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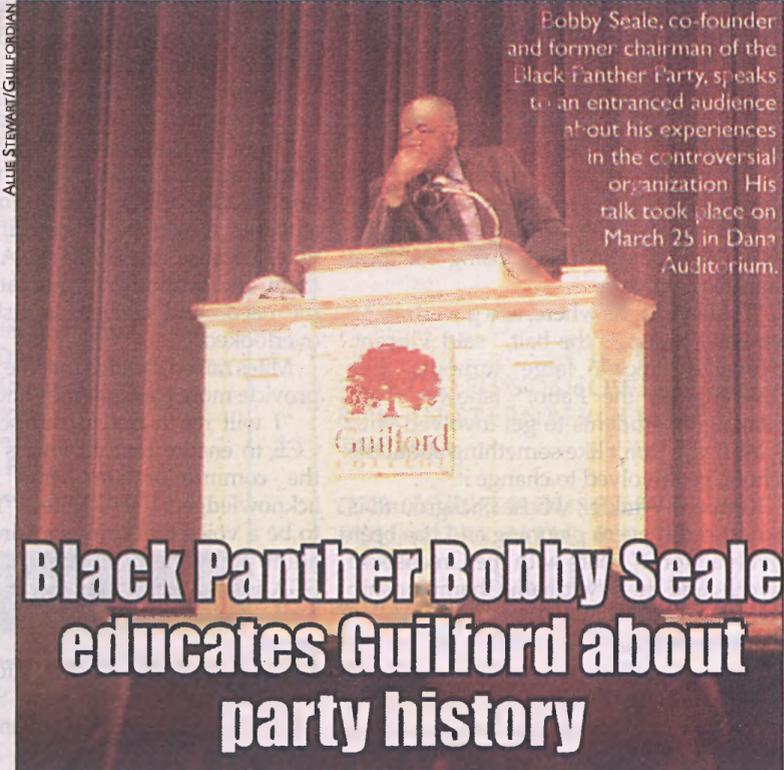
Remembering Colin Davis

Davis, a 2008 graduate of Guilford College, passed away on March 20. His legacy will live on in his many accomplishments and all of those whose lives he was a part of during his time at Guilford. Andy Rowe, head coach of men's lacrosse, shared these words about his former team member.



"Colin was part of our incoming class for the fall of 2004, the first class that I helped recruit in to turn things around here at Guilford. For four years, Colin was a great teammate, a tireless worker, and someone that I could always count on when times got tough. He never complained after losses, never was too proud after wins, he always came to play; day in and day out. This is something that has definitely rocked our foundation; losing someone so young and way too soon. We will try to carry on his spirit, to be selfless, hard working, and to enjoy our time together playing. We know that for the rest of our season he'll be watching over us and giving us the strength we need to finish the season strong."

Colin Davis '08 hugs senior Krystal Parrish and his mom Cathy.



Bobby Seale, co-founder and former chairman of the Black Panther Party, speaks to an entranced audience about his experiences in the controversial organization. His talk took place on March 25 in Dana Auditorium.

Black Panther Bobby Seale educates Guilford about party history

CCE SGA announces nominees

By Mary Bubar
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The CCE Student Government Association (SGA) announced its candidates for 2009-10 on March 27 at "Evening on the Patio."

The pouring rain drove students and candidates into Hendricks lounge to enjoy the Drew Hayes Band and an indoor cookout. CCE Dean Rita Serotkin named the nominees for SGA offices to the good-sized crowd of attendees.

Mathew Williams and incumbent president Jessica Butler are the candidates for the office of CCE SGA president. The office holds the responsibility of overseeing student activities and acts as a liaison to college administration.

Butler hopes to institute programs that will uniquely benefit CCE students.

"The most important part of being the president of SGA is

holding myself accountable for the 'college experience' adults are looking for at Guilford," said Butler. "The most important function of SGA is giving back. All the money students pay for their activity fee should be used for events that interest adults and allows them to involve their families."

Williams wants to focus on connecting CCE students through community activities.

"I would like to see more meaningful and memorable events hosted by the CCE SGA — events geared towards networking and creating a sense of community would be of great benefit," said Williams. "This would help us all realize just how important our education is and show us the many possibilities available to us."

Both candidates agree that communication is the key to student representation.

"I tell students where they can

find me. I receive e-mails, letters, and I am always listening to ideas that students have to make their college experience better," said Butler. "We also utilize campus resources such as The Guilfordian and WQFS to let the students know that we are here."

