaranteed Student Loans would decline by 34 percent, while educational costs will undoubtedly continue to rise.

What should we do? I would strongly encourage each of you who are concerned about this to take the effort to contact your

Senators and Representatives. I hope also that you will urge your parents to do so. I believe that while we must accept some cuts

in the education budgets, these new recommendations must be resisted as vigorously as possible.

Second, we can initiate lobbying efforts as a group. The initiative of the Community Senate in forming a State wide organization of students of in-

dependent colleges and universities shows real leadership in this direction-particularly in their concern to help take more effective political action on issues of concern to students.

What's that? You don't know the name of your representatives and their addresses. The Student Services Office has a list for all states and also a list of the major House and Senate Committee

members, as well as staff persons. Finally, I want to assure students that the college is taking steps to strengthen our own internal financial aid program through seeking new endowment

funds for student scholarships and student loans. We are already making progress on this and hope to take up much of the slack that will be caused by Federal reductions. Nevertheless, we need to do what we can to keep those reductions from eroding further.

William R. Rogers



Sol Jacobs (center), long-time liberal political activist, solemnly watches election returns at the Guilford County Courthouse.

Elections

off the inevitable. In 18 months, we'll be back with a 6-3-1 ward plan for district representation."

Also on the ballot for Greensboro voters Tuesday was a proposal for a 4-2-1 ward system. Four members would be nominated by districts, elected at large, two members and the mayor would be nominated and elected at large. The plan, which was proposed and supported by out-going mayor Jim Melvin, lost 2-1. While many members of the community have repeatedly expressed a need for a ward system, the 4-2-1 plan was an unappealing compromise to the 6-3-1.

Katie Dorsett, following her defeat, said that the black community has always been underrepresented, and that the

election of an all-white city council proves the need for a district system.

Sol Jacobs, a long-time political activist and unsuccessful mayoral candidate, said, "With the election of an all-white council, we've hit rock-bottom. We know who the enemy is. People are angry and they will be shocked into activity."

Mayor Pro-Tem-elect Kirkpatrick spoke about the results, "It's bad news for the city of Greensboro. It's a spectre that's been hanging over our heads for decades," he said.

Guilford County State Senator Henry Frye, the only black in the Senate, solemnly said, "There's a lesson in there somewhere."

Letters

take them out of the house by force. They looked as though they had arrived to fight a group of armed terrorists. They had helmets, shields, clubs, and guns. They were all also, surprisingly young. I am told by the Frau I live with that the average age of those special police is 18, or 19.

Eventually the squatters came out of the house with their hands behind their heads, unarmed. However, the police rushed them and beat them severely. Of the 10 squatters, 8 were admitted to the hospital with severe injuries.

(The police force told the press the next day that the 8 had "fallen into a hole near the house.") After this incident the crowd began to heat up and began shouting "Fascist, Police, Murderers!!" The tension grew to a dangerous level. The squatters had been treated brutally and the crowd would not stand for it.

So this is a problem facing the young people of Germany. It is a question of the police, their violence, and just how far they can go before someone says

"that's going too far." The young demonstrators ask "Aren't the police supposed to stop violence and not start it?" Incidents such as these show just how overboard the police can go and also such incidents foreshadow a great conflict to be inevitable between the young people and the police in the very near future, perhaps erupting into even as violent a situation as that which took place recently in London.

Dave Messick

A place to meet 'n greet

To the editor,

I would like to congratulate whoever is responsible for the redecoration of Dana Lounge. The new tables and chairs provide a badly-needed place to socialize as well as to study. The vending machines are a necessary evil, I suppose. We are at a college, after all, and junk food and soda appear to be as essential to a student's education as English 151.

The silver tea service is a nice touch! It complements the rotating art exhibits in the lounge and contrasts wonderfully with the plastic tables. I have to wonder how long the service will be continued, however. It is run on the honor system, students are asked to donate 20 cents for each cup of tea. It's the perpetual conflict of idealism vs. reality, I suspect; honesty, justice and fair play against a dry throat and an empty pocket.

The alumni should certainly appreciate it. I can see them now, forking over their quarters with a blissful smile, serenely confident that honor still prevails at Guilford College.

At any rate, I hope that students use the new facility. Guilford's student body is sadly lacking in unity, and the lounge now offers a place to meet'n greet, whether one is drinking Mo's 24 tea, Tab or Coke. There's something for everyone - as ever at Guilford College.

Martha Massie

Dear Editors,

We, the Student Committee on Promotion and Tenure of Faculty act in a role independent, but parallel to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Our responsibility is to make recommendations to the Administration on retention, promotion, and tenure decisions. The committee solicits student responses in order to make these recommendations.

We would like to thank those students who responded to the two-year reviews. Unfortunately, many students chose

not to respond. Due to the important nature of these decisions, we need your responses in our future reviews.

The next step in our recommendation process will be the four-year reviews of Robert Williams, Roy Nydorf, and Lee Johnson. In addition, we will review Mary Greenwalt and Ellen O'Brien for tenure.

Although we solicit individual responses, if anyone has concern to express about these matters, please feel free to contact us at P.O. Box 17694.

Lisa Cobia, Greg Boles
Co-Chairpersons of the Student Committee on Promotion and Tenure.

Lay-out Workshop

If you have been looking for an exciting, action-packed job to do in addition to the few minor academic demands some of us take on here at Guilford, you should consider attending the Guilfordian layout workshop. No experience is necessary, but all participants will have the opportunity to join Guilford's largest and most active student layout staff. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance! Just show up on Sunday, November 15 in Room 203 of Founders Hall.