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## Pelcher, Hamdan, Vormelker, and Kennedy take senate election

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"We want Senate to work for you! To accomplish this, Senate needs an Executive Council with experience making change at Guilford."

The language of experience and change worked together to lift Joe Pelcher, Dana Hamdan, Will Vormelker, Hannah Kennedy into office for 2008, defeating Dan Jimenez, Nancy Klosteridis, Chris Pugliese, and Alex Knox. Out of the 437 students that voted, over 60 percent elected the winning ticket on March 31.

Using their combined 23 years of experience in student government and ability to accomplish effective change, they will focus on dealing with student-suggested concerns and managing senate meetings effectively.

Relying on student input for their platform, the elects want to concentrate on a myriad of suggestions and concerns students have about the Guilford community. Changing parking rules, creating a 24/7 health clinic, and installing bicycle shelters are among these requests.

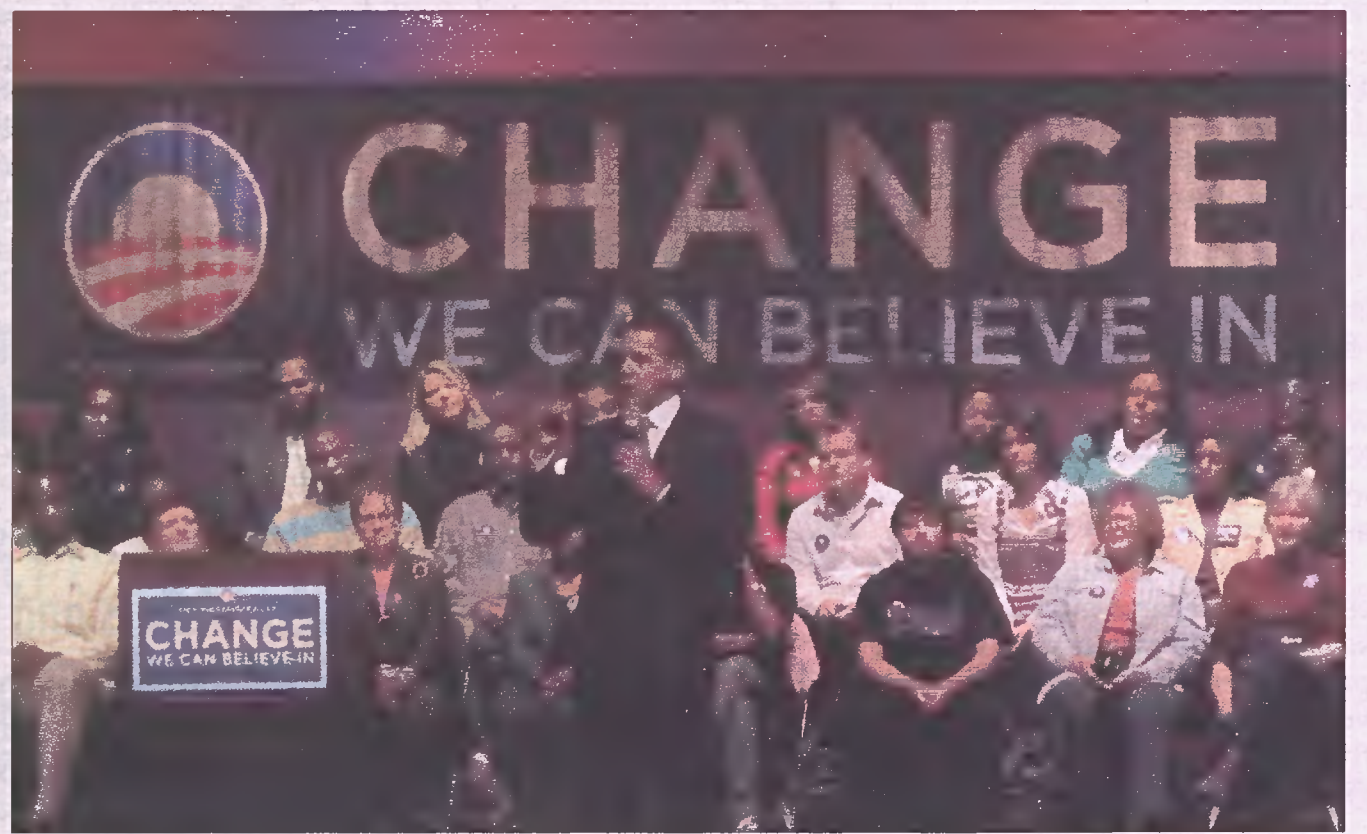
"We're not making promises about these things happening, but they are things we will definitely address," said Pelcher, president-elect, when asked if these ideas were realistic.

In response to student wishes, the new executive council plans to find more ways to advertise campus events and issues next year, having had fun campaigning with comic strip style and Harry Potter themed posters.

"Students focused on wanting more advertising for events because nobody really reads The Buzz," said Hamdan, vice-president-elect.

