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### Greensboro, N.C.

## Daughters of Brown vs. Board Plaintiff speak at Guilford

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Topeka's public schools. "I was excited about the decision, but at the time it meant only to me that my sisters wouldn't have to walk so far to school," said Thompson. "Oddly enough the decision never affected me. Nineteen fifty-four was my last year in elementary school, (and) at that time junior and senior high school students were already integrated," she said.

Cheryl Brown Henderson expressed strong beliefs concerning individual responsibility and the founding beliefs of our country. "Segregation, racism, fascism,

discrimination, sex-

ism- none of these things happened by accident," Henderson said. "The divide we find ourselves struggling with is all very intentional."

D'NISE WILLIAMS/GUILFORDIAN D'NISE WILLIAMS/GUILFORDIAN change the past but you would be foolish to ignore it. History affects every little aspect of our lives. Over the course of history Kansas alone rejected 11 similar segregation cases before Brown vs. Board."

This was the second visit to Guilford for Thompson. They first visited ten years ago to commemorate of the fortieth anniversary of the decision.

Henderson now serves as president and chief executive officer of the Brown Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research, which she founded in 1988. She is also the owner of Brown and Brown Associates, an education consulting firm. Thompson is a program associate with the Brown Foundation and director of music for a Methodist Church in Topeka. **%** 



D'NISE WILLIAMS/GUILFORDIAN Caryn Washington at the lecture Nov. 17

## **Community Senate's corner space: weekly update**

<u>A.Q. Abdul-Karim</u> Community Senate President

et him that hath no power of patience retire within himself, though even there he will have to put up with himself." - Baltasar Gracián

Greetings all and welcome once again to the Senate Corner. Last week I took the opportunity to honor the Seniors here at Guilford College, and this week I want to speak once again to the First Years and other underclassmen. Looking back at my past three years at Guilford I can recall several instances where my resolve to stay within this community was put to the test. From day one to day now I have had to rationalize pieces of the Guilford College existence in order to continue what for me has become the College routine

Between classes, work, community service, student groups, interest groups, extra curricular activities and all

late our time setting priorities and preferences if not in our attitude, then in our habits. Months turn to semesters, and semesters to years as we choose to embark on personal and communal goals. We take on responsibilities and seek out avenues to express our non-cognitive lobe. For many of us this effort is the essential step toward committing ourselves to being a part of the Guilford community. This is, to say the least, a challenging experience.

the other "stuff," we formu-

We deliberate with ourselves, counting down the weeks and months left to the next break and our next chance for freedom. Eventually, we motivate ourselves not from the urge to learn and experience, but simply to finish. In light of those who have faced tough decisions on the collegiate careers I urge you, do not chain your next four years solely to the purpose of finishing. By now we have dedicated over a decade of our

Proposals: Ping Pong Club (New Club): Passed Yoga Club (New Club): Passed El Mozete: Passed (\$330) Photo Club (New Club): Decision Pending On Deck: "What the Hell Con" Pending

lives to educate ourselves. Not until this point have we truly had the choice in what to educate ourselves in, in what experiences to take on, in what opportunities to seek out. As a senior looking back I wish I could have been more appreciative of the resources and opportunities that I have been handed in the past three years. If you are a first-year, sophomore or even a junior looking forward, I urge you to look not at what you need to do to finish, but what you want to do to enhance the unique experience of being a part of this community. Sometimes we must realize the reality in our dreams. #



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