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Naman Hampton, Liz Nemitz, Debbie Harris, and Ryan Maher, along with several other Guilford students, went to New York City this past weekend, Feb. 1-3, to speak out against the World Economic Forum.

Senate holds forum on early college program

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Shortly after the faculty approved the implementation of an early college program, Senate hosted a forum on Wednesday evening to give students the opportunity to ask questions and receive feedback about the proposal.

Around 35 people met in Boren Lounge to hear Kathy Adams, Academic Dean, and Mona Olds, Dean of Student Life, present the plan.

Adams said the pilot program next semester would likely enroll 100 students, with an additional 100 students in the 2003-2004 school year if the trial goes well. The George White House on Friendly Ave. across from Quaker Village will serve as the program's hub.

A plethora of questions and concerns sprang from students after the introduction. Several wanted to know what services and areas of Guilford would be available to the high school students.

"We're still negotiating what services would be available, which ones would not, and which ones would be for a fee," Olds said. High school students would use the library and computer labs and could pay to eat in the cafeteria, she said.

Concerns raised included the inconvenience these students might bring, such as parking constraints and larger classes. Adams did not guarantee class sizes would remain what they are now.

Students also wondered if certain class discussions and topics would be appropriate with these younger pupils. Other students were unhappy because they saw the only benefit for Guilford from this as financial.

Some said that Guilford's priorities are mixed up and that

Senate resolves fiscal confusion; clubs return unused funds

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Community Senate was short over \$5,000 in budget spending, an issue which has now been mostly resolved.

Just before winter break, the business office informed Community Senate Treasurer Jill Burchell that there was a shortfall in the budget. Burchell needed to find over \$5,000 to pay for student activities.

"But, [Community Senate is] not just rolling over and accepting it," Burchell said at the time. She petitioned the Board of Trustees to find a way to rid her and Senate of the entire problem.

Since then, clubs have given back all funds they can do with-

out this spring. In fact, Senate now has a surplus, which it is setting aside as a type of special-events fund for clubs that may need emergency financing for, say, a coffeehouse.

But Burchell warns that the surplus is meager, and clubs should remain frugal spenders.

Additionally, Community Senate, until a few days ago, was mandated to pay for a portion of the salaries of Jeff Jeske, advisor to *The Guilfordian*, and Leslie Moss, associate director for student activities and the first-year program. Senate must also pay for the Binford Formal and the budgets of each student club. Those expenses would have put Senate in a \$15,000 hole, rather than the \$5,000 they ended up facing.

The problem was due in part

to the relatively low retention rate of first-year students after the fall semester. When students leave after the first semester, they take back half of the full-year student activity fee that they paid upon enrolling. The rate of retention was low enough to impel Community Senate to take previously allocated funds back from clubs it deemed inactive.

Senate originally said that

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