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## Black history month celebrated

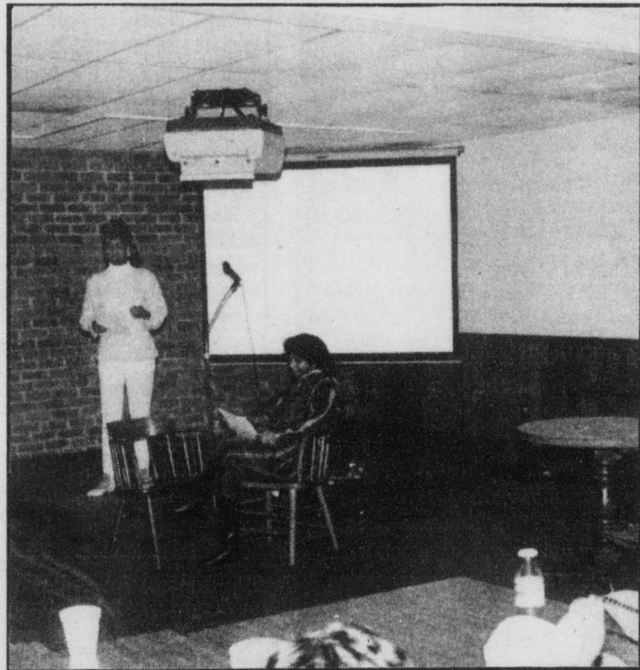


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Many performed at the African-American Cultural Society-sponsored coffeehouse.

**Gall S. Kasun**  
News Editor

The African American Cultural Society (AACS) has planned several events to celebrate Black History Month. February is recognized nationally as Black History Month.

Lynn Harris, the AACS Director of Programs, explained the importance of Black History Month. "As far as history in textbooks is concerned, there isn't much teaching of African history or African American history."

"It seems like people only think African American history is mostly Martin Luther King. He is one of the most celebrated African Americans, but Black History Month is a month to commemorate other African-American leaders as well," said Harris.

Katrina Wilder, AACS' Director of Programs, said that Black History Month is "not only recognizing black leaders, but also a

time to recognize things in African-Americans' past, such as slavery and the Civil Rights Movement."

"It's the fact that we're the minority and that education of African American history needs to be brought up. It's this month that really gets recognized," said Wilder.

Daryl Nash, AACS member, said, "Black History Month is important because it gives us a chance to learn about our history."

"I take every chance I can to learn about it—and what I learn is very important. Whatever I learn builds up my identity as a black man, being able to grow and function in society," continued Nash.

"It's really important to learn about other cultures," said AACS member Holly Canada.

"It's also important for me to learn about my culture as an African American," explained Canada.

Educational meetings and lectures are part of AACS's schedule this month.

One of their largest plans is still tentative. Wilder said, "The Malcolm

X play is tentative because our budget wasn't finalized; now the budget is finalized, but we couldn't book the play previously without the funds."

"We brought the price down from their original \$1700 to \$900," said Wilder. "Now, it will cost a lot more than the original \$1700 because we had to wait for our budget," she explained, emphasizing that the company needed a greater time notice than what they must work with currently.

AACS sponsored a showing of 'Mississippi Burning' on Feb. 1.

"We also did a tribute to Thurgood Marshall, Supreme Court Justice," said Wilder. "Professor Adrienne Israel lectured and showed 'The Road to Brown', showing all the court decisions leading up to *Brown v. the Board of Education*, which ended segregation."

A coffeehouse was sponsored on Feb. 10 with poetry, readings,

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## Bomb explodes in English Hall

**Josh Palmer**  
Staff Writer

A bomb was exploded in the first floor bathroom of English hall 11:00 pm Monday, Feb. 8.

Tracy French, English Hall Director, said the explosive consisted of a 16 oz. soda bottle filled with a chemical believed to be "Drano." "We recovered small amounts of glass scattered on the floor, and a 'Drano' container," he said. "It blew up with a lot of force."

The student who assembled the device escaped the explosion with

minor cuts in his foot.

Immediately after the incident, the injured student called security who then called the paramedics to tend to the student's wound.

The bathroom suffered minor damage. On the wall behind the toilet was a black sunburst mark. There were marks on the stall walls showing where the glass had spread, and fine shards scattered about the floor.

Residents from both the bottom and top floor were shocked by the force and volume of the explosion. They described the detonation sounding like a gunshot.

An investigation of the incident was conducted by security, residential life and Provost Dan Poteet Tuesday afternoon.

After the investigation was complete, the student responsible for the bomb, "was withdrawn administratively from the college," said Poteet.

The student, already under administrative probation, was withdrawn for violating that probation, according to Dean of Students Joanna Iwata

French said that this only proves that it is important to report anything out of the ordinary to security or a hall director.

**Brian Sugloka**  
Staff Writer

The Guilford Facilities Committee met on Friday, February 5. The sole item on the agenda was the tree issue.

The decision to cut and prune some of the trees on campus elicited a firestorm of student and faculty concern.

The Senate meeting on February 3 was largely dominated by that item.

At that meeting, it was decided that Facilities Committee, a committee composed of administrators, senior maintenance officials and faculty as well as students and intended to deal with facilities and planning issues, would be charged with discussing the issue further and coming up with some recommendations as to what should be done.

In addition to the regular members, the Friday meeting was attended by two other concerned students, The Senate Secretary, and Roger Nebel, a senior Guilford Security officer.

A number of important points came out of the meeting.

It was agreed that some of the pruning should commence immediately, among trees and shrubs that are clearly aesthetically displeasing, in danger of becoming sick because of crossed limbs or overgrowth, or are in danger of falling over or having limbs break off.

It was emphasized by several members of the committee that the pruning to be done now should be the minimum possible.

It was also decided that any questionable cutting or pruning proposals should wait until more community opinions and suggestions can be gathered.

It was agreed also that any trees that are of educational value because of size, age or rarity were not to be touched. Bill Fulcher, the faculty representative and resident expert on Guilford trees, said, "We will draw up a list of those trees which are to be protected."

The issue of removing or pruning some trees because of security concerns that they block light or provide a possible lurking space was also raised.

It was decided that security would come up with a list of those trees deemed a security risk and make that list available to the community, once

agreed upon.

It was also asked that a walkaround be held, where security officials and administrators can identify those trees which are deemed a problem and explain their reasons.

Roger Nebel agreed to bring the proposal to Maryann Weedon, Director of Security, for her to consider.

Jim Newlin agreed to discuss it with other administrators.

The Facilities Committee meets again this Friday at 1:30 in the New Garden board room.

Additional information and proposals will be discussed. Interested students are encouraged to attend

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