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9.8% Tuition Increase Headed for Approval by Trustees

by Jay Underwood

A 9.8% tuition increase for 1989-90, which would raise Guilford's comprehensive fee from \$11,182 to \$12,412, was recently proposed by the Analytical Studies Team and the Budget Planning Committee.

The increase will stand for approval by the Board of Trustees in a meeting to be held on January 27.

Dick Coe, Guilford's Business Manager, said that the increase is essential to help fund the continuing expenses of the college, such as residence hall maintenance and renovation, faculty pay raises, and academic programs already initiated by the college.

"We've seen an increasing amount of good students coming here, and we've got to work on the programs that will meet their expectations," said Coe.

In addition to the college's ongoing expenses, Coe said that part of the tuition will go toward the addition of new faculty, staff, and administration. The Student Development and Library staffs will both welcome new members in 1989-90. Coe said that two or three faculty members will be added, but he is unsure of the departments.

In addition to the new staff members, Guilford is planning to introduce a fine arts series.

"[The tuition increase] gives us the opportunity to provide

more things that you might not have, had you a smaller tuition," said Coe.

Many students have already expressed concerns about the would-be effects of the increase, contending that the extra money could possibly deter lower-income prospective students from applying.

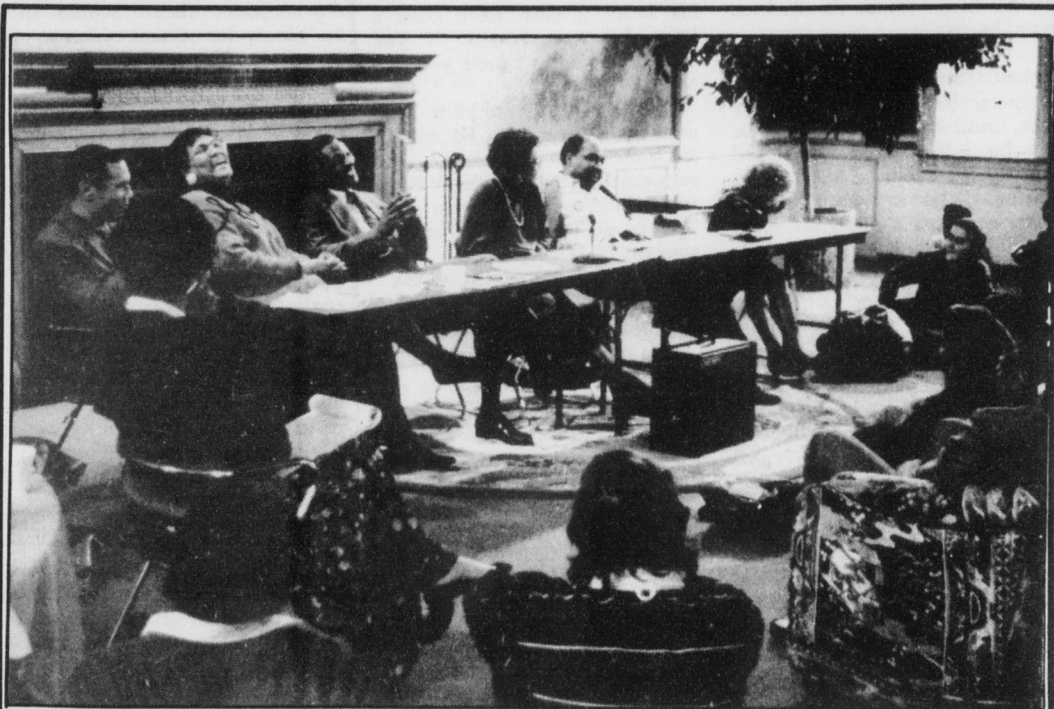
In a letter to the Guilford College Community, the Community Senate Executive Board wrote, "Several middle- and lower-income students who have made valuable contributions to the college community might not have applied to Guilford because of the financial barrier."

