Community Senate update

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Community Senate President

t is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do."

- John Baptiste Moliére

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."

- George Jean Nathan

This year's election process is well underway. With only four days left until you can cast your votes, the excitement is steadily building towards Tuesday night's climax, when both the new Senate and new Union Officers for 2005-2006 will be announced.

As you may have noticed, campaigning for the upcoming elections has already begun. If you haven't, be on the look out for fliers and posters talking about each of the tickets and the elections process.

Currently there are three official tickets in the running for Community Senate or Student Union office, two for Union and one uncontested ticket running for Senate.

At a forum this yesterday, students and community members had the opportunity to hear from each of the three tickets as well as pose questions about their plans for next year.

Mati Stern (VP), Grace Johnson (Trs), and Tim

McLaughlin (Sec) make up Lauren Demarest's ticket for Student Union, while Marcus Rowe (VP), Jennifer King (Trs) and Hawi Hall (Sec) Make up Forest Tom's ticket.

Both groups have excellent ideas for next year and seem really enthusiastic about their potential term in office.

Traditionally allocated a budget upwards of \$100,000 a year, the officers of Student Union are responsible for organizing events such as Serendipity, the Formal, and aspects of Homecoming and Family weekends, as well as regularly providing other fun and exciting programs on campus.

I encourage you to engage each ticket on what their specific goals are and what you would like to see from them next year in terms of campus wide programming.

For Community Senate, Leise Gurgly (VP), John Holt (Trs), and Lily Sharpless (Sec), make up Ali Stewart's ticket. As the only registered ticket, Stewart et al. stand uncontested entering next week's elections.

If elected the group will be responsible for managing the daily operations of Community Senate which include but are not limited to the overseeing and allocation of all student club budgets, staffing the judicial board, Steering Committee, and student representation on campus wide committees, as well as acting as the voice and

representatives of the Traditional age student body in various settings including the Board of Trustees.

Again, please take out the time to interact with the candidates in this and all tickets that are running. Be informed community members and voters.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITE-IN TICKETS IS AVAILABLE ON ELECTION DAY ONLY.

For details, please contact Laura Wigand, the chair of the elections committee.

Elections will be held from 7:30am until 7:30pm in Dana Lounge (adjacent to Founders lobby). Although votes are being tallied online, you will have to be in Dana Lounge to access the voter interface.

Polls are open to currently enrolled Traditional aged students only and Guilford student IDs are required. Light snacks will be provided for all those voting.

I hope you have a great weekend and I'll see you at the poles.

"To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain."

- Louis L'Amour

Wishing you good voting. Abdul-Qawiy Abdul-Karim Student, President Community Senate

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