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Big Tree Topples

by Jennifer Park

A large red oak tree in front of Sternberger Auditorium was blown over on Feb. 26. The tree fell across the flagstone walk creating a dent in the bushes lining the path. The tree's roots also broke and lifted a large piece of the sidewalk.

Dr. Fulcher, chairman of the biology department, counted the rings of the tree while it was being cut up and he told Bill Scott, Guilford College Grounds Manager, that the tree was 223 years old.

Scott said, "We had looked at taking it down," in the past year or two because of disease and deadwood. He decided the tree was, "viable enough to leave it there."

The tree was toppled by a "wind from the east, which is a rarity," Scott said. He said most winds here are from the north and west. After the tree fell one could see where the east side had already died, he said. Scott explained that the "only reason" the tree fell was the direction of the wind, and that the tree had endured equal and greater winds from other directions.

Scott estimated that 80 hours were spent removing the tree. He said he expected new concrete for the sidewalk to be poured early this week if the weather remained good.

Scott said some of the wood from trees that die is set aside for use in campus fireplaces. This includes two fireplaces in Founders, one in CCE building, and another in the President's house, he said. He explained that the President needs wood to burn when he is hosting college functions. The remainder of the wood is dumped behind the maintenance building with other

deadwood and brush gathered on campus. There it is available "for anyone (faculty, staff and students) who wants to come down and cut it up," Scott said. As the tree was living before it fell the wood is green and needs to dry before it is burned.

Scott said that the school has a tree replacement program. "Every time we lose a tree we go in and replace it," Scott said. He said that the grounds department would like to plant replacements for diseased and dying trees in advance so that when the tree goes the replacement is already in place.

The replacements are not necessarily the same kind or in the same place as the tree that was lost. Scott said that the replacement for the one that blew over will probably be a white or black oak. He explained that there are very few black oak on the campus. Scott said that the place where the tree was standing is "too confined" for a replacement. The next few replacements, including two for the trees cut down over break for the cafeteria addition, will probably be near Hege-Cox and Archdale, he said.

Since he came to Guilford five years ago Scott says there have been five or six trees lost. He said three suffered from a condition known as oak decline and one or two have been damaged by lightning. Scott said that to the best of his knowledge the deep root feeding program carried out this spring was the "first in the history of the school." This program was the source of the larger holes that dotted the lawn last month. Approximately 70% of the large trees received this treatment designed to improve health and longevity.



Photo by Tom Risser

During the spring break, construction workers began removing trees and sidewalks outside the cafeteria in preparation for construction of the new addition.

Addition To Cafeteria Started

by Donna Horton

Construction began during spring break on the new \$450,000 cafeteria expansion.

James C. Newlin, Guilford's Director of Financial Affairs, said that the new addition will include 100 extra seats in the main dining room. The dining room now seats 230. (Plans are shown on Page 5)

A portion of the L-shaped addition, raised several feet above the main floor, will include a 50-foot long greenhouse-type glass wall.

Improvements are also slated for the grill room. 34 seating spaces will be added on an elevated plane identical to the

cafeteria's. In line with the greenhouse upstairs, windows will be added to allow more light into the basement area. Newlin said a glass covered walkway will be built between Sternberger and the cafeteria.

Newlin said the expansion will be paid for with an advance from quasi-endowment funds. He also said the money will be paid back with room and board fees over the next ten years.

Dick Coe, Associate Business manager, said, "Essentially, we are borrowing from ourselves." The college usually likes to have the capital ready before a project is started. Newlin however said, the cafeteria expansion was needed to relieve overcrowding.

Coe said that the Board of Trustees accepted the proposal in January and the college moved on it because we wanted to finish this before the capital drive for the \$3 million library addition began.

The project is set to be completed in August by builder Jack Wakefield. In May, if Dick Coe decides the project cannot be completed by August, only the L-shaped addition will be finished

in August, 1984, Newlin said.

He said that expansion of food serving lines and addition of private dining rooms would then be completed as a 1985 summer project.

Construction will not interrupt regular cafeteria business through the rest of the semester. Newlin said. As usual the cafeteria will be closed the month of May, first session summer school. Newlin said most of the inside work will be done then.

Before a decision to do the addition this year was reached Newlin said that the architect Frank Asbury's plans were presented to the Senate Food Committee and the Senate.

Diana Wurster, co-chairperson of the Senate Food Committee, said of the addition, "It'll give people a place to socialize other than the library." She said Founders would be more of a student building.

Bo Markley, the other co-chairperson of the Senate Food Committee, said, "Rarely, have I seen a project carried out so quickly and so well. I commend the administration for making these much needed improvements for students."

Senate Notes

by Becky Gunn

New President Tom Jarrell opened his first Senate meeting last Wednesday with the traditional moment of silence. Jarrell then announced that he had applications for anyone interested in becoming an academic Senator, after which he introduced his Vice President John Goodwin who gave the Senate budget

report.

Nathan Bohn and Jim Freeman, chair persons of the Senate Auction Committee, gave an update report on the service auction which will take place this Friday, March 23. Other topics discussed at the meeting included Lobbying day in Washington, D.C. (March 26) and more news on N.C. FICUS.

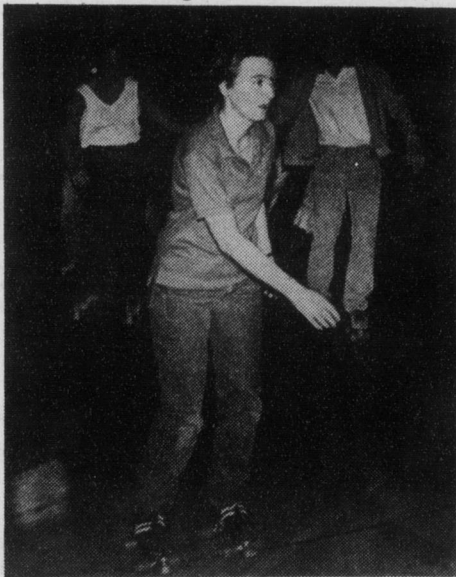


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Lyn Beasley (left) skates rapidly towards a startled Neil Davis (right) during Friday night's midnight skate. Recent reports indicate they survived the imminent collision.