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"Dookie," while taking his customary walk, distracts one student as she tries to read.

A friend's reflections: SOAN professor's life remembered

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Several dangerous and exciting years spent in Central America as a Jesuit priest was only part of the rich life led by Chris Gjording, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology.

Gjording was a man of more than one pursuit, according to Dean of Students Jerry Godard, who was with Gjording when he died.

"He knew liberation theology; he was a classicist, a guitarist, and knew football, too," Godard said. "He went about dying the way he went about living, fully and concerned for detail."

Gjording was 50 when he died July 5, in Seattle. His struggle with cancer was finally lost.

"In his last eight hours of life, he was rational, clear, feisty, and in pain," Godard said. "He died standing up, fully dressed, and surrounded by his closest friends and sister."

"His major contribution was in the wonderful way he invited all of us to be a part of his life--including the fact that he was dying."

"Death was not [Gjording's] preoccupation," Godard said. "Although he was dying, he was not a dying man."

However, Godard warned



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against idealizing Gjording: "Chris would be, in his words, pissed, if we idealized him too much. If we turned him into a saint, he would at least be quite amused."

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sadness" involved with Gjording's death. "Here was a guy full into his career. The students and faculty won't be able to engage in that because he's dead."

A memorial service will be held on Wed., Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Moon Room of Dana Auditorium. It will be led by Max Carter in the manner of Friends. All are welcome to attend.

I-40 incident over...almost

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Guilford student Nellie Appleby '95 and alumnus Alicia Grant '93 received a deferred dismissal of charges of indecent exposure stemming from an incident last Feb. 17.

On that date, Appleby and Grant took turns posing nude and taking pictures along a section of Interstate 40 near Wendover Avenue. A three-mile traffic jam was caused by motorists slowing down to observe Appleby and Grant.

The charges will be dismissed on Nov. 16, provided neither Appleby nor Grant are charged with any crimes before that time.

"It was fun. It was worth it" Grant said. "It's just too bad that one roll of film ended up costing us \$500."

The pair made T-shirts to offset the cost of fines and legal fees. In the shirt's design are the words "I-40: Proper Dress Required." The shirts are available at B.B.'s Compact Discs in Quaker Village.

New endowed chairs appointed due to faculty retirements

Jeff Johnson
Staff writer

Almost half of Guilford's ten endowed chairs have been recently appointed due to many faculty retirements and departures.

Richie Zweigenhaft, Dana professor of psychology; Adele Wayman, Hege professor of art; Sheridan Simon, Jefferson-Pilot professor of physics; and Bill Grubbs, Stedman professor of accounting, have been named to fill the endowed chair positions.

These positions have been filled because of the large number of retirements in the past two years, said Academic Dean Kathy Adams. Ed Caudill, Anne Deacon, Paul Zopf, and Herb Appenzeller are the chairs who left their positions. The faculty seem to retire in clumps because of the large number of faculty members hired in the late sixties and early seventies.

None of the interviewed faculty

seem sure about what defines an endowed chair at Guilford.

"I've been here 15 years, and I've seen people with endowed chairs come and go, and I've generally applauded the decisions to award those," says Bill Schmickle. "But after 15 years, I haven't the foggiest notion what criteria are used to decide the awarding of those chairs."

"I think that there's less tension to the hierarchical structure in terms of the way that we relate to each other," said Zweigenhaft.

Being awarded an endowed chair is a great honor at Guilford, but it doesn't mean a nice paneled office, said Simon.

Endowed chairs are usually awarded to senior members of the faculty. According to Zweigenhaft, "I've aged into the generation that receives these chairs. It seems like not that long ago I was just a kid from California."

The Academic Dean, however, gave clear criteria for awarding an endowed chair.

Good teaching is emphasized,

Adams said. Five endowed chairs are Dana Professors that are awarded specifically to faculty members who excel in teaching. Other chair positions are awarded to teachers who excel in specific areas, such as the Hege Professor, which is awarded for excellence in the humanities.

In the appointment process, the Academic Dean gives her list of candidates to the Faculty Affairs Committee (F.A.C.). The Dean also solicits suggestions from the F.A.C. They discuss the promotions and send their recommendations to the Provost and then to the President. Adams said they have the final word in the matter with the "power of veto".

"We are looking for people who have made significant contributions to the college, and those contributions can come in a variety of forms," said Adams. "Contributions" can include anything from good scholarly work to creating an environment in which students and faculty can grow and thrive.