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Restructuring: What now?

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Donald McNemar, President of Guilford College, realized last fall that Guilford needed to change to compete in today's market.

"We adjusted, really to be in balance with the current student body size," McNemar said. "Some of it was financially driven. In this competitive market you've got to present yourself...and then attract people to come."

McNemar pointed to the financial strain that the college was facing due to decreased enrollment. The inability to reward faculty and staff through salary raises was only one of its ramifications.

In short, McNemar decided the school should cut faculty by 20-30% and reorganize academic departments, possibly cutting some of them.

In August 1997, a group was created to meet this objective. The Administrative Structure Task Force's goal was to advise the president, academic dean, and the Long-Range Planning Committee on how to achieve this mandate.

"We were a kind of semester-long, emergency crisis task force," said Richie Zweigenhaft, chair of the task force. "The name of our committee was restructuring, but the clear message was downsizing."

Accepting this, the task force had to decide which of their colleagues and academic departments should, could, or would be let go or relocated.

Along with their procedures, their final report included two lists, which detail possibilities for restructuring academic departments.

"20-30% was never endorsed by our committee... But given the mandate, we made recommendations," said Zweigenhaft, adding that the task force had difficulty coming to consensus about the reorganization of departments.

Meanwhile, studies con-
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Quakerism's effects strong

• Guilford's heritage can be felt across campus and in classrooms

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Attending classes and meetings at Guilford, you can feel the Quaker presence. Not many of us understand the specifics of the Quaker way of life and how it is implemented into our daily routines.

"We can rise to really amazing levels [of enlightenment]," said Deborah Shaw, Acting Director of the Friends Center, about the Quaker influence at Guilford.

The best way to understand the purpose of the Quaker lifestyle is to examine the five "testimonies," or goals, that lay the foundation of the Friends movement.

Many of our classes begin with a moment of silence to "Be still and come into contact with the God we understand," Shaw said. The individual takes this from the first testimony of direct access to God.

The moment of silence is "a way to make it easier to go from the chaotic experiences of the day to class," said Jeff Jeske, who

implemented the moment of silence before his classes a few years ago.

Sara Johnson said the moment of silence "sometimes feels like a waste of time but sometimes helps to clear my head."

Mary Haldeman agreed, saying, "The moment of silence gives me time to take a breather and change frames of mind."

The second principle is integrity. This principle involves incredible personal responsibility for one's actions. The honor pledge that many teachers ask for on assignments is based on this idea.

Simplicity is the third principle. The fact that pesticides and chemicals are kept off the plants on campus whenever possible is a testimony



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The Hut is the center of campus ministries.

to this principle. Most professors

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Founders expansion in works

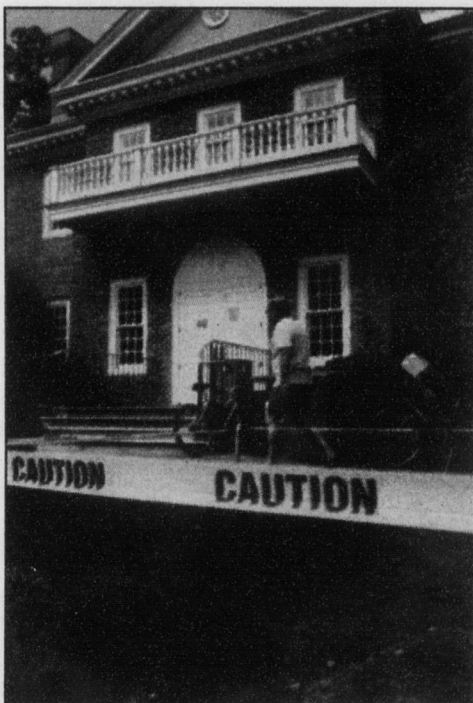
By Brian Schuh
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Much talk has been swirling around campus about construction of an additional wing to Founders hall. And according to Dawn Watkins, Director of Student Activities, that is what stage the project is in—the talking stage.

"It is just an idea," said Watkins. "People usually wouldn't care about additions to other buildings but since Founders has a lot of student activity, this proposal is getting much more attention."

The proposed wing would lie west of the original wing towards the Hut and would likely mirror the same shape as Sternberger Auditorium. What would be in this new wing is not yet known. So far, it is rumored that the Hut would not have to be moved for this project.

According to Watkins, the proposal is number three on the



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Founders may be the site of an extensive construction project in a few years.

Senate's facilities committee priority list. Priority number one is the Frank Family Science Center and

number two is the YMCA expansion.

The idea for an additional Founder's wing is not new. "This idea for a new wing has been around for years," said Watkins. "The wing was in the original layout plans for Founders, but it was cut because of some problems like budget constraints."

Professional visitors to the school also suggested the additional wing. "A few years ago a group of architects came to visit the school to give suggestions, and they made the recommendation for the wing," said Watkins.

Dean of Student Life Mona Olds agrees that a new wing is necessary but also stresses the importance of renovating the existing Founders building.

"The building is outdated, boxy, and not very open and comfortable," said Olds. "More multi-purpose space where a wide range of events can be held along with

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