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## McNemar proposes changes

♦President's plan includes a 25 percent cut in faculty and a new curriculum.

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Guilford prides itself on being a community. The community is now reeling from the announcement August 21 that the school may lay off 25 percent of the faculty.

President Don McNemar said that the school is not generating the revenue that it needs. More students are going to public universities. The personal attention that Guilford gives to students is no longer cost-effective. "Parents value it, but they won't pay for it," said McNemar. "We are subject to the market and the market has changed."

Last year, Guilford's budget had a \$750,000 deficit, a big difference from a few years ago. It has been several years since the faculty has received raises. "It is bad already that we are into a few years of no raises," said McNemar. But when we're ten years into no raises... we can't go there."

McNemar says that students will still receive the personal attention they have come to expect, however. "Guilford's strength is that we have excellent teachers,"



Don McNemar (center) talks to Elwood Parker (left) and Bill Stevens

McNemar said. "We want to continue that tradition, but we may not be able to offer that to students in the exact same way we have in the past."

Actually, the number of students at Guilford have diminished in the past few years while the number of faculty has stayed the same. The school is currently below the target student-to-faculty ratio of 15:1.

McNemar also wants to uphold the strong tradition of giving students financial aid and keeping

tuition as low as possible. He wants the school to be affordable for as many people as possible.

Guilford borrowed the money that it used this summer for all of the improvements on campus. The college felt like the improvements were necessary in order to keep Guilford competitive with other colleges.

The motivation for these changes is not purely financial. McNemar believes that the school could emphasize Guilford's special strengths by better integrating the

preprofessional program, the liberal arts program, and Guilford's traditional Quaker values.

Don McNemar wants to first redesign the curriculum of the school so that it can best prepare students for the world outside of Guilford. Then the school will decide which faculty members will be cut. The school is putting together task forces to look at ways in which Guilford can be changed.

The cuts will not be across the board—all departments will not be asked to make equal cuts. The administration will take cuts as well as the faculty. Also, the cuts will not be decided solely on numbers. Programs which do not enroll many students will not necessarily be phased out.

"Some programs with few students teach a fundamental way of thinking, a fundamental value," said Provost Dan Poteet. "You cut those out, you lose the college."

McNemar wants to reassure students that the program they are involved in will continue. "We have an obligation to students to allow them to continue in the programs they have begun. We will

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## Guilford invites police to campus

As part of the fallout from last year's security forum, GPD patrols the campus on Fridays and Saturdays

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At the beginning of last summer, a new policy went into effect regarding security on the Guilford campus. Since May, the Greensboro Police Department has supplied officers to be on duty both Friday and Saturday nights from 10:00 in the evening to 2:00 in the morning. As well, uniformed officers take what is called details and return to duty to do random drive-throughs of the college campus.

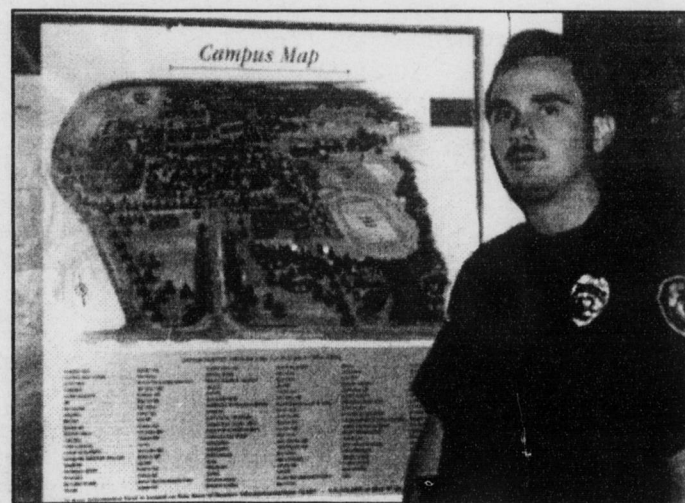
Many are concerned with this major change in rule enforcement on campus, but there are still many

who support Security's decision. Alumni Kristian Kaseman showed his enthusiasm by observing, "I love the police." Last year saw an increased level of violence on campus resulting from both non-college students on campus as well as from an increased amount of drug trafficking.

After a fight broke out late last spring and security officer Lenora Lee was hit by a male student, faculty, security, and students banded together to discuss more stringent law enforcement. The result is the patrols on campus now. The meeting was attended by Provost Dan Poteet, Dean of Student Life Mona Olds, and various faculty members, security staff, and students.

It does make sense to call in a force beyond school security. But already there is an increasing amount of tension among students and the police are looked upon with hostility and resentment.

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Many students are upset about the presence of police on campus.

*Change is a part of life.— Don McNemar*