Williams wants to promote technology as another avenue of communication.

"I hope to make the CCE SGA more accessible and more transparent by utilizing the resources already available," said Williams. "Places like Facebook and Twitter provide great opportunities to interact more meaningfully with the CCE population."

Heather Brennan was named candidate for Secretary, and current Treasurer Natalie Bowks will remain in that position for another semester.

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By Maria Kupper
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"They called us hoodlums, and thugs, but we were avid readers and researchers—many of us had gumption," said Bobby Seale, who co-founded the Black Panther Party (BPP) with Huey Newton in 1968.

Seale spoke in Dana auditorium on March 25, in addition to a luncheon and a book signing, organized by BUS.

BUS's advertisements in the greater Greensboro community attracted many local students and adults. The Guilford Jazz Ensemble opened for the lecture as about 300 attendees shuffled inside, many sporting Bobby Seale or BPP t-shirts.

"It was great that he could come to Greensboro to speak, a place with so much Civil Rights history," said sophomore Marcus Daughtry-Edghill, whose mother was a part of the BPP youth movement in Brooklyn. "More people need to know this history. I want Guilford to lead more in our values of diversity and continue having events like this, with leaders from the so-called fringe who really had foresight into what equality could be like."

Some students expressed a lack of knowledge about Seale prior to his lecture.

People think the BPP was just a black movement," said Bellamy-Miller. "Just like BUS here. A lot of people don't realize that we also work with other cultural groups, such as the Hispanos Unidos de Guilford, the International Club, and the Native American club."

Seale emphasized how the BPP was not just concerned about black people. They worked with many liberal white organizations, as well as Puerto Ricans and Asian groups.

"I knew they were an African American activist group," said

junior Jonathon Richter. "But I thought they were more violent. I didn't know about all of the legal awareness the group had."

Both BUS members and students highlighted how meeting Bobby Seale and hearing his lecture helped dispel many of the inaccurate ideas they had about the BPP. Seale explained the party's platforms and the reasons they carried guns.

"We did not believe in violence," said Seale. "What we really believed in was self-defense. We were willing to take the arrests. We made it mandatory for all members to learn about laws, especially about the legal use of guns."

The movement was as much about unity and community building as it was a force against severe police brutality.

In a phone interview, Seale pointed out his efforts to educate members from all 49 chapters across the US to organize the first free breakfast program that fed around 240,000 kids five days a week. They also started health clinics that provided free sickle-cell anemia tests, education centers and programs to help people register to vote. The BPP worked with approximately 30 other coalitions, such as the Poor People's Organization to achieve their goals.

Seale disapproved of people who joined the party for reasons other than improving community, kicking many of them out of the party. When asked about cases of violence, he said, "Many of the shootouts occurred as a result of documented attempts by the FBI and government officials, such as J. Edgar Hoover, to destroy BPP leadership."

Although his agenda did not intend for violence, party members were convicted of violent crimes, such as George Sams who

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Klosteridis' ticket wins Senate executive election

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On March 30, students elected the 2009-10 Community Senate executives: President Nancy Klosteridis, Vice President Trevor Corning, returning Secretary Hannah Kennedy, and Treasurer Jordan Auleb.

With 42 percent voter participation, this election marks a 12 percent increase compared with the 2007 and 2008 elections.

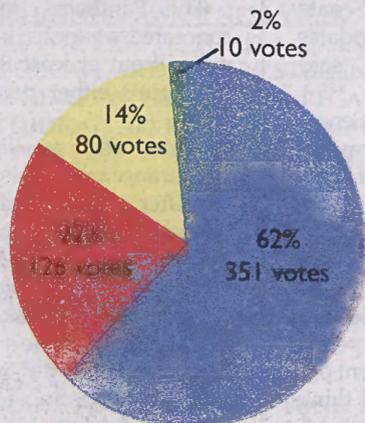
Out of the 567 total ballots cast, 351 supported the winning ticket. Caroline Hemeter, Jada Daniel, Ellie

Taylor, and Bryanna Vohs's received 126 votes. Ten votes were write-ins and 80 were counted as abstentions.

Many of the abstainers participated in an abstention campaign organized by sophomore Zak Wear and members of his disqualified executive ticket. Wear and others passed out fliers on election day calling for a more "horizontal leadership formation," achieved through eliminating executive positions.

"The idea of an abstention campaign is absolutely

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■ Nancy's ticket
■ Caroline's ticket
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RESULTS OF SENATE EXECUTIVE ELECTION