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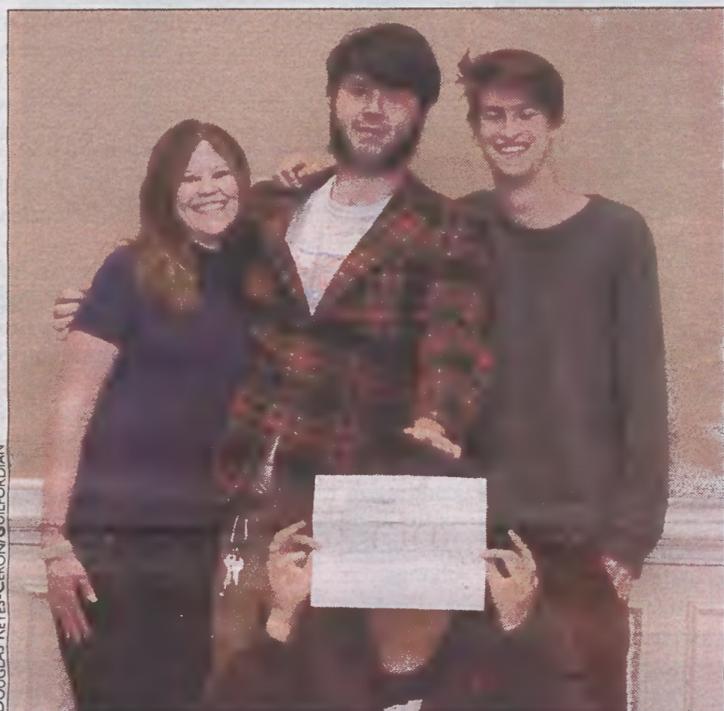
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NEWS

Students elect Senate representatives



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Senate election winners gather together the day the results were released. (From left) Sophomore **Karen Turner**, treasurer and junior **Yahya Alazrak**, president and junior **Brian Jones**, vice president, and a stand-in for junior **Erich Pohanka**, secretary, who is abroad.

BYKE COALITION WINS,
YAHYA ALAZRAK VOTED
THE SENATE PRESIDENT
ELECT

By Andrew Stewart & David
Pferdekamper
STAFF WRITERS

Late into the evening of April 4 the Community Senate election drew to a close and junior Yahya Alazrak was named Senate president, edging closest rival and fellow junior Elijah Dacosta by 20 votes.

Alazrak earned 204 votes to Dacosta's 184. Third-place candidate and sophomore Cate Schurz netted 51 votes.

"It was a really close race," Alazrak said. "The excitement of winning is quickly being replaced with responsibility. The work is already beginning."

"I feel great about the results of the election," said Dacosta. "Am I disappointed that I didn't

win? Of course, but I think that BYKE will do a great job."

"Elijah and I were buddies going into this," Alazrak said. "Going against each other was like a friendly badminton match. It was like Tom and Jerry. We were going to back each other up since one of us was going to lose."

Sophomore Brian Jones ran unopposed and weathered the write-in candidates to take the vice presidency, and Erich Pohanka became secretary in the other unopposed election. Sophomore Karen Turner earned the treasurer position.

Despite the switch to individual tickets, the entire "BYKE" coalition made a clean sweep of each open position.

"I think that the race went very smoothly," said Dacosta. "While I know that coalitions were encouraged, I wish that more of the candidates would have campaigned individually to make it clearer to the student

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FEATURES

Mural exhibit reflects on war in Afghanistan

STUDENT ARTWORK
INCLUDED IN TRAVELING
EXHIBIT 'WINDOWS &
MIRRORS'

By Claire Wardlaw
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On Oct. 7, 2001, the United States went to war in Afghanistan in response to the September 11 tragedy, calling the project, "Operation Enduring Freedom." The touring Windows and Mirrors mural exhibit, now on display in the Hege Library atrium, brings this objective of "freedom" for Afghanistan into question.

Comprised of 45 panels, the exhibit showcases the work of artists, Afghan students from Kabul, and even members of the Guilford community. Junior Layth Awartani, a student who contributed to the exhibit, considered the experience of contributing to this project to be enlightening and gratifying.

"Even though I'm a social-science-oriented student, I like to stay open to other fields of study, such as art," said Awartani.

The mural project is intended to remind the audience that after nearly 10 years of conflict, the U.S. is still at war and people are still suffering.

The title "Windows & Mirrors" was intended to reflect that through the exhibit, one is made privy to the circumstances of war. Viewers are meant to see a reflection of their own humanity, allowing the audience to identify with those involved.

"We who are not directly involved with the war are shielded by the censorship

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WORLD & NATION

Ivory Coast power struggle becomes violent

By Brandy Mitchell
STAFF WRITER

"They raped me, three or four of them. They burned my house — the house of my family — they killed my brother," reported one refugee to Amnesty International, according to the BBC. "They stole everything from my shop and then burned it down. We fled the same day."

Although it is just one account, many tell a similar story of individuals among the 400,000 people forced to flee to surrounding countries amid the growing clashes in the Ivory Coast,

reported The New York Times.

As previously reported by The Guilfordian, President Laurent Gbagbo lost the November elections to Alassane Ouattara, but has refused to step down, resulting in several protests and violence.

On Saturday, April 2, at least 800 were reported to have been killed in Duékoué after a week of violence, according to the Guardian.

"They saw the bodies on the streets," said International Committee of the Red Cross spokesperson Kelnor

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Families flee from the Abobo district of Abidjan, Ivory Coast as violence continues between rival Ivorian governments.

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