The letter continued, "Guilford prides itself on its diverse student body. But by

limiting the number of potential students who can afford to attend Guilford, the college may be doing itself a disservice."

Financial Aid programs will be increased in direct proportion to the tuition increase, in hopes to ease the financial burdens of the increase.

Despite the expected unpopularity of the increase, Coe contends that it is necessary to maintain the high academic standards on which Guilford has always prided itself. "We need to provide a quality education, and that doesn't come free," said Coe.



Greensboro civil rights activists: Ernest McCoy, Brenda Dalton James, Robert Patterson, Frances Herbin-Lewis, Lewis Brandon, and Sarah W. Herbin took part in Monday's program of events honoring Martin Luther King Jr., leading discussion on 1960's civil rights protest demonstrations.

photo by Michael Hall

Tuition Increase May Force Many Students to Leave

by Jacob Stohler

The Guilford Admissions office isn't too concerned about the potential effect of next year's tuition increase on incoming students.

According to Larry West, Director of Admissions, tuition increases have had no effect on enrollment in the past. Nevertheless, he called it a

"guessing game" and said it's too early to tell if it will steer prospective students away from Guilford.

However, something often overlooked is the effect of increases on students already attending college. With a 9.8% increase slated for next year, even some of the most dedicated students may have to look elsewhere.

The students who most often get caught are those who already receive financial aid but are ineligible for further benefits.

Dee Heinmuller, a sophomore from Maryland, plans to transfer to UNCG next semester because she won't be able to afford the increase. Despite the fact that she has a loan, work-study and other financial aid, the tuition increase is going to put Guilford out of her financial range.

"I really like Guilford, and it's hard to give up," she said, "but I have to pay for part of my tuition and I can't do that now."

One solution Heinmuller attempted was to move off campus to save money on room and board. She applied to Residential Life, but was turned down because only a certain number of students are allowed to live off-campus in a

given year, and those spots are approved based on applicants' ages rather than their needs.

Dee moved into Mary Hobbs this year to save money, and moving off campus this semester would have allowed her to stay next year.

Kassandra Maness, a junior at UNCG, transferred from Guilford at the end of last year because she, too, couldn't afford the increased costs. She admits that she was thinking of transferring anyway, and her financial situation only made that a more reasonable change.

"I busted my ass," she said, "but I couldn't get a scholarship." She expressed displeasure that the college gives as much money as it does to athletic scholarships and programs, as opposed to academics.

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While there are no statistics available, it's obvious that when the tuition rises, an institution has to expect to lose students, and it's anyone's guess how many Guilford will lose next semester.

Panel Provides Discussion on South Africa

by Michael Jack

As part of Monday's observance of Martin Luther King Day, the Guilford community was treated to a firsthand commentary on life in South Africa. The presentation consisted of a videotape and two student speakers.

The video, titled "Voices from South Africa," appeared as a collage including commentary, interview, song, and dance. Clips of violent social friction were interspersed with scenes of music and dance. The narrator described today's South African music as a combination of traditional African culture and

"the energy coming from the current struggle."

The first speaker was Guilford freshman Thomas Harington, a white South African, who described his childhood as "privileged", hastening to add that he was raised in a liberal family and therefore not as strongly exposed to racial prejudice as many of his peers.

Harington, who emigrated voluntarily, noted that nonviolence has not solved any social problems thus far in South Africa, and he sees violence as the "only answer."

Gordon Moshoeu, also a Guilford freshman and South

African, was the second speaker. A black South African forced to flee his native country, Moshoeu spoke from a different perspective. He employed direct and intense eye contact as he told of his personal experiences, including the shooting of his father, his courage "built by hatred," and the 13-year journey leading him from South Africa to North Carolina.

Moshoeu urged the audience to "exercise concern because the wolf that knocked on [South Africa's] door may knock on your door."

The presentation ended with a question and answer session.