

Guilford
Graffiti

p. 10

Cafeteria
Defense

p. 5

Music to
Listen For

p. 8

Guilfordian

VOLUME LXVII, NO. 8

GUILFORD COLLEGE, GREENSBORO, N.C. 27410

FEBRUARY 19, 1986

Hail To The Chief

By Richard Weinblatt
People Person Profiler

At a presidential press conference (of one reporter) the *Guilfordian* got a chance to catch up with the chief executive of the massive public service organization known as the Guilford College Community Senate. James D. Freeman, a Guilford senior, is coming to the end of his term as president and agreed to be interviewed at his private table in the elegantly appointed dining room of the college.

He shoulders the responsibilities of political life well, having not lost the boyish grin he had when he began his term in 1985. So many other American presidents have aged inordinately while in office.

With the able bodied assistance of his executive officers, his Senators, and his First Lady of three years, Donna Arning, Jim has managed to make the Freeman administration one of the most effective in recent years. Rounding out his precedent, setting ticket of four (up from three) are Vice President Nathan Bohn, Treasurer Cliff Tatum, and Secretary Renee Godard. These three staffers form the nucleus of a bevy of advisors vying for the ear of power. Also, heavily influencing Jim's share of influence is Bo Markley. This was evident as Bo was sitting one table away during the press conference, ever vigilant and ready to answer any presidential question.

Bo has been very helpful. He is busy working on the year book and therefore can't devote his full attention to the Senate," explained Jim.

This young man granted the voice capable of swaying a college is doublemajoring in math and English, quite an unusual combination.

"I feel that these skills will help me in the future. Math involves problem solving and English requires skills in communication and writing."

The oldest of three, Guilford's 21 year old president was born and raised in Philadelphia in a modest Victorian style house.

The son of a retired high school social worker found himself active on his school's swim team. But his interests shifted as his adult person began to emerge.

"I came to Guilford because it did not have a swim team," the affable politician joked.

He found his calling in college to be the rough and tumble world of Guilford politics. He became a freshman senator and, in 1984, co-chaired the Senate Service Auction raising over \$6,500, doubling the previous year's total. He has also chaired the Student Affairs Committee. Jim describes his general perspective as being liberal and not of the Ronnie mold.

Jim is a consummate politician. He is able to engender confidence in his abilities through his honest appearance and open personality. His job is filled with meetings of all types which demand a receptive and confident style. He needs to be able to shift from dealing with students to dealing with trustees at a moment's notice.

He recently went on a three day trustee retreat at Guilford's version of Camp David in Pinehurst. He describes fellow campus president Bill Rogers as a great asset for the school and that he "sets the tone."

In the midst of his busy schedule this high office holder has continued to place himself on the Dean's List and is a Dana Scholar. He has been able to exercise his quest to excel for the good of the school as well. He is proud of his administration's efforts in the co-ed housing issue.

"It will be decided in the near future. The trustees have already approved it and it needs to be approved by a dorm on campus," he said, "Co-ed housing will provide better security for the residents."

He is not sure what he will do when he retires from office and leaves Guilford. Giving up the Presidential limo and Nathan for an unknown future will be a challenge, although not an insurmountable one for Guilford's own political tiger. He may even have to get himself a personal car and drive it himself.

"I think I'd like to work for a large company so that they will

pay me to go back to school in a few years, maybe for an M.B.A. or a law degree," he speculated.

Is Jim Freeman destined for another office formed in an oval shape?

"I'm not really that ambitious. Maybe when I'm 40 or 50," he answered.

But Jim, would you really run for president of the United States?

"If nominated, I may run," he joked evasively as our president carried his own tray and disappeared into the crowd of political admirers on that historic Saturday afternoon.



Jim Freeman poses after lofty thoughts

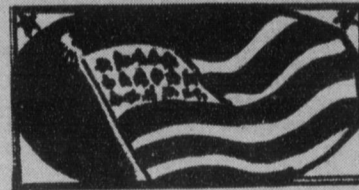
photo by Rolf Orsagh

Flag Stands Tall

By Christopher Schelin
Humor Correspondent

The post office has got one. The fire department has one. Even McDonald's has one. So does Guilford College, but unless you know where to look for it, you could easily miss it. What? The American flag.

Guilford's American flag hangs in the Fieldhouse. Why there? Why not snapping proudly in the breeze outside of Founders? Are we ashamed of our national identity? No, we're not. According to Guilford College President, William Rogers, "Flags have been the source of some debate among the religious society of friends. The Quakers place a great emphasis on the brotherhood of the world, hence there is less attention to nationalistic emblems & more on the sharing of the human condition on a global basis. This is why we also have the flags of all the nations of our student body in the Fieldhouse."



up with, and will continue to teach, even in the face of terrorism and communism. That's something that we can be proud of. Very proud.

Apparently the State of North Carolina feels the same way, because Governor Martin has declared this week "Patriotism Week in North Carolina." While I like to believe that every week is patriotism week, I think I see the thrust of the Governors Proclamation. Let's use this week to consciously recognize all the things that make America what it is. And you know, when you come right down to it, we don't really need flags or parades or such to feel good about and proud of America. All we need is for America to keep up the good work. She may stumble occasionally, but deep in my heart, I know that she would never deliberately let us down. May it always be a proud thing to say, "I am an American."