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NEWS

Senate election results: and the winner is...

48 PERCENT OF THE STUDENT BODY CAME OUT TO VOTE ON APRIL 2

By Victor Lopez
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With some Republicans eating each other alive on the national stage in the midst of their primary season, here in the humble land of Greensboro, N.C., Guilford College recently held a more peaceful election of our own.

Senior Yahya Alazrak, current Community Senate president, is ordinarily found in Boren Lounge clerking impassioned Community Senate meetings. However, on the night of Monday, April 2, he joined 20 of his student peers in counting several hundred votes following the Community Senate elections held earlier in the day.

The occasional joke broke up the monotony for the students counting the nearly 500 ballots collected in the race for the 2012-2013 traditional student representatives.

Brian Jones, senior and current vice president of Community Senate, told The Guilfordian that during his time at Guilford he had never seen so many people come out to vote for the student government.

"We had nearly 48 percent of the student body come out to vote, which is more than we've ever had," said Jones.

According to Director of Student Leadership and Engagement Erin Fox, after the polls closed, the votes were handled and counted by members of Community Senate's Steering Committee.

"Volunteers are also able to help count votes and candidates are allowed to have a representative volunteer assure fairness in vote counting," said Fox.

Junior Tim Leisman and sophomore Rose McIntyre ran for Community Senate

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SERENDIPITY 2012: SHINING FESTIVAL OF CAMPUS SPIRIT

By Kate Gibson
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Vibrant face paint, dancing bare feet and glitter. So much glitter.

It's got to be Serendipity.

This year's music and merriment festival kicked off with a bountiful feast at the Guilford garden on March 29. Tables dotted the grassy lawns, offering fresh and local foods: a whole hog from Cane Creek Farms, Tomahawk Hill Farm beef, locally grown veggies and more. With full bellies, upwards of 800 students basked in the sun, tossed Frisbees or played a bit of soccer.

"The weather was beautiful and the food was beautiful," said junior Taylor Seitz.

As daylight faded, movie-lovers laid out blankets and pillows on the Milner/Bryan lawn to enjoy this year's Movie on the Lawn, "Madagascar," which concluded the first day's events.

Friday night, Mentalist Robert Channing dazzled a full house with his

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Ken Burns returns for 2011-12 Bryan Series

By Linda Catoe
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By the time PBS "National Parks" documentary filmmaker Ken Burns walked out on stage on March 27 as the third speaker in the 2011-12 Bryan Series, the audience buzzed with a sense of something a lot more than just the sum of our parks.

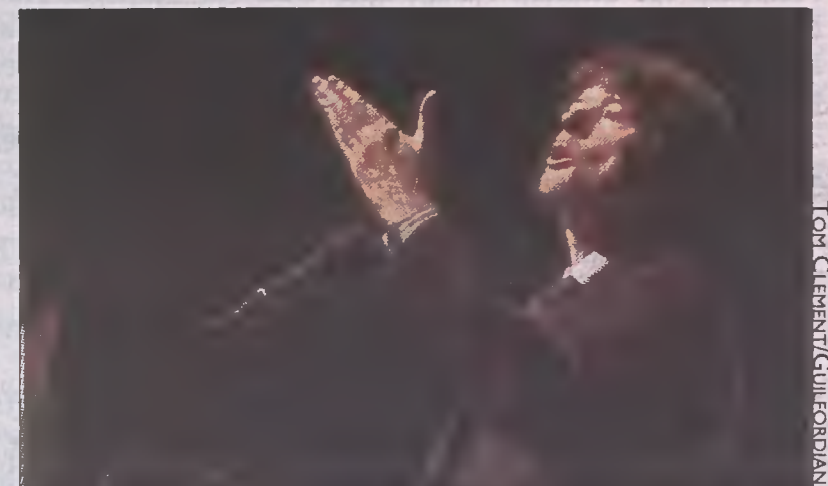
President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar introduced Burns by way of Burns' Oct. 2003 appearance. Standing before a backdrop of the now-famous photo of Burns and some former first-years,

Chabotar welcomed the alums who are making a homage to their hero, a documentary-in-progress named, "The Ken Burns Effect."

After a sampling of Burns' 2009 six-hour, 12-part miniseries, "National Parks: America's Best Idea," Burns thanked the Bryan Series and Guilford College for asking him back.

Launching into his own miniseries of a talk, Burns held the audience spellbound as he wrapped them around his storyteller's finger, in a journey as verbally visual as it was

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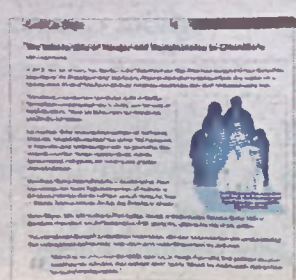


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Ken Burns, documentary filmmaker and historian, delivers his Bryan series address about national parks mini-series at the War Memorial Auditorium on March 27.

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