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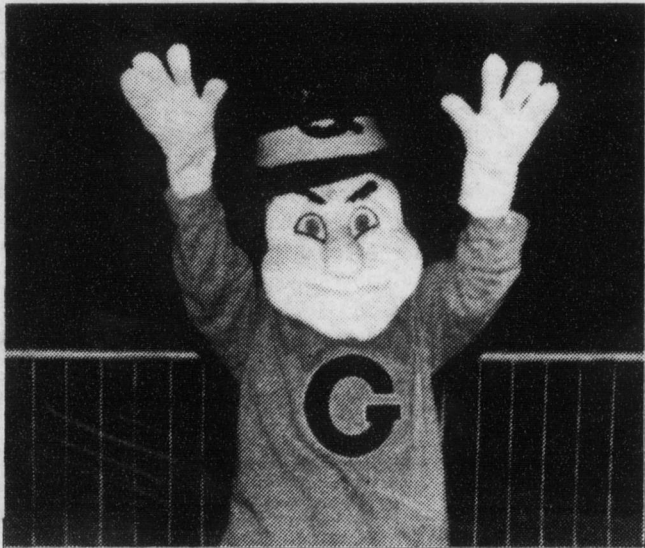


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Guilford mascot shakes to the beat during spirit week — story on page 7

## Senate optimistic despite low competition

Peter Smith  
News Editor

Only 24 applications were received for 28 student government positions during the past week, causing Senate executives to reconsider their election plans.

The poor application results come after the Senate repeatedly challenged Guilford students to become more involved in student government on campus. One of the main goals of this year's Senate has been to increase leadership involvement within student government.

Beth Tate, the senate executive vice-president and coordinator of the student elections, expressed concern with the application results.

"We are concerned that we received only 24 applications... intense competition could have produced the most qualified candidates," said Tate.

"But this could be the result of students already involved in other campus organizations and unable to make the serious commitments that Senate requires."

According to current figures only six applications were received from the entire junior and senior classes. The remaining 18 applications came from either the freshman or sophomore classes. In addition, only five applications were received from previous Senate members. Tate estimates at least 15 previous members of Senate chose not to participate this year.

"Clearly, the freshman and sophomore classes have expressed the most involvement this year," said Tate. "Only a small portion of our total application pool came from the junior and senior class."

The Senate executives identified several reasons for the low application turn-out, but believed a major reason could be the large number of juniors and seniors serving on house councils throughout the residence halls.

President Tracy Russ stated that he had anticipated more competition within the Senate but was not disappointed with the results.

"I expected more people would get involved, but I'm excited about the applications we have received," said Russ. "I've seen a lot of posters and banners across campus and people are excited."

Although Senate elections will probably continue as scheduled, competition will be low in some areas. The Senate also will attempt to fill two positions for alternative housing, one position each for the junior and senior classes.

Despite the hurdles presented

## WQFS changes general station managers

David Simpson  
Copy Editor

WQFS, the student radio station of Guilford College, begins a new semester of programming this year under a new general manager.

Senior Sean Desmond, who was general manager last year and has worked with the station for two years, was forced to resign from the position after being reclassified from main campus to

continuing education (CCE) student status for financial reasons. CCE students are not allowed to hold board positions on student organizations.

Desmond said he offered to pay the \$120 difference between the main campus and CCE student activity fees, but the school refused his offer.

"They didn't want to start setting precedents for making exceptions," said Desmond.

Desmond said he asked if he

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Fetchin' Bones lead singer Hope Nicholls barks out to a crowd of over 400 during Welcome Weekend

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