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## Faculty approves quantitative literacy requirement

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Guilford students haven't been required to complete a math course for graduation in some time. The new curriculum includes a more specific requirement regarding "quantitative literacy," but it can be easily bypassed by entering first-year students.

At the faculty meeting on Feb. 17th, approval was granted for the criteria for the requirement. Students will be expected to know basic mathematical skills such as calculating geometric quantities, basic probability and statistics, exponents, and graphs, among other skills.

Bill Stevens, chair of the management department, and Jeff Jeske, chair of the curriculum committee, presented the draft of the requirement to the faculty. In the draft, the requirement is listed under the Foundations heading two reasons. First, according to the draft, being liberally educated and prepared for work in the 21st century requires some quantitative literacy.

Believing that quantitative literacy is mandatory for life in the 21st century, Jack Zerbe, professor of theatre studies, suggested that the draft read that it be mandatory for all students to have quantitative skills rather than it reading that it is necessary for a liberal education.

The faculty agreed to pass the draft on the condi-

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## Gabriel ticket victorious

♦Hahnel's Union ticket beats write-in effort by Devra Thomas

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Two weeks of campaigning ended Tuesday with the Senate and Union elections. Close to half of the eligible students cast a ballot in the election.

Shawan Gabriel's ticket won with 333 votes, followed by the McFadden-Roan ticket with 124 votes and the Norton ticket with 22.

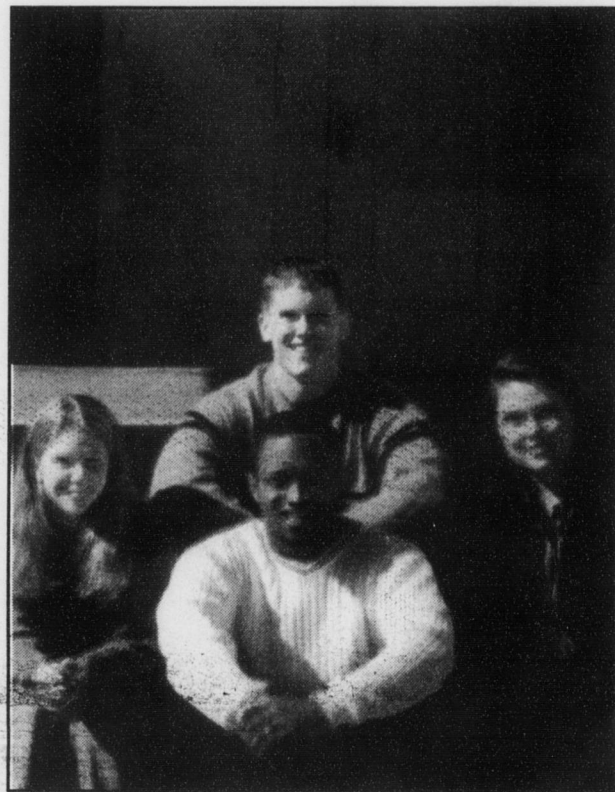
Gabriel was happy with the results. "I'm just ready to take off," he said. "It's been long, but it's here, and I'm glad."

Neil Taveras, who ran for VP on the Norton ticket, which decided not to actively campaign, feels that their ticket's presence affected the elections in a positive way. "Our main purpose was to get a point across," Taveras said. "I think we did that." He does feel that the results may have been dif-

ferent if the ticket had campaigned.

"I think that the Gabriel ticket will be great," said Skye Harris, secretary on the Norton ticket.

The elections went smoothly on the whole, especially compared to the controversies of last year. "The campaigns were very clean this year," said Ryan Bek, special projects chair. "At the forum there were some perceived communications problems (see story, below), but it all



COURTESY SHAWAN GABRIEL

The Gabriel ticket's campaign stressed community.

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## Elections forum controversial

♦Uncertainty about rules, confusion over time evident on Sunday

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Miscommunication on time, confusion over format, and sparse attendance by students were a few problems of the Senate presidential tickets forum held last Sunday evening.

At 7:00 p.m. the Union forum began. Since there was only one ticket running, the forum only lasted for approximately 30 minutes. Many people, including presidential candidates James Norton and Colin McFadden-Roan were under the impression that the Senate forum was supposed to start at 8:00 p.m. However, Ryan Bek, chair of Senate's special projects committee, decided to begin the forum right after the Hahnel ticket for Union finished speaking. The Gabriel and McFadden-Roan

tickets were the only two tickets present when the forum began.

Around five minutes until eight, a surprised James Norton and vice-presidential candidate Neil Taveras entered the Gallery to see the forum already in progress. Norton sat down at the

off throughout the whole forum, and when I left I was still mad."

The campus-wide voicemail, sent out by the student activities office, simply stated that the Union and Senate forums would start at 7:00 p.m. However, Norton did not receive that message since he lives off campus.

"Being late did hurt my campaign to some extent," said Norton. "It made me look bad, but I had no intention of being late. I just didn't get a call or anything."

McFadden-Roan concurred, "I was under the impression that the Senate forum was supposed to start at eight...I was told that each member of the tickets would

receive a phone message reminding us of the time, but I never got

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There was uncertainty concerning the forum's format.

conference table, turned to Bek, and said, "What happened?"

"I was really upset, to tell the truth," said Norton. "It threw me