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Staff members allege elitism

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On registration day this fall, Ellen Parker, transcript clerk for the registrar, called to reserve the newly renovated Walnut Room for lunch with the registrar's staff. When she and her co-workers arrived, the door was locked, and the man with the key wouldn't open it.

Parker described that this day is always the loudest day of the year for the office. "I just thought that everybody is so frazzled on registration day; it's sort of a state of confusion," said Parker. "It might have just been better if we got the private Walnut Room and maybe have just a few minutes of quiet."

Parker feels the reason she was denied access is because she is a staff member. "In a Quaker community, position doesn't ordinarily equate to privilege," said Parker. "I don't have any power or position, and I sort of got the idea that it had to be because I was not in charge of this group."

Parker, who has written letters to Art Gillis, Chief Financial Officer of Guilford College, on the matter, claims there has been no response. Gillis was not available for questioning.

Brad McNeeley, director of Guilford's dining services and the man who withheld the key from Parker, know the rules. "Guilford dining service spent a lot of money putting in new carpets, chairs, and all that kind of good stuff," said McNeeley. "What we said was that the Walnut Room would be available if folks made reservations."

McNeeley explained that the case at hand was a miscommunication. "Someone had booked the event but had booked it saying that everyone would eat in the cafeteria," McNeeley said. "The Walnut Room wasn't even set up, and we didn't have anyone available to take care of it except for me."

Was this a case of the higher-ups on campus restricting the rights of those in

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Minority representation up

By Brian Schuh
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COURTESY OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Tica Davis is a new staff member working with student activities and events planning and residential life.

More African Americans are among the ranks of this year's faculty due to efforts by the administration to recruit more faculty and staff members of color. President Don McNemar announced at last month's community meeting that 13% of the faculty is now African American as opposed to six to nine percent in the past.

McNemar stresses the Quaker commitment to diversity and the college's efforts to seek faculty of different backgrounds as the reason for the recruitment of more African American fac-

ulty. The racial events and problems of last year also played an important role in the decision to recruit more African Americans.

"This has been a continually stated goal, but we haven't been successful implementing it," said McNemar. "The increasing consciousness of community and events of last year brought more awareness to this goal."

The recruitment resulted in African Americans comprising 40% and Hispanics 20% of the new faculty. Of the new administrators hired, 57% are African American. Currently seven to eight percent of the students at Guilford are African American.

"I think it's a really good idea," said sophomore Natalie Hodge. "We need to see more people like us teaching besides

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Concerns raised about possible outsourcing of campus bookstore

◆ **Bookstore would be managed by a private, for-profit group**

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Guilford's fiscal woes have not gone away over the summer, and the administration now faces the difficult decision of whether to outsource a number of student services. Outsourcing a service involves contracting an outside company to take over the operation of the service in return for a possibly higher profit margin and lower financial investment from the college. Currently at the forefront of speculation is the college bookstore.

A committee including faculty and student representatives has been formed to examine the bookstore as a possibility for outsourcing to a corporate-operated agency. According to a proposal submitted

approach that will enable us to realize the store's revenue potential and remain sensitive to both students' concerns over the price of course supplies and to faculty who often view the bookstore as an extension of the library and an integral part of the school's academic programs."

The ideal of the Guilford tight-knit community and the unfortunate reality of the "bottom line" often seem to clash, particularly in the last few years.

The question whether to outsource or not to outsource has already caused some controversy. Emotions ran high at



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Outsourcing endangers bookstore workers.

last week's faculty meeting. In an interview afterwards, Beth Keiser, an English professor who is also on the committee, said, "Obviously there are many who feel that a college bookstore should make the service of students and faculty the first order of business, and we fear the short-term, bottom-line, entrepreneurial mentality of corporate vendors." She went on to state that "the meeting ended with a round of applause for Betsy Johnson and Pam

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"I would like to see the college invest in the bookstore rather than simply outsource to a corporate concern."

—Pam