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## James replaces Greene

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Reggie James has assumed the position of acting Senate treasurer, becoming the third to hold the position this year.

The replacement was necessary after the last Senate treasurer, Laura Greene, withdrew from Guilford. Before Greene, Keith Valbuena held the position.

"Officially, I'm not the treasurer," explained James. "It still has to go before Senate." The process entails nominations before Senate and a subsequent vote.

"I don't think there will be any other nominations, although you never know," he said.

According to James, his major responsibilities will be "holding budget committee meetings and steering committee meetings."

James explained the irony of assuming this position: "Last year I ran on the opposing ticket for Senate treasurer." After Greene left, "a member of the budget committee suggested that I should be the treasurer."



Photo by Elaine Brigham

James

James had not previously worked with any of the current members of the Student Senate. He commented, "I don't see any problems with working with them." Concerning his having run against them the previous spring, he said, "I really don't think it's an issue."

"[Senate President Jen Hill] has been helping me to become accustomed to a lot of the duties of treasurer," said James.

"I have had a lot of experience. I was the budget officer for WQFS for the 1991-1992 academic year," he explained.

"I have enough time to perform both jobs [of Senate treasurer and

Milner Hall director] more than adequately," said James.

James is already working on plans for the spring semester.

"We're about to gear up for a few special requests. At some point this semester, AACS [African American Cultural Society] and John's Island, a group which rebuilds homes during break, will be coming in for special requests."

Addressing Senate's goal this semester, James said, "I think it's our goal to provide money for worthwhile projects that will enhance the community within our economic means."

Ashley Cobb, Bryan Hall Senate representative and Budget Committee member commented, "Reggie has a lot of experience with treasury work, and I think he would do the job well."

James explained his enthusiasm for the job, "I feel excited about having this position. I think it will be a good experience and challenging; at the same time, I expect to have a lot of fun."

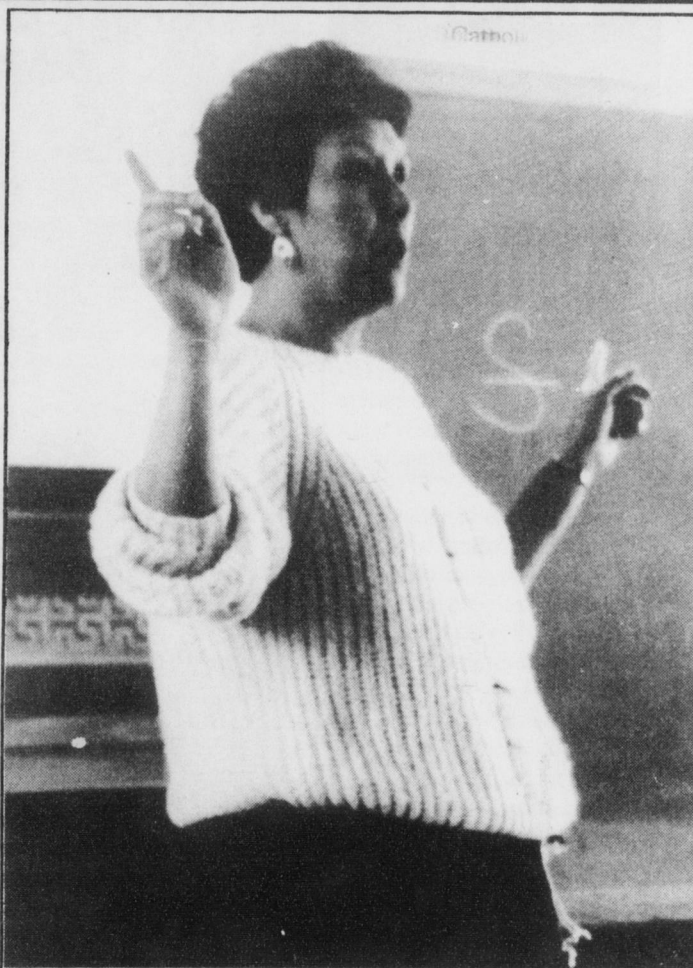


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Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was celebrated in a series of lectures and readings held Monday.

## AACS budget finally approved Continuing Education Scholarship Established

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Special to The Guilfordian

Malcolm X will be in the spotlight on Feb. 20 at Guilford during Black History Month as the subject of a play—but he almost wasn't.

The African-American Cultural Society (AACS) presented its budget to the Senate Budget Committee (which makes recommendations to Senate) before winter break, with the Malcolm X production at the heart of its plans for the spring semester. The Budget

Committee, however, was initially hesitant to recommend AACS's \$5,000 request (the Malcolm X play costing \$1,300) and made drastic cuts to the budget.

"Our initial fear was that it was a large amount of money for one organization," said Richard Ewell, a member of the committee.

AACS, however, felt that the committee did not understand the importance of funding the play and requested another meeting with the group.

"The play is really important to our group," said AACS Co-coordinator Katrina Wilder. She stressed the importance of adding substance to the College's claims of being a truly diverse community.

"Once AACS made it clear how very, very important the play was to them, the committee decided to recommend it be added to AACS's budget," said Ewell.

Senate then heard AACS's budget request Jan. 13, at the student government's first meeting of the semester, but the problem hadn't been solved.

"No one was satisfied with the budget presented," said Senate President Jennifer Hill. The \$580

needed for the immediate funding of activities to observe Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was approved, but the final budget wasn't approved until the following week.

Representatives from both sides of the issue met with Senate executives and others at an additional meeting following the Jan. 13 session of Senate. Hill said they compromised on a budget of approximately \$2700.

The importance of the play and AACS's efforts to sponsor it—the organization is receiving a \$500 discount from the Californian acting troupe—were recognized, and it became an undisputed part of the budget.

In the compromise, AACS agreed to look for funding of other requests elsewhere. It was suggested, for example, that AACS request money from an area like the art department to obtain a commissioned painting, or petition media services to buy a copy of "Roots"—two requests AACS had made of Senate.

"It's always difficult when giving out money," said Ewell, but both he and Wilder agreed they are pleased with the outcome.

## Continuing Education Scholarship Established

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A Continuing Education Endowed Scholarship Fund has been created using a recent anonymous donation of \$25 thousand by a current CE student.

The creation of this fund marks the first significant, Guilford-based scholarship in the school's history that is specifically designated for CE students.

The need-based scholarship will go to students who have demonstrated academic excellence with preference given to women who are returning to school after working or raising a family.

Because the scholarship will be awarded annually, the \$25,000 gift will be invested as an endowed fund, generating a spendable income from which the scholarship money will be drawn.

Approximately five percent of the income will be used each year to fund the scholarship, while surplus over the five percent will be returned to the fund.

Guilford policy states that before a financial gift can be designated as


a specifically-named endowed fund, it must total \$50,000. However, school officials have pledged to raise the \$25,000 donation to the required \$50,000 endowment level within the next five years.


Guilford staff and faculty members already have increased the fund by adding their own donations to the initial gift. Chief Financial Officer Jim Newlin has agreed to allow the income generated from the initial investment to be used to provide a scholarship of approximately \$1,250 for the 1993-94 academic year. As the fund increases within the next five years, both the amount of the award and the yearly number of recipients should also increase.


CCE director Mary Vick expressed her reaction to the gift:

"There are so many bright, motivated, and needy adults here at Guilford. I'm delighted that this scholarship is targeted specifically for CE students—not just because of the money, but for the psychological boost that such a generous gesture gives to students and staff alike."

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