

## Newly-elected Senate executive council expresses thanks and enthusiasm

Dear Students,

Yes! The three-week barrage of obnoxious campaign publicity is finally over. And no one is happier about that than we are. Though the campaign was tiring, we are glad to see that our efforts prompted such a strong student response. 69 percent of the students voted in the election — the highest voter turnout in at least four years. Our thanks to everyone who voted.

While we are naturally excited about the election's outcome, we hope that this student interest carries into next year. We are confident that if your enthusiasm for Senate did not end with the election, Senate will be a powerful voice. We would like to stress that the four of us are not the Senate. YOU are the Senate. It is only through your active involvement that the administration, faculty, and trustees will realize that the students play an essential role in the decision-making process at

Guilford. We are dedicated to fulfilling our campaign promises and meeting new challenges next year. We look forward to developing and maintaining better relations with all student organizations in order to strengthen the Guilford community. And we encourage all of you to approach us with your questions, concerns and ideas.

We want to thank those of you who attended our first meeting in the Political Science office building, and who helped us immensely throughout the campaign. Without your encouragement and hard work, our success would have been impossible.

Again, we thank all of you for your support and look forward to a great year.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Headline conveys paper's partiality

To the Editor:

Despite the lapse in time since the publication of the Jan. 29 issue of **The Guilfordian**, I would like to discuss with you a few of the points made in regard to my letter published on Jan. 22.

While you cannot be held personally accountable for the text of the responses of Ms. Hubbard and Mr. Jurnak, I do call into question the use of the title, "Misinformation in Pro Life Letter Pointed Out," as it is a blatant indication of the partiality of your editorial staff, as well as inaccurate in its own right.

I do endeavor to clear myself of the "misinformation" charge, particularly in regard to Margaret Sanger, pioneer in the movement to promote the use of birth control in the United States, and, I repeat, social engineer. This claim is discussed and documented by John D'Emilio and Estelle B. Freedman in their book, "Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America," (N.Y.: Harper and Row, 1988), and can be checked by Ms. Hubbard or anyone else who is concerned with facts rather than emotional, knee-jerk reactions. However, this type of response is not surprising from individuals who seem willing to accept racism as the cost of promoting the feminist cause.

Ms. Hubbard describes as "unfair" my disregard of the role of men in the practice of birth control. The pro-abortion movement ignores the role of the man in the abortion decision even if he is married to the woman: she can obtain an abortion without the man ever knowing she was pregnant. If the woman chooses to carry the child to term and place him/her up for adop-

tion, North Carolina state law requires the signature of the father before adoption proceedings can be initiated — regardless of whether he was married to the woman and whether or not he has provided financial support for her during the pregnancy.

As someone being labeled "non-choice," I am "insensitive and inaccurate," but to Ms. Hubbard's claim that "abortion is not a method of birth control," I offer the following statistics: "... 32 percent of N.C. women having abortions during 1988 reported at least one previous abortion. This compares to 19 percent in 1978." (N.C. Reported Abortions, 1988. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources/Division of Statistics and Information Services.)

While I could continue to analyze and refute the points made by Ms. Hubbard, I will save your time and mine by highlighting this final argument: the author of the letters dismisses the actions of pro-life individuals as "attempts to abolish or restrict the accessibility of abortion..." This is not a perfect world, and I repeat my original assertion that I do not mistakenly believe that abortion will be totally eliminated in American society, nor should it be. But the blanket legality granted by *Roe v. Wade* has resulted in an unconscionable number of abortions for a number of unjustifiable reasons.

I do not expect support for the pro-life cause from the journalistic organ which represents Guilford College. However, I do not think it too much to require impartiality of your editors since tolerance of the expression of all political and social views seems to be in line with the ideals upon which this institution was founded.

Angela Tate

*In headlining letters to the editor, The Guilfordian strives to preserve the essence of the writer's words. Therefore, the "misinformation" headline was a paraphrase of that letter's content, not a product of our editorial biases. — Ed.*

## Be an Editor!

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