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## Trees to be cut...

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The new addition to the trees and shrubbery on campus, or color-coding by spray-paint, has been implemented as a measure to determine which trees and shrubbery will be removed or relocated.

Many students have raised concerns about the "spray-painting" of numerous trees and shrubs on our campus as well as questions about the progress of the new brick walkway, conditions of the lawns around campus, and other maintenance issues.

According to Art Kopcsak, "Visiting experts of landscaping, security, and maintenance disciplines have identified certain trees and shrubs as detriments to the overall appearance and safety of the campus."

These overgrown shrubs and trees are also prohibiting the proper

growth and surviveability of the plant life at Guilford.

This overgrowth has occurred as a result of a long-term reluctance to properly and actively prune and "limb up" these trees and shrubbery.

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Many of the plants that need pruning were purchased ten to thirty years ago because they were inexpensive and fast-growing.

These trees and plants have grown to sizes that create safety and security hazards.

Although MFPEs has installed

twenty-five light fixtures from Founders and Bryan Halls towards Dana Auditorium in past years, the trees and bushes block passage of light. When the light is not allowed to penetrate to the ground, this creates a security problem.

Students, parents and presidents of other institutions have voiced alarm about the dark shadows caused by the overgrowth as well as inability to see whether or not there is anyone hiding behind these large plants.

The administration decided that it was necessary to investigate the visibility problem created by the overgrowth.

To eliminate possible security hazards, Guilford College asked Dick Bell, a consultant from the Bell and Glazner Design Group, to prune and trim some plantings

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Some of the trees and shrubbery to be removed from campus.

## Education Studies Department conducts faculty search

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News editor

The Education Studies department is conducting a search for a new faculty member this year.

"The search has gone fine. We're in the middle of the process," said Education Studies faculty member Claire Helgeson.

Deirdre Murphy, a junior in the Education Studies department, explained why a new faculty member was needed. "Last year, at the end of the spring semester, one of our staff members moved to Cali-

fornia because his wife took a job there. That left us with only three faculty members in the department. Because of the number of courses we offer, we need four professors."

Helgeson explained that an ad was run last semester in The

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Chronicle of Higher Education for the position. "People applied at the end of last semester; we're reviewing them now." Helgeson said that around 90 people applied.

"We are now interviewing," Helgeson added. "All interview processes involve a public lecture and teaching a class, and interviews with a Faculty Affairs subcommittee."

"It's truly an exciting experience as one gets to shape one's own education by participating in the faculty search," said Tucker Page, a junior secondary education major.

"We are tending toward candi-

dates in social studies with a strong background not only in college teaching but in public high school teaching as well," Helgeson commented.

Murphy said, "I think that public school experience is important. We [the students of the education studies department] have a lot of interaction in public schools."

"Our classes involve a lot of field work in the public schools so it's helpful to have a faculty member who has some sort of connection with the public schools," explained Murphy.

The new faculty member will be hired as a secondary education specialist. "In considering candidates it important to find someone who is compatible with the department; you also want someone bold who will challenge the existing ideology in a positive manner," said Page.

"As a secondary education major, I must also consider the candidates' experience in public schools," continued Page.

"We are interviewing people from various parts of the country. We will probably have three or four [candidates] on campus," said Helgeson.

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Despite his modest assertion, "There's nothing distinguished about me," Stephen Collett appeared for Religious Emphasis Week as Guilford's Distinguished Quaker Visitor.

The director of the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) addressed the Guilford community several times last week.

Collett is a development geographer and a graduate of Haverford College and the University of Colorado. He has been Director of the QUNO at UN headquarters in New York since 1986. He specializes in issues of regional security, disarmament and sustainable development.

QUNO provides UN members with a "neutral space" for discussions and encourages representatives of different countries to work together. These meetings are arranged at the Quaker House. This, according to Collett, provides "second hand mediation," between people who would not otherwise meet.

In one of his various speeches, Collett commented on Quakers' position on international issues such as disarmament, children's and women's rights, sanctions and world

peace. "We want a peaceful society... We don't believe in war," said Collett, but he nevertheless acknowledged the difficulty in resolving some issues such as the intervention in Somalia or the war in Bosnia.

During his main talk, entitled "Implications of the Earth Summit: Building a Sustainable Society," held last Thursday Jan. 27 at 8:00 pm in the Gallery, Collett spoke enthusiastically about the Earth Summit, which he attended last summer in Rio de Janeiro. "We have been poorly served by our media [on this topic] in this country," he said. However, he expressed that the vast amount of information related to this topic couldn't be covered in such a short speech.

Collett was very optimistic about the implications this international convention will have for the environment, an issue which has just recently gained status among the priorities being discussed by the UN. He said however that "people need to be reattuned" for the agreements to be carried through.

A wide range of problems was addressed at the conference such as the ozone layer, the global climate change, the depletion of fresh  
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