

# The Norton ticket: raising student voices

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Senior James Norton, candidate for Senate president, is not satisfied with what he's seen of Senate in his four years here.

"What I've seen for the last few years is the administration running the show," Norton said. "We don't really have a

voice on this campus. I don't believe that Senate really represents the student body."

Norton, current president of the senior class, mentor, rugby player, CHAOS leader, and Senate member for four years feels that the student voice at Guilford is often ignored.

This school tends to sweep a lot of things under the rug, especially during the summer," said Norton. "I would like to try to make a stronger stand

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change."

Neil Taveras, candidate for vice-president, agreed, "That is our primary cause." Taveras, athlete, CHAOS leader, and Bryan representative to Senate, feels that he is well-suited for the job of vice-president. "I feel very connected with the campus," he

said. "I enjoy working with people, I am a hard-working individual, and I am easy to get to know, and I think those are key qualities."

The Norton members

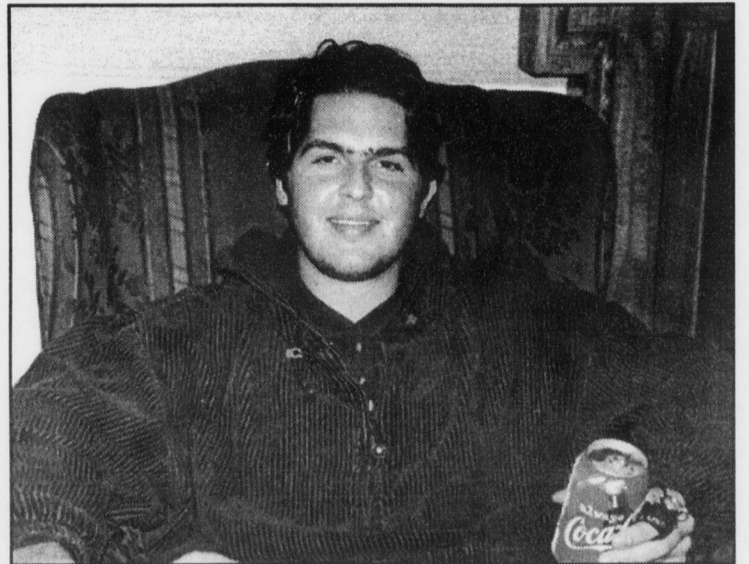
of the ticket feel that they come from different parts of the campus and can do a good job of representing the student body. "We're all friends, so we can work together, but we generally hang out with different crowds," said Skye Harris, sophomore sociology major and candidate for secretary.

Harris, who was secretary for her high school's student government, has not been involved in Senate in her past two years but was motivated to get involved in part by the current hate crimes policy being discussed in Senate. She is currently working with the Gayzette, the newsletter of GLBTA, and wants to get Senate involved with issues within the gay community at Guilford.

"Dealing with the gay community is one of my top priorities," Harris said. "Someone needs to be in there working with these issues."

Norton is aware that many of the people on his ticket have less experience with Senate than members of the other tickets, but feels that this is one of their strengths.

"The reason I chose the people on my ticket was that I wanted a fresh face in there who might not have all the experience they need, but they have a whole month at the end of April to figure out how to do the position. I feel that these people are more than qualified to fit their roles. I



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wanted people that had a distinct diverse voice."

Norton emphasizes though, that through his four years he has learned a great deal about the inner workings of Senate.

Norton, who will be attending Guilford for a fifth year because of his decision to switch his major from political science to business, currently lives off-campus, but is willing to live on-campus next year if it is necessary for the job. "I understand that representing the students it might be necessary that I'll be willing to do that."

He feels that living off-campus has not brought him out of touch with students, but instead has given him a chance to step back and gain greater insight on Guilford.

The Norton ticket has made a decision not to campaign. "We want to talk about the issues, not come up with a cheesy slogan," said Norton. "We are here to represent people, not to gloat about ourselves and make long lists of our credentials."

Norton feels that his ticket is distinct from the other tickets. "The other tickets represent administration. They are a bunch of great people, but we are the ones who are here for the students."

Sophomore political science major Luke Boganny, who was not available for the interview, is running for Treasurer on the Norton ticket.

## THE WEEK AT GUILFORD

Friday, February 19th:

- ★ Union movies, *Shaft* and *Superfly*, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Underground

Sunday, February 21st:

- ★ GCRO Meeting for Worship in the Moon room at 9:15 a.m.
- ★ Medieval People lecture in Boren lounge at 6 p.m.
- ★ Senate/Union Executive forum in the Gallery at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 22nd

- ★ Morning worship in the Hut at 8:05 a.m.
- ★ "Issues of Race" in the Gallery at 3:30 p.m.
- ★ "Equality Begins at Home" in the Gallery at 6:30 p.m.
- ★ Union meeting in Boren lounge at 7:30 p.m.
- ★ Guilfordian meeting in the Commons at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23rd:

- ★ Morning Worship in the Hut at 8:05 a.m.
- ★ Community Worship Moon room at 12 noon
- ★ Episcopal Eucharist Moon room at 5:15 p.m.
- ★ New Generation Ministries meeting in Boren lounge at 8:30 p.m.
- ★ Community Time Meeting in the Commons at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24th:

- ★ Morning Worship in the Hut at 8:05 a.m.
- ★ Interim grades due for regular/intensive classes
- ★ Last day to replace Fall 1998 provisional grades
- ★ AACS and Union present "Kevin Powell" in Dana auditorium at 8 p.m.
- ★ Senate Meeting in Boren lounge at 3:35 p.m.
- ★ Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meeting in Boren lounge at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 25th:

- ★ Morning Worship in the Hut at 8:05 a.m.
- ★ "Impossible Body" in Boren lounge at 8:00 p.m.
- ★ Scrabble Club meeting in the Commons at 7:00 p.m.

To have your event or meeting appear on the Week at Guilford, submit it outside the publications suite in the box labeled public service announcements. Please turn it in before Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. and mark that it is for the Week at Guilford.

## Corrections

An article in the February 5th issue erroneously said that a 7-meal-a-week plan was going to be offered to students next year. The new meal plan is actually 9 meals per week.

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