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## New Community Senate, Union officers elected

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For the first time in four years, one ticket ran uncontested for next year's Community Senate executive positions. Led by Ali Stewart, the ticket also includes Leise Gergely as vice president, John Holt as treasurer, and Lily Sharpless as secretary.

"While it is kind of a good thing for (us), it shows that there's lack of interest, which is not such a positive thing," said Stewart. "I wish there was competition, and more interest. Competition is a good thing."

Stewart is currently serving as secretary and Holt as business manager for the current Senate officers.

Community Senate has the authority to govern the traditional age student body, according to the student handbook.

"Its primary function is to serve as the voice of the tradi-



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L to R: John Holt (Trs.), Leise Gergely (VP), Ali Stewart (Pres), and Lily Sharpless (Sec) will serve as Community Senate executives for the 2005-'06 year

tional student body," reads the handbook. "They select students to serve on college and board of trustees committees to ensure student representation ... (and are) responsible for the disbursement of student activity fees. Students are encouraged to bring issues, concerns and questions regarding campus life to the Community Senate for

rent Senate officers. Stewart's ticket will not officially lead Community Senate until after April 14, when a retreat is planned for the current and future Senate executives. Holt, as incoming treasurer, will be present during club budget hearings Apr. 8 and 9, helping allocate the more than \$330,000 of student activity fees to vari-

ous clubs. discussion and action."

Now begins a transition period, during which the newly elected officers will shadow the cur-

ous clubs.

Stewart's ticket received 267 of the 327 ballots cast by traditional students on Mar. 22. This number is a slight decrease from the 349 votes cast in last year's Senate and Union elections.

While Stewart's ticket was the only official ticket running for Community Senate office, a write-in ticket consisting of Noah Collin, Tristan Winkler, Lisa Jaeggi, and Anna Martinez received five of the 24 votes cast for write-in ballots. Other names on write-in ballots included Dick Cheney, Superman, James Brown, and George Guo.

Though Stewart, Gurgle, Holt, and Sharpless ran officially uncontested for Community Senate, there were two official tickets vying for office of Student Union.

Mati Stern, Grace Boyle, and Tim McLaughlin ran on sophomore Lauren Demarest's ticket,

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## Scholarships shrink for off-campus students

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Starting fall semester of 2005, Guilford College is enforcing a new rule involving housing and scholarship money for students deciding to live off campus.

Financial aid packages will be sent out on March 31, and for those students who wish to live off campus, a 25 percent decrease in scholarship money will be included.

The scholarship money that will be affected is only merit-based and not need-based. If students are asked by the college to live off campus, their scholarship money will not be affected.

"We've discussed this for at least three years," said Associate Dean of Enrollment Anthony Gurley. "I think it is sound. I hope it's not seen as a punitive policy."

"We constantly review all financial aid policies, both as they relate to need-based and merit aid," said Gurley. "This change occurred as a routine part of our annual reviews of aid funds. This was one part of a concerted effort to bring Guilford's financial aid discount rate down by a couple of percentage points."

"This seemed to make sense, given the fact that the original award amounts (per fund type) are determined based on the total generic institutional charges for room, board, tuition and fees."

The scholarships that the decrease would most affect are the presidential, achievement, incentive grants, honors, and the Quaker Leadership Scholars Program.

Since the Bonner scholarship is merit and need-based, it was excluded from the list.

"I think that's a horrible idea," said junior

Parks Marion. "I think if this school is going to try and be competitive by offering students merit scholarships they should not penalize them for their choice in housing. When the housing options on this campus are so limited by the current size of enrollment, how is it a good idea to make it hard on people for exploring other options?"

The decision was made by Campus Life, the Office of Enrollment, and other administrators.

...The group included Dean for Campus Life Anne Lundquist, Vice President for Enrollment and Campus Life Randy Doss, and Associate Dean for Residence Life Aaron Fetrow.

"I think it's a good idea because I understand the community they're trying to facilitate, but I think some people need those scholarships," said sophomore Nathaniel Sebens. ☼



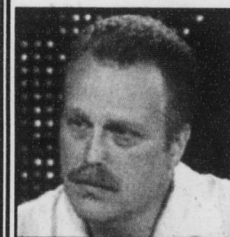
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