Another project the group will explore is utilizing the approximate \$300,000 to \$400,000 in a fund made up of unused student activity fees traditional students pay for in

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On March 26, Barack Obama's campaign trail came through Greensboro, he spoke and fielded questions in the War Memorial Auditorium.

## Barack Obama Town Meeting gets appraisal, argument in Greensboro

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The line began at 5 a.m. By 10 a.m., nearly 2,000 people extended from the War Memorial Auditorium entrance out of sight behind the Coliseum. It conjured up images of music festivals or Los Angeles freeways, the only places I've seen so many people and so much raw energy all crammed together.

Responding to this same common "rock-concert" cliché about Barack Obama campaign rallies, Max Carter, director of the Friends Center and campus ministry coordinator, said that Obama's March 26 Town Hall Meeting in Greensboro did not conform.

"I didn't see any drugs or sex the whole afternoon," Carter said. "In line it had the at-

mosphere of a big family reunion, just a big festive atmosphere."

Martha Assefa, a junior with an internship with the Democratic Party in Greensboro this semester, said the two-hour wait "seemed like nothing ... because of the positive attitude of people and the excitement."

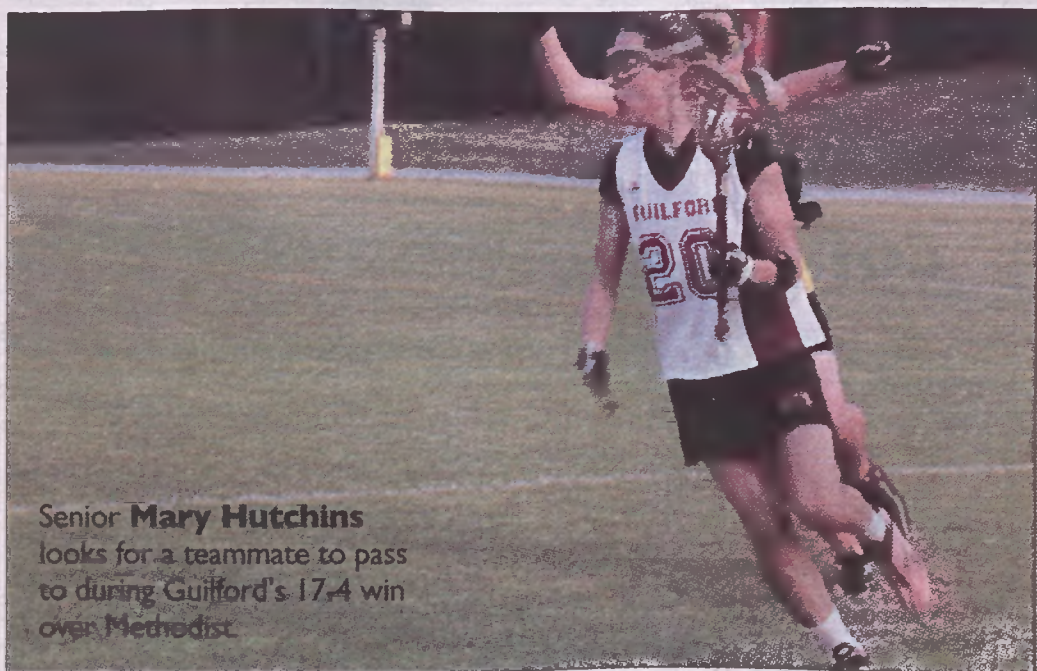
"It just felt like a group of very diverse people who were genuinely excited (about politics) for the first time in their life," she said.

Junior Hedyn Ericson, who took a year off after high school in 2004 to volunteer for the Democratic Party, attributes much of the excitement and young support Obama receives to the fact that, since 2000, "people our age be-

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Joe Pelcher, president; Dana Hamdan, vice president; Will Vormelker, treasurer; and Hannah Kennedy, secretary.



Senior Mary Hutchins looks for a teammate to pass to during Guilford's 17-4 win over Methodist.

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## Women's lacrosse reigns over the Monarchs 17-4

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Smiling broadly and laughing, the women's lacrosse team plays a relaxed game of catch. Carefree and at ease, it's like they're warming up before any practice. In reality, they're up 11-0 at halftime, while their opponents sit in a heap across the field, trying to catch their breath after chasing the Quakers around the field.

The 17-4 win against Methodist on March 26 seemed effortless after

winning the previous three games and making a bit of history.

The season didn't always seem this promising. The team got off to a rocky start, losing their first three games. But with things looking dismal, they stepped up and turned their game around, beating their next three opponents in Marymount, Lynchburg, and Greensboro Colleges.

The reason for such a turn around?

"We went back to the basics on defense," said Coach Matthew

Grosso. "It was a matter of doing what we practiced. Most of the time, if the team is paying attention and following what we practice it works ... If we could go back to the first games and played like we are right now, we could have won."

The win against Lynchburg College was the first in sixteen years for the women's lacrosse program, and provided a much needed boost in moral just in time for the rivalry game against Greensboro College.

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