

Only One Ticket For Senate? Come On Guilford!

From the Editor: T.O. Russ

Every year, around the middle of March, Guilford College elects officers for its Senate and Union. While the competition has traditionally been low-key, there was at least the luxury of choosing between tickets for the Guilford voter.

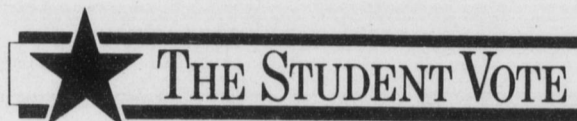
This year's selection, however, is going to be a sad imitation of a real election unless more students put together Senate and Union tickets. As of yet, only one ticket has been registered for Senate offices, and shockingly, *none* for Union.

One of Guilford's most attractive attributes is its openness to student initiative and leadership. Almost literally, there is nothing that students here cannot accomplish.

Students waste their potential for power by

refusing to take full advantage of their right to run for student-elected offices. At a period in Guilford's history in which major long-term decisions are being made, students cannot afford to have anything less than widely-backed, enthusiastic, and innovative input into the process. The only way to get that kind of input is to select Senate and Union officers from a qualified group.

The Senate ticket now headed on by Senate Vice-President Seth Hassett is a good one, but certainly there are other qualified members of the Guilford community. The Union also needs qualified people to plan events for next year. Come on students, let's see more tickets for these offices!



Petitions to Run For Senate and Union Due on March 4th

Bring Your Own Bulbs to the Library

By Holly Fairbairn

Mom is happy...but she could be happier. She's the one who told me not to read in the dark.

I am referring to an article that I wrote back in October about the lack of adequate lighting in the library. Since October, through the efforts of the

Library Director, Herb Poole and the maintenance staff, the lighting in the library has been improved.

The Carnegie Reading Room (the one with the leather chairs) has been improved by two-fold candle-power (the measure that I used in the previous article). But it

could be better.

According to recent measurements, the lighting barely meets minimum lighting standards, unless you are further benefited by the sunlight which occasionally beams through the windows.

Meanwhile, the stacks remain dim.

Poole does not want to increase the wattage in the stacks because of what he calls the heat/sleep factor. "It would be so hot that we'd just have people falling asleep back there."

Unfortunately, no improvements will happen until the addition to the library is complete. Then, there will be sconces

(candle-like fixtures) on the wall, lamps along the floor, and a central chandelier.

"We will have more light than we need when the addition is complete," according to Poole, referring to the stacks also which will be moved into the addition. The Quiet Reading Room will be remodeled too.

Until the remodeling is complete, if you (or your mother) feels that the stacks are too dark, Dr. Poole suggests that you bring your own bulbs.

I suppose that you could bring your own lamps too, but if this seems a little outrageous, perhaps the school could *buy* some lamps for the tables in the Carnegie Room now. Three years is an inordinate amount of time to wait for lamps that will minimize eye strain in, of all places, a *library*.

Eric Bradertscher finds the glow of a good book provides enough enlightenment.

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