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## Quaker Heritage Week held

◆An outgrowth of the community task force, week held to foster understanding of the college's roots

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•Guilford College does not cancel class for many of the nationally recognized holidays.

•Guilford College operates on a first-name basis.

•Guilford was a station on the Underground Railroad.

•The United States flag will never hang alone at Guilford because the community consists of more than one country. Guilford College hangs a flag in the gym to represent the native countries of students who attend Guilford.

The support structure of Guilford College is deeply rooted in Quaker philosophies. And yet, how many of us are aware of the traditions and the history, which affect our daily lives simply by living in the Guilford community?

The week of March 16-March 22 was designated as Quaker Heritage Week in part as a result of an outgrowth of the community task force. It is an attempt to begin developing a greater sense of community.



Quaker Heritage week featured many different keynote speakers.

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Max Carter, director of campus ministries, believes that, "Quaker Heritage week is a time for celebrating Quaker values and their positive impact on Guilford College and the wider community. This is an opportunity to discuss issues of race,

multiculturalism, academics, worship, and the arts."

There were many opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to get involved in various activities, which were all connected to Quakerism.

Max Carter feels that many people are curious about Quaker heritage but do not have the opportunities to learn about Quakerism. He believes that Quaker Heritage Week gave, and will continue to give, those students a variety of opportunities to increase their understanding and appreciation for Quaker traditions and history.

Among the activities available were guest speakers, such as the nationally known best selling author Phil Gully, African-American actor and storyteller Logie Meachum, and several other key speakers. Throughout the week there were historical tours, a wide variety of panel discussions, presentations, and activities. Carter's Quakerism class gave presentations on different aspects of Quaker heritage at Guilford College.

Matt Caruso, a student in Carter's class, said after giving a presentation on Guilford College athletics, "It's important that everyone at Guilford, Quaker and non-Quaker, explore and learn about the traditions here. There are many stories that I've run across in the last week that have please see **QUAKER** on pg. 2

## Three untenured faculty members departing

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After nearly a year of revising its priorities, Guilford has a fresh set of decisions to make. Three young faculty members are leaving, creating new opportunities and problems for the college.

Ken Cameron, Kit Wellman, and Ron Byrnes have taken new jobs and will not teach at Guilford next fall.

Several factors influenced each man's decision. Each wanted a different kind of opportunity, one that coincided with the needs of his part-

ner or family and that would use him in ways Guilford could not.

"It wasn't an easy decision," Byrnes says. "I won't know whether it's the right one for six months to two or three years."

Each says Guilford's changes contributed to his decision to leave.

Says Cameron, "Back in the fall semester, when the faculty cut-backs and curriculum changes were announced, all the untenured faculty started looking for jobs because nobody knew what was going to happen."

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## Stark in critical condition

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Just over a month ago, on the afternoon of Feb. 24, sophomore honors student Tony Stark was involved in a serious auto accident while traveling down W. Friendly Ave. Partially thrown from his vehicle during the accident, Stark sustained major injuries and is still in critical condition at Moses Cone Hospital.

Guilford students, faculty and administration have all shown their support for the injured Guilford student, visiting the hospital frequently and meeting with Stark's family. Max Carter, campus ministry director said, "An ICU worker commented to me that she had never seen a college show such an outpouring of support."

Michael Filoramo, a fellow sopho-

more and good friend of Stark's, began a box for contributions at the info desk. Filoramo describes Stark as a "go-getter, into dirt bike racing and music."

Mona Olds, dean of student life, has visited the hospital frequently, keeping a close watch over Stark's daily condition. Olds said, "Tony is in critical condition but described by his nurses as stable. We are now more encouraged about his condition than originally." Stark's room in ICU is now decorated by two posters signed by Guilford students and a stuffed bear purchased through student contributions.

"Tony's progress will include a long, slow recovery," said Carter. Over spring break, Guilford held Stark "in the light," a Quaker form of prayer. "We tried to channel our energy," said Carter, "and give Tony the will to survive."

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*I may have my faults, but being wrong ain't one of them.—Jimmy Hoffa*