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NEWS LINE

SENATE AND UNION TICKETS NAMED

Special Projects Committee announced the names of the candidates seeking office for Senate and Union. The two tickets for Senate are:

(in order from Pres, VP, Treas., and Secretary):

•Richard Ewell
Chris Behm
Brian Burton
Terrance Lasterr

•Wade Tomlinson
Gail Kasun
Nick Remmes
Shingai Jaravaza

Union has one ticket running:

•Megan McSheffery
Andy Swanson
Lehia Sobsey
(Treasurer has not been named).

BONNER'S COORDINATOR NAMED

Cary Eby has been hired as the Coordinator of the Bonner Scholars Program.

Having a full-time coordinator will help Guilford better meet the needs of its sixty Bonner Scholars.

Eby joins Judy Harvey Bailey, new Director of the Bonners Scholar Program.

WHITLOW TO READ POETRY

Carolyn Beard Whitlow, associate professor of English, will read from her poetry Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery, Founders Hall.

This is Whitlow's second semester at Guilford, where she has played an active role in hosting and reading of poetry.

Black history month begins

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Staff Writer

The month of February has been set aside as Black History Month, to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Africans in society.

Guilford, too, joins in the recognition, with activities sponsored by the African American Cultural Society (AACS).

During this month, AACS has planned discussions, forums, celebrations, and guest speakers according to Lynn Harris, the group's president.

These activities include such things as a program on what it means to be black and pro-black on a white campus, including misconceptions of black pride.

There will be a continuation from Martin Luther King Day of the discussion about racism on campus. A panel and discussion on the issue of being a black man at Guilford by black male students

will be held.

A program on Martin Luther King Jr. that was postponed from MLK Day, with the scheduled guest speaker, Dr. C. Don Steger, the assistant city manager for Charlotte, is also to be held.

Extending beyond February, AACS plans to continue their celebration into Women's History Month, emphasizing the contributions of black women to society.

AACS also plans to host a speaker or to hold a discussion at each of their regular meetings, such as the forum on the use of the word "nigger," which was the topic of their last meeting. These, they hope, will be a component of all of their meetings from now on, according to Harris.

The long-term goal of Black History Month, according to Katrina Wilder, the AACS vice-president, is "to educate about black history on a predominately

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Guilford attrition: More students leaving while fewer enter

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Recently released figures show slight increases in both Guilford's attrition and academic probation rates.

In 1993, 10.5% of all first-time entrants did not return for a second semester at Guilford, a rise from the 9% figure of 1992. The numbers also show a 3 percent rise from 1992, from 11% to 14%, in the number of students on academic probation.

Coordinator of Academic Advising Jerry Godard, who compiled the retention statistics, said the new numbers are not a cause for alarm.

"I think cause for attention is probably more appropriate," said Godard. "There have been worse years than this I'm sure."

Godard said the rise in the attrition rate can partly be attributed to the fact that Guilford accepted a higher percentage of its applicant pool in 1993, despite the smaller actual numbers of first-time entrants.

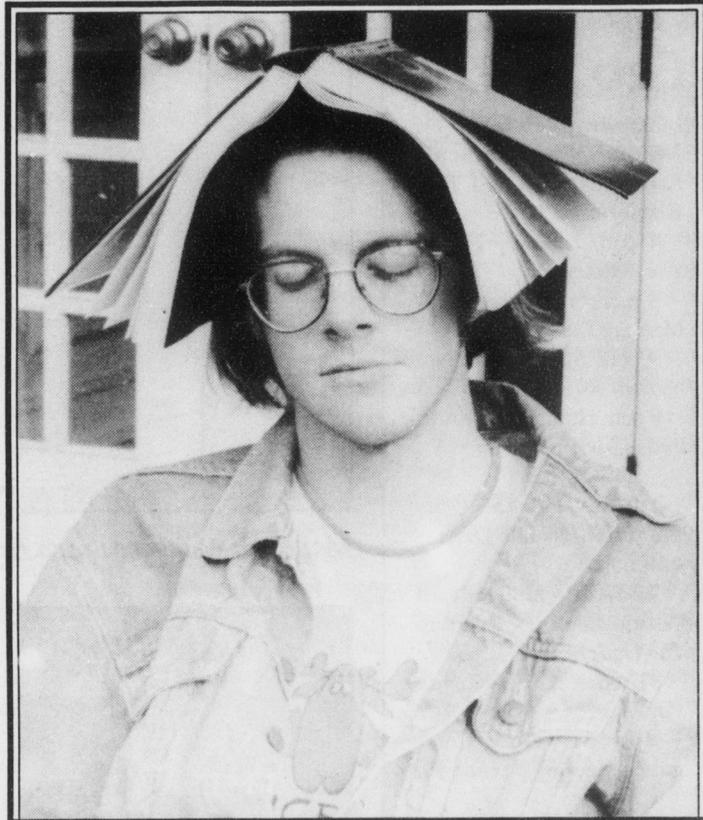
In 1993 there were 383 new students, while 1992 saw 401 new entrants.

Of the 45 first-time students who did not return for the spring semester, five were on academic leave and 14 were either dismissed, suspended, or academically withdrawn.

Students on academic leave are those who plan on returning to Guilford in the fall, but are pursuing academic interests elsewhere this semester. These students are not represented in the 10.5% attrition figure.

In 1992, 34 first-time students did not return for a second semester. Of those 34, ten were

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OSMOSIS: Chris Atack attempts an old learning trick. He adds a new element by sleeping in the sun. How successful was it? Just ask Chris.

Photo by Daphne Lewis

Celebration of King holiday discussed

Gail Kasun
News Editor

How will Guilford celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.?

This was the question discussed at the forum concerning King on Feb. 2, in the Gallery. Provost Dan Poteet led the forum.

Poteet said that the issue has been discussed in several organizations, but thought that it would be helpful to offer the community a forum wherein their ideas "that may not have already entered discussion" could be heard.

Several faculty, staff and students provided ideas and asked questions.

The most debated question was whether King's birthday should be a day off for the entire campus.

"The current plan [of activities and events on a regular class day] creates a lot of confusion," History Professor Sarah Malino said. "It's not a satisfactory solution."

"There are people who say declaring it a holiday will have a reverse effect of what the college intends," Poteet said, explaining that it would create a three-day weekend.

Other reasons which could discourage the declaration of the day as a holiday: it would create a disruption in the flow of the academic calendar, Quaker institutions do not single out individuals for holidays, and it would create a logistical problem of when that day's activities would get done, Poteet said.

"None of the reasons has any particularly overwhelming force at this time," Poteet said.

Students said that they missed scheduled activities at Guilford on King's birthday because teachers had planned quizzes for that day, and they also did not want to miss class.

"I think it's important that everybody has the opportunity to

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