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Racial Tension Mounts Here Following King's Death

On April 4, Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. The death of this great man changed the course of a Guilford College week-end considerably. When King's death was announced at Guilford, many different reactions were noticed in the dorms. In some sections, there seemed to be an atmosphere of high excitement, as if it was all a big joke, while in other areas, there was a shocked silence. Students stayed up late to hear the news on television and radio, and many were very disturbed.

Friday, the campus was a little quieter than usual, but most people continued their daily routine. Comments made about King's death were generally sympathetic, although some voiced opinions such as, "Well, got rid of another nigger."

Because numerous students felt strongly about King's death, a memorial service was held Friday Night, in the New Garden Meetinghouse. It was in the traditional manner of Friends; (Quakers) a silent meeting. During the service, a poem written by King was read, and the hymn, "We Would Be Building", was sung. At the end of the service, everyone there joined

hands in a friendship circle and sang "We Shall Overcome".

Riots that night erupted across the country to Chicago, Washington, and Baltimore. In Greensboro, three policemen were shot by sniper fire at A&T University. Because of this, and other incidents of violence, the mayor ordered a curfew from 7 P.M. to 6 A.M., until further notice. Other restrictions were called by the governor - no liquor, fire arms, or demonstrations were to be permitted. However, before this took place, a silent vigil in memory of Dr. King was held in front of Guilford College. Over Ninety people participated, including a group of Quakers attending a Young Friends of North America meeting.

The first night of the curfew, a blockade was set up in front of Guilford College along Friendly Road. This was to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering Greensboro. Although the National Guard didn't seem to be making much fuss about anyone leaving. Quite a few students came to the edge of the campus to watch the few National Guardsmen patrol the street. Each Guardsman carried



a gun with a bayonet, and was wearing fatigues. They didn't seem to mind the spectators, and even let a few cross the street to "get their mail at the post office".

Throughout the curfew, people were arrested for breaking it, and some were carrying arms. (In case anyone was thinking of breaking the curfew, but didn't, or did, and wasn't caught, the offenders now face a possible thirty day jail sentence, and/or a fifty dollar fine.) The curfew ended Wednesday, but it was noticed that certain girls missed the companionship of The National Guardsmen!



Wilson Doesn't Seek Another Term

Bob Wilson, the present president of the student legislature, has decided not to seek another term. Bob plans to attend graduate school and needs more time for his academic pursuits. Also, since Bob wishes to involve himself and other students in social reforms, he feels that he would have somewhat more freedom if he did not seek re-election. Bob also feels that since the president should be the voice of the students he represents; he

could move more freely if he were not bound by the responsibility of taking a stand he felt moderate but that other students felt was radical.

Bob expressed a feeling of inadequacy at times but that he appreciates the support and activism by many students. He feels that the future of government at Guilford College will be bright if students vote in the upcoming election wisely and with responsibility.

LOWE VS PARKS POSES STRUGGLE IN STUDENT POWER POLITICS

Zack Lowe, a junior from Lowgap, North Carolina, is running for president primarily for personal concern; Zack asks that students really look around and they will see that the government of Guilford college is sadly lacking. Zack Lowe feels that many reforms are needed if Guilford College government is to mean anything to the majority of the students. Zack stresses unity and responsibility for each individual as foremost for a successful government.

To initiate these qualities, Zack's party including Lloyd Covington, Vice-President, P. D. Davis, Secretary, and John Moorman,

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Lowe's Party



Parks' Party

Traditionally known as a conservative, Keith Parks, a junior from Savannah, Georgia, is more concerned with instituting some broad ideas rather than pushing a rigid platform with many campaign promises. Keith feels that within the present constitution there is plenty of room to form a government he feels will best represent the students.

Although the fault lies partly with the legislature, Keith wishes to make more students aware of the government's activities by publishing agendas of meetings, by having more reports from faculty committees, and by holding conferences of all

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