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Frosh Blacks few

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A very old and very delicate issue at Guilford College is suddenly drawing increased attention. It is the general problem of low minority enrollment, but specifically, low Black enrollment at this institution. The subject of Black enrollment has now been thrust to the fore as many question the reasons behind the matriculation of only six Blacks in this year's freshman class. Is this an anomaly or the trend?

Jim Gripper, Dean of Minority Affairs, states "It is obvious by the numbers that the commitment that once existed is left lacking. This is equally exhibited by the number of Black faculty and staff." Continuing, he says the past commitment to minority enrollment appears to have been greater than the present, when this year's class of at least 14 or 15 graduating Blacks, probably the largest in the history of Guilford, is contrasted with this year's small influx of Black freshmen.

Herb Poole, Special Assistant to the President for Admissions and Financial Aid and Director of the Library, is at somewhat of a loss for an explanation of the regression that occurred in Black admissions this year. His only explanation is that possibly "other institutions with more popular names and more non-need money" are attracting

more Black students than Guilford College. The College has done nothing differently this year than in recent years that could account for such a large decline in Black freshman enrollment, according to Poole. He explained the source used to locate the largest number of

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Blacks with grade point averages and SAT scores suitable for Guilford is the Student Search Service.

For probably the past 5 years, Guilford has been contracting through the Student Search Service for the names of certain Black students who took the SAT. The "Search," as it is called, gives the names of Black students living within a 16 state territory with a high Black population concentration who have a B or better grade point average and an SAT composite.

This year the Search yielded a "target population" of about

2,000 Blacks who fell within the parameters set. The target population was contacted by mail, a few by telephone and some even directly by Admissions personnel. All of these efforts netted Guilford six Black freshmen out of 2,000 contacted.

Ken Schwab, Dean of Students, does not feel the small number of Black freshmen in any way shows a divergence from the "commitment of the College to a diverse community." He also cites Guilford's goal of at least 10% minority enrollment. Apparently, Herb Poole sees an increase in financial support for minority students, particularly in the form of more non-need money, as being a key to solving the problem. He also believes there is a need to find "a way that is an improvement upon the traditional method used to identify students to come to Guilford."

Gripper, Poole and Schwab all agree there is a need for a minority on the Admissions Staff, possibly as a full-time recruiter. Gripper cites Pella Stokes, a former part-time recruiter, as an example of what a Black recruiter can accomplish. Finally, they agree on the need to better utilize the "best source of recruiters of Black students," according to Gripper, Black Guilford students themselves.

Guilford girl dies



Christiane Crowley

The Guilford College Campus has been saddened this Fall to learn of the accidental death of our fellow student, Christiane Crowley, in Vicenza, Italy, on June 14.

Christiane had only recently returned from her freshman year at Guilford, where she lived in the French House, to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Crowley. Christiane decided to take a bike ride with her parents through the picturesque Italian town not far west of Venice. Christiane was in the lead and as she crossed a street just a few blocks from home, a truck came around the corner and hit her. She died a few hours later at a local hospital.

Christiane's parents and other members of the family, together with friends, held a memorial service in Wallace, N.C., on June 24. The College was represented by her roommate, Lisa Morton, and Lisa's parents, Prof. and Mrs. Richard Morton, who participated in the

service. The family has expressed appreciation both to the Mortons and to fellow student Dennis Kirschbaum for their presence.

Because of her father's work in international education, Christiane was keenly interested in languages. Born in Verdun, France, on Dec. 29, 1961, she had lived in Panama, Puerto Rico, Turkey, Germany and for the second time in Vicenza, though North Carolina was the home of both her father and mother. Christiane had already registered for Guilford's Fall Semester in Munich, Germany.

The family is eager that accurate information reach all of Christiane's Guilford friends, not only those whom she knew in the French House, but also those in her classes during the past year.

Christiane's aunt, Mrs. Cowens, has informed us that the family has established a special collection of books illustrative of the best in American and English literature as a Memorial to her in the Vincenza Library, especially for the use of high school and college students. Guilford students, staff or faculty who wish to participate in this Memorial may do so by contributing appropriate volumes, either new, or used ones in good condition, or cash to assist with the project, to one of the following: Damon Hickey, The Library; Virginia Odum, Duke Correspondence Center; or Dr. J.F. Moore, Dana 209.

Anyone wishing to communicate with Christiane's family may use the following address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Crowley, Box 61, APO New York 09221.

Sullivan-PIRG head

Suzanne Sullivan, a Guilford College junior, was elected to serve as the Chairperson of the state PIRG organization, at the group's first board meeting of the year which was held here on campus Sunday. "I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as the chair of the state organization. With the legislature convening in January we're looking forward to a full year of research and lobbying on what we (PIRG students) feel are important issues."

Ms. Sullivan, political science major from Wake Forest, North Carolina, has served as representative to the PIRG state board for the past year as well as being an active member of the Guilford chapter.

According to Ms. Sullivan some of the statewide issues that PIRG will address include,

supporting the passage of the ERA, working for the repeal of the sales tax on food, working to repeal of a utility financing act, Construction Work in Progress (CWIP), and supporting the enactment of a beverage container deposit law. "Just as we (PIRG students) were essentially responsible for the research, the drafting and the lobbying behind the Generic Drug Substitution law, we plan to introduce some of our own legislation too."

Besides electing officers for the coming year the students from college campuses across the state who attended the meeting also approved the group's statewide budget, the responsibilities for the professional staff as well as the statewide issues. Along with a chapter at Guilford, NC PIRG



has chapters at UNC-G, Duke University, Elon College, St. Andrews, Davidson College and Wake Forest University.

"The group offers students the opportunity to expand their education from the classroom into the community where they can actively participate in working for positive social change," said Ms. Sullivan.

We're sorry - we really blew it!

In the last issue of the *Guilfordian*, an article appeared about the New Garden Friends School. Since the story has been published, we have received some additional information about the school, and in our pursuit of truth, justice, and the American way, we would also like to make a correction.

The school's pilot project for this year will involve only about 15 students, who will spend most of their time at their own building, not on the college campus. The massive earth moving currently underway north of the soccer field is NOT

a part of the Friends School, but rather the construction of two new playing fields for Guilford College. The prefabricated Friends School classroom building due to arrive about September 20 will not be visible from the road or the college. Finally the Friends School pilot project will be evaluated formally in the spring by a joint, college-school committee. The college's representatives are Ken Schwab (convenor), Geoff Miller and William Burris. Comments, critical or otherwise, should be directed to one of them.