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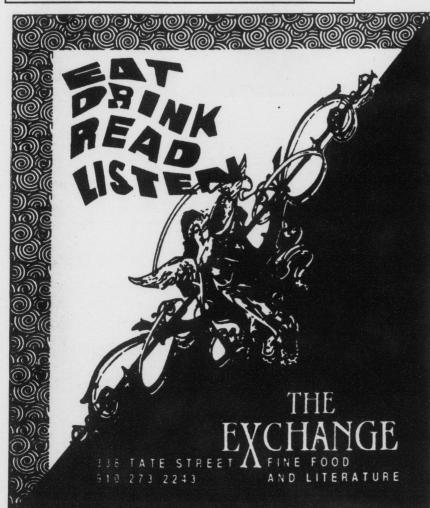
### Beg Your Pardon

The December 1 article on the SACS Reaffirmation team visit needs three clarifications:

• Southern Association action on reaffirmation of the college's accredidation occurs in several months, in resonse to the visiting team's report and the college's response to the report. Thus, reaccredidation has not yet occurred.

• The visiting team did not express "concern for the Board of Trustees." Rather, the team asked that the Board review one particular by-law provision and also affirm explicitly its establishing of one specific aspect of college policy. These are essentially technical suggestions. Neither suggests doubts about college actions related to either matter.

• The "significant change" in the Admissions Office operations called for in the self-study, which was based on information collected through 1993-94, has been accomplished.



# Holder resigns as C.F.O.

#### KARI ALBERTSON

Carlos Holder has resigned from the position of Chief Financial Officer after one and a half years of service to students and college.

According to Dan Poteet, "Carlos offered his resignation, which was not requested or forced. Several days later after consulting with some of the community members, President Bill Rogers accepted the resignation."

He went on to say that Rogers' "memo to the community made clear that several considerations led to the acceptance of the resignation."

Holder had no comment concerning the circumstances involving his resignation. However, he did attest that there were negative reasons and no forewarning.

Holder went on to say, "I was saddened by the situation, but there was nothing I could do about it."

Bill Rogers, President of the college, stated, "I was initially puzzled that Carlos wanted to leave. I thought we could work things out."

In his memo to the community, Rogers stated that although Carlos did a lot of positive work for the college, "there were points at which Carlos did not feel comfortable with his status at the college and; the 'fit' of our expectations and our decision making, governance, and communication emphases, did not seem sufficiently compatible."

Rogers also said, "the working relationship in the college will be done even better now. People are working together now."

Poteet said "Carlos' resignation was absolutely not a dismissal, and important initiatives for which he had major resonsibilities will continue."

These things include, among others, budget control and development, food service improvement and planning for renovation of the Underground. Among his plans to improve student services on campus were a new student center and card access for residence halls.

"I'll try to keep working on some of the projects that had been started with him that would affect and improve student life," said Mona Olds, Dean of Student Life.

Tanya Haggerty, who worked with Holder last year as chairperson of the Senate Student Services Committee, considered him "the backbone of administration that supported students. All the stuff he does, he does for the students."

Holder affirmed, "I did a lot of things for the students at their request. The students and faculty at Guilford are wonderful. I was doing my best to emphasize that specialness. I am sorry I did not get the chance to continue."

"Carlos was not the only one who was listening to students. We are all very committed to doing that, and will continue to respond to their needs," said Rogers.

Lauren Stein, a Milner representative who also worked with Holder on student services improvements, commented, "I find it especially disturbing and distressing that the administration didn't talk about the situation or explain it to the students—even though it has a major impact on us."

Holder stated, "I'm better off for having been there, and Guilford is better off for me having been there both financially and student-wise."

He went on to say, "I have a vested interest to see that Guilford does well, the best it could possibly be. I'll miss it. We were doing some wonderful things that I wanted to finish."

Senate Treasurer David Fleig added, "I think there is still a lot of information that needs to come out about it. I was sad to see him go and I look forward to a time when there will be a better understanding between him and the school."

Holder emphasized that he was "walking away with dignity and grace." He affirmed that it had been a great experience by far, but that he is sorry it didn't work out in some areas. "I will land on both feet. I am good at what I do."

## Maintenance problems force phase-out of Fraziers

#### KARI ALBERTSON news editor

Alternative housing will be lessened in the coming years as the Frazier apartment houses are phased out due to maintenance and upkeep problems.

George Segebede of Residential Life stated, "We're concerned that the maintenance support structure will give out," leaving many students suddenly without housing.

Built in the 1950s, the Fraziers were originally intended to have an expected life of twenty years. After approximately forty years of use, the plumbing and electrical systems are getting old and worn out.

John Lindstrom, Maintenance Director, commented, "The cost of bringing the apartments up to current codes and standards would cost more than what the buildings are actually worth."

Linda Golden, a single parent of three children who lives in a Frazier, expressed, "I think it's a terrible idea. There's a great sense of community. We have other responsibilities besides school, like work and family, so we can get support from each other." Residential Life would like to keep the buildings up as long as possible, but they

buildings up as long as possible, but they are taking precautions to avoid a complete breakdown of the support structures which would create a crisis of trying to relocate people.

Segebade added, "We're trying to decrease the strain on the system and allow as many others as we can to live there longer."

He went on to say that Residential Life is "very aware that the main thing people want is single rooms, and our office has lobbied for that for years. It's not that we're not paying attention to student needs. We're just concerned for the safety of students that live in the buildings." Golden affirmed that if the Fraziers are taken out, then more alternative housing needs to be built.

"I wouldn't be at this school if it weren't for the housing," she stated.

Segebede assured that any other housing built would involve a lot of singles and small group living arrangements like those in the Dana Houses and Hildebrandt.

According to Segabede and Lindstrom, the Dana Houses and Fraziers on the north side will not be phased out.

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