

# The Guilfordian

## Pettingell to head senate

By Martha Massie

Roger Pettingell will be next year's Senate President. Peter Spaulding will occupy the office of Vice-President, and Betsy Hunt will be Secretary.

This year there were no elections. Pettingell, last year's Vice-President, was the sole candidate to submit a petition for office within the deadline specified by the Senate constitution. Since this year's ticket for the executive council ran unopposed, the Senate voted to cancel its elections. Guilford's important issues will be handled by a committee which was elected essentially by default. Unusual?

Not for Guilford College.

Apparently the shaded pathways, atmosphere of humanistic concern, and academic pressures which exist on this campus are more conducive to student apathy than to community involvement.

Senate elections never took place, the Freshman Advisory Council and the Publications Board have extended their deadlines for officers' petitions due to an absence of interested candidates, and representative attendance at Senate meetings has been inconsistent. There is general lack of support for the student government by the student body, a lack of support which is evidenced by misinformation and ignorance.

John Mottern, operating on principal, requested

that the Senate nomination deadline be extended so that a party of opposition could be created. His request was denied by Hugh Stohler, and Martin Jones, Senate President for the 1981-'82 academic year.

Reactions to the closed elections vary. One sophomore voiced a common opinion when he said, "What elections? Who the hell is Roger Pettingell? They didn't even put any signs up!"

The new Executive Council desires to improve involvement in future elections, facilitate communication on the campus, increase Senate productivity on key issues, and attain adequate dorm representation. These will be effected through the use of campus media (WQFS, The Guilfordian, Community Newsletter), and as yet unspecified methods.

Organization of a new "stronger" Financial Aid Committee has begun (to cope with increased financial aid cutbacks), the schedule for representative elections is up for revision, and workshops and speakers regarding Senate functioning are planned.

During the upcoming academic year the issues of housing, budget, and dormitory living will be handled by a group of people who were elected by their own organization. The questions which affect all will be answered by the few who assumed the responsibility for leadership.

(For further information concerning Senate elections, see Editorial, page 2).



Pete Spaulding (vice president), Betsy Hunt (secretary) and Roger Pettingell (president) will be heading the next student leadership in the Community Senate.



Frustrated by the number and video terminals damaged by last week's storm, John Opaleski vents his anger on an understandably indifferent keyboard.

## Storm damages terminals

By Julie Seaman

Two separate strokes of lightning "blew the circuits" of most video computer terminals on campus, leaving them unavailable for student use. Lightning damaged the computer itself and also harmed terminals during a storm before Spring Break.

Last Saturday, a second storm knocked out another VT101, which meant the entire student body had access to only one video terminal.

Although hard-copy terminals were not affected by the storms, these "printers" are used only half as frequently as the easier-to-operate and "smarter" VT101s.

Lightning struck the input lines which carry impulses from the CPU in Duke to the terminals in the library. Since it's not power that is carried along these lines, a circuit breaker would do nothing to remedy the situation. Charlie White, System Manager, explains that the best solution to this potentially recurring problem is to bury the cables underground. This was White's original plan, but he decided to go along with the idea of giving the above ground cables a try, in order to save the \$500 it would cost to dig.

Now, replacement boards for the three damaged VT101s will cost \$500 to \$600 each.

Computer Services is awaiting replacement parts to fix internal damage done to the computer. DEC repairmen whisked out to Guilford Monday to "swap the boards" of terminals harmed by the stroke of lightning two days before. At least two more VT101s should be ready for use by the end of this week.