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Poet C.K. Williams gave a reading in Boren Lounge last Thursday.

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Senate woes: *Treasurer resigns; progress checked*

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Senate Treasurer Ben Borne resigned effective Sept. 30, during Wednesday's Senate meeting.

"I don't question my abilities regarding the position, rather I question my time and priorities," Borne wrote in a letter to the Guilford community.

President James Green said, "I have the highest respect for Ben and the way he handled his resignation."

"I will miss him as a good partner in crime. But we still have the weekend for that. Seriously, we will miss his leadership in running Senate, and he will be hard to replace."

Borne said, "My only regret about such a decision is the burden I will lay on the rest of the Community Senate. I blame no one for my resignation, the job was simply bigger than I expected and

I feel that the Senate will benefit by finding a treasurer who can dedicate more time to it.

"It is a decision that is necessary to keep me in focus with what is most important and necessary for me, my classes and grades."

Senator Brian Burton who ran for treasurer last year on the opposing ticket, said he thought it was unfortunate that for the third semester in a row Senate has found instability in its treasurer position.

He also said that he thought stability in this position would have been attained if the ticket he ran on had won.

Green said that the Senate executives have possibilities in mind of who will replace Borne. "We're going to move on those as fast as possible." The executives will appoint their choice for approval by the Senate body.

Borne's resignation is one more concern among many about
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Family Weekend kicks off

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An estimated 900 family members will attend Family Weekend '93, according to Lillian Lyndrup, director of parent programs.

This number is "on target" with last year's number of attending family members. New, however, is the number of returning family members of sophomores, juniors, and seniors, Lyndrup said.

"Last year's Family Weekend was a really big success," said Director of Student Activities Kristen Wahling.

Lyndrup said there has been "a lot of refinement" to this year's weekend, which began the day after last year's family weekend.

Family Weekend will kick off earlier and end later with an international flavor. The international coffee hour will begin at 1:30 p.m., Fri., in Boren Lounge, while the international fair will end the weekend in Sternberger, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The international fair will feature displays, music, games, dancing, arts and crafts, and food from over thirty countries. Lyndrup said that she hopes other groups will

join in sponsoring events on family weekend, as the International Relations Club has this year by sponsoring these two events.

Other new events include a historical campus walking tour hosted by the History Club, which will depart from the steps of Sternberger at 12:30 p.m., Sat., and a reception to honor alumni parents will also be held at 12:30 p.m., Sat., in Founders Hall.

Other events have remained part of the weekend itinerary, such as the football game and student coffeehouse.

One event which Lyndrup said is well-attended each year is the annual meeting of the Parents' Association. During the meeting, President Rogers gives an update, the "View from the President."

Other parts of the agenda include addresses by Director of Admissions Larry West, and Senate President James Green, and the business meeting led by the Chairs of the Parents' Association, Tom and Sandy Hollinger, P'94.

"It's a real plus for the Parents' Association that Bill and Bev Rogers are parents of an alumnus," said Lyndrup.

Lyndrup said it is to the benefit of the families participating to "take advantage of the whole

weekend to get the most for your money."

The first ArtsETC event of the year is "Chicago Blues Explosion," at 8 p.m. in Dana Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.

Family members may meet faculty members at the morning mixer at Hege Library, 10:15 a.m., Sat. Lyndrup said that students should tell their families who their professors are in advance if they are interested in talking with faculty.

The President's brunch will be held at 11:00 a.m., after the mixer. Faculty and student hosts will be seated among family members. The keynote address, "Conservation of Controversies," will be given by Professor of Biology Lynn Mosely. Jazz entertainment will be provided by Trio a la Freundt.

Lyndrup said Family Weekend is strategically planned after students have been in school a month because around this time, "students and parents are missing each other; students can help accommodate parents to the campus."

Family weekend is "good for parents to hear how students are adjusting," Lyndrup said. "I think it turns out to be a satisfying visit for both the parents and the students."

First-year seminars expand in quality

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The first-year seminar program, FYS, is once again on its way; the twenty courses currently offered to first-year students appear to be a favorable improvement over the IDS or interdisciplinary courses formerly offered to incoming Guilford students.

Although senior IDS courses have not been revamped, the new program replaces the introductory level interdisciplinary courses once required of first-year students. There were five IDS courses offered two years before the change to FYS, four IDS courses the year before.

The FYS program was developed by Dave MacInnes, Jr., chair to the chemistry department, last year. This is the second year it has been offered to incoming students.

Max Carter, campus ministry coordinator who developed the new FYS course known as "Plain People," said that the program was "developed as a response to criticism of IDS."

John Stoneburner, Craven Professor of Religious Studies, is the current FYS coordinator. Stoneburner said that, "without hard data there seems to be more enthusiasm on the parts of students and faculty" concerning the first-year seminar program. He also said that the FYS courses better "match students' interests with what's being offered" than the former IDS courses.

Deborah Youtzy, a senior history major, agreed: "The FYS classes seem more useful than the class I took freshman year for my IDS."

One course that seems to be stirring up enthusiasm is Carter's course "Plain People: Exploring the Possibility of Simplicity." The course, he said, attempts to look at "alternative ways of living." Plain people of historical interest are integral to the course and include the Amish, the Puritans, the Mennonites, and, of course, the Quakers.

Carter, a Quaker minister, was interested in developing the course due to his own interest in the Quaker way of life: "I've always
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