

Dispute Over Budget

Guilfordian Goes On Strike



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Legislature Finance Committee Chairman Richard Sifferlen

Delafield Clarifies Board Position

Chairman of the Publications Board Carter Delafield when questioned about the current rumor that the board would not support a bid by Craig Chapman for the editorship of next year's **THE GUILFORDIAN** stated that the story was in error.

In addition, Mrs. Delafield released the following statement to **THE GUILFORDIAN**:

"To my knowledge there has been no discussion among board members about any candidate for any position on next year's

staff. I personally have been very pleased with Craig's work. Although I have vigorously opposed many of the stands he has taken, I think he has handled a difficult job with intelligence and considerable skill."

The rumor was circulated by a student who said Mrs. Delafield assured him that the Publications Board would never support Craig Chapman for another term as **THE GUILFORDIAN** editor.

Craig Chapman, editor of **THE GUILFORDIAN**, has announced that **THE GUILFORDIAN** is on strike. The strike stems from a dispute between the newspaper and the Student Legislature over **THE GUILFORDIAN'S** budget request for the 1970-1971 school year.

In announcing the decision of the staff, Chapman said that **THE GUILFORDIAN** would continue to publish eight pages on a regular weekly schedule. However he said that for the duration of the strike, the newspaper would accept for publication only news copy on strike developments and advertising.

Finance Committee

The budget dispute between the Student Legislature and **THE GUILFORDIAN** arose March 23 when the legislature accepted a Legislature Finance Committee recommendation that **THE GUILFORDIAN'S** budget request of \$6,809 for the 1970-1971 school year be trimmed to \$5,300.

The \$1509 budget cut was money designated as salaries for the editor and associate editors.

Chapman Cites 'Need'

During the course of debate on **THE GUILFORDIAN'S** budget, Craig Chapman argued that \$1500 was needed "to retain and attract qualified staff members as well as to serve as a 'cushion' in the event that **THE GUILFORDIAN'S** advertising campaign falls short of its projected goal."

In addition Chapman maintained that "most colleges with quality newspapers pay salaries to publication staff members."

Southerland States Position

However Carl Southerland, president of the College Union,

urged the legislature to reject the request for proposed **GUILFORDIAN** salaries on the grounds that "if we do it for one organization we will have to do it for others."

In addition several other students argued that the proposed salaries would necessitate a hike in the student activity fee which would place a financial hardship on students who are "working their way through college."

Last Year

Last year, the Student Legislature turned down **THE GUILFORDIAN'S** request for salaries.

Acceptance of the proposal for **GUILFORDIAN** staff salaries would have added about \$1.50 (.75 per semester) to the student activity fee for next year. Next year the cost of attending Guilford for one year (including tuition, room, board, and fees) will total approximately \$2,500.

This Year

THE GUILFORDIAN has paid \$120 in salaries to staff members this year.

The money was paid with the approval of the Publications Board, Student Government Association president Dan Hurlburt, and Legislature Finance Committee chairman Richard Sifferlen after the funds became available due to a reduction in printing costs this fall.

Most supporters of **GUILFORDIAN** staff salaries including **GUILFORDIAN** editor Craig Chapman maintain that the legislature should provide salaries for leadership positions in the College Union, the Student Legislature, and other campus organizations as well as **THE GUILFORDIAN**.

Guilfordian Editorship

Applications are now being accepted for the editorship of **THE GUILFORDIAN**.

Interested persons should contact any member of the Publications Board or leave their names in **THE GUILFORDIAN'S** office in Cox Hall.