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just mentioned.

Me: That is very interesting.

McNemar: It is. As we talk

one of the things that I realize is that there's a lot going on that not everybody knows about.

Some students know part of the picture and other students know

another part and it is hard to convey everything all at once so everybody has a good idea of where the college is going.

We are living in the midst of change and we have to change in ways that are consistent with our values. If we do not change I don't think we can continue to be relevant and successful. Our Quaker values are strong. We must reinforce them as we change. The real challenge is marketing Guilford to the world. We must engage alumni and friends of the college in support of the college and must enroll more students on a consistent basis: year in and year out.

Me: I agree that there are things that we could all be better informed about. This is such an extensive set of topics and I feel like I've just scratched the surface. Do you have any ideas about what action could be taken to convey information better?

McNemar: I don't. I have considered the idea of doing a bi-weekly newsletter, but I have not hit on the right solution yet to this problem of disseminating information.

The Guilfordian is critical because people read it. *The Guilfordian* helps people under-

stand some of the complexities of the issues the college faces.

Its easy to say this is right and that's wrong, but we are always balancing all kinds of issues.

We have high standards in our values, so it is not easy.

One encouraging thing is how much we value outstanding teaching and the faculty member-student relation-

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ship.

Again and again as we make hard decisions the student-teacher relationship is valued and encouraged.

With the faculty, excellence in teaching is our prime criterion for judgement. There's no question about it.

Other colleges are debating whether to reward research or teaching and Guilford is very clear on this topic. In talking to families, we must say this is what we are and what we are, rather than saying we can do everything.

If we did that, people would come here for too many different reasons and not find what they're looking for. We have high ideals, and we inevitably fall short of our ideals. Sometimes we get discouraged or cynical, but the worst thing in the world is to give up your ideals.

We can't be satisfied with saying there is mediocrity, racism, or injustice in society and we just have to accept it.

We must be committed to a better society and develop the skills to accomplish the changes. That's part of what it means to produce leaders of change, help people find the courage and hope to improve society.

Gabriel takes reins as president; budget presented

•Budget committee cut record request for \$561,706 down to \$298,987

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American Cultural Society, and WQFS 90.9 FM.

If you lost a scarf at the Serendipity Carnival on Saturday please let me know. Anyway, Wednesday's Senate meeting began, not with a moment of silence, but with the eating of pizza, in celebration of the final meeting of the year.

Then, for the 28th time in its history, Community Senate held its annual spring rite of passage as Shawan Gabriel took the reins from now former President Gary Young. If this event could have been overshadowed, it was—by yet another spring Senate tradition, student organization budgets. An apparent record \$561,706.90 worth of requests were made on the Student Activity Fee.

Each student pays \$135 per semester to the fund, which pays for *The Guilfordian*, *The Quaker*, and events like this past weekend's Serendipity. Significant cuts were made to most of the larger organizations, including Union, African

Track & Field's request for a \$150,000 track was denied and WQFS was granted a loan to raise money for a much-needed new transmitter. Budget Committee tends not to fund facilities investments

(like a track), but the radio station (like Community Senate) is wholly student funded and operated. In the end, Senate entrusted \$298,987.39 to forty-three different student organizations for the 1999-2000 school year.

In addition to budgets, Senate prepared further for next school year. Judicial Board and Steering Committee nominees were approved, as was Academic Affairs Committee's faculty resume proposal.

Last night (Thursday) recipients of the 1999 Dick Dyer Memorial Awards were decided. The Ceremony will be held this Tuesday evening, April 27th at 8 p.m. in the Walnut Room.

SENATE NEWS

President's Corner



Shawan Gabriel

I am excited about serving as Senate President. I look forward to bringing forth changes in our community. Our campaign slogan, "Making Community A Reality", will be carried out to the best of my ticket's ability. There are times that I walk through campus and peoples facial expressions look so sad. I don't know the reasons for everyone's problems, but I do know that it is each students duty to care about their fellow students. Why not speak? We should make this small campus, a little smaller. This will happen when we are comfortable with ourselves and comfortable about stepping out of our comfort zones.

I am glad that I am in a position that will allow me to bring the campus closer. We will have more social gatherings, so that we can meet on another and break down these walls that hinder us from becoming a closer student body. I ask that you will work with me as I take these steps towards changing our small center of higher education. You elected me, please stand behind and work with me. We have Institutional Committee positions that need to be filled. Please pick up an application at the info desk. Our voices need to be heard, and these committees are a way for this to happen. If you need anything feel free to call me. I will be here over the summer. Enjoy your time away from Guilford, but come back in the Fall ready to make some changes. Be safe!

Campus Ministries

- College Meeting for Worship — Sun., April 25th, Erin Seltzer, '99, Elementary Education and Sociology major, in the Moon room from 9:15- 10:15 am.
- College Meeting for Worship — Sun., May 2nd, Vanessa Yank, '99, clerk of GCRO and religious studies major.
- Morning Worship — unprogrammed meeting for worship weekday mornings from 8:05-8:15 a.m. in the Hut.
- Hillel — Jeff Rosner has office hours in the Hut from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Mon.
- Community Prayer — Tues. from noon to 1 p.m. in the Moon room.
- Mid-week Meeting for worship — unprogrammed worship Wed. evenings from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Hut.
- Grief Group — Thurs. 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Hut.