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Senate tickets release platforms, gear up for forum

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Elections for next year's Senate Executive Council will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27. An election forum will be held in the Gallery two days prior to elections on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. where candidates will discuss their platforms and answer questions.

The two tickets running for the Senate position are headed by Vance Ricks and Peter Smith. Ricks' ticket is comprised of Paige Mahaney and Gilbert Bailey, both rising seniors, and Jason Smith, a rising sophomore. Smith's ticket includes rising seniors Leslie Burnside and Erskine James, and rising sophomore Suzanne Moore.

Both tickets cite their leadership roles in the Guilford community as qualifications. Ricks and Smith, the two presidential candidates feature impressive backgrounds in their three-year experiences at Guilford.

Vance Ricks spent last semester in Munich, Germany. During his sophomore year, Ricks was the treasurer of Community Senate, co-chaired Judicial Board, was a member of the Senate Budget Committee and co-founded the Philosophy Club. His freshman year experience

included being part of the N.C. Student Legislature, the Residence Life Committee, and Senate as a Milner representative. He received the Freshmen Leadership Award, among others.

Peter Smith's experience includes working as a Senate representative and taking part in the Budget and Planning Committee and the Analytical Studies Team. Smith co-chairs both the Tuition and Financial Aid Task Force

and the Judicial Board.

Smith is also currently news editor of *The Guilfordian* and is the president of the Websterian Pre-Law Society.

Both tickets will explain the main objectives of their platforms at the forum next Sunday.

The Smith ticket's platforms include:

- a faculty pay increase of 3-5% above the cost of living to keep salaries competitive and ensure a

"quality academic reputation."

- eliciting better coordination among campus and civic groups fighting the advent of Painter Boulevard.

- keeping closer tabs on the way Senate and campus organizations spend students' money.

- avoiding double-digit tuition increases and correcting disproportionate tuition fees between CCE and main campus students
- increasing the amount of tui-

tion going back into financial aid.

- raising the college endowment
- establishing a more diverse curriculum and revising the ID plan in *The Underground*.

The Ricks ticket's platforms include:

- establishing better relations and communications between student organizations and encouraging independent student initiatives like Project Community and SAPB.

- avoiding a double-digit tuition increase and seeking alternative sources of income to lessen tuition dependency.

- making the campus more attractive through campus groups and events to increase admission and retention.

- more adequately representing student athletes in campus issues.

- holding Senate "open houses" to increase Senate's visibility and accountability.

- addressing parking, adequate lighting, condom machines in residence halls and 24-hour study space.

On Ricks' ticket, Mahaney is running for vice-president, Bailey for treasurer and Smith for secretary.

On Smith's ticket, Burnside is running for vice-president, James for treasurer, and Moore for secretary.



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Above: Senate candidates Vance Ricks, Gilbert Bailey, Paige Mahaney and Jason Smith. Below: Senate candidates Erskine James, Leslie Burnside, Peter Smith and Suzanne Moore

Quaker Concerns discusses breaking stereotype barriers

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Do the terms 'jock' and 'lizard' mean anything to you? Are you comfortable with these classifications and the connotations they perpetrate?

The Quaker Concerns group, co-coordinated by Joe Freeman and Melissa Potter, focused their

last meeting on the subject of stereotypical segregation on campus and ways to break these barriers. Members of the Quaker Concerns group encouraged newcomers to attend Tuesday night's meeting to help diversify the conversation. Quaker Concerns is looking for ways to captivate the enthusiasm of different audiences, and hopefully find numerous methods for approaching the issue.

The problem isn't imaginary. Maureen Keefe, who was involved in the interviewing process for selecting R.A.s, has heard such comments as "I don't know if I'd fit in there, because a lot of lizards live there." With this in mind, the meeting began with a brainstorm of ideas that might help foster an appreciation and understanding of differences on campus.

The cafeteria is a place where

the edges of social circles are highlighted as the crowd sections off into the same old eating arrangement. Some of the ideas which came up were concentrated on the cafeteria scene, because the option to meet and eat with folks different from the 'usual crowd' is always there. Elia Mavronikolas suggested a table be reserved for randomly chosen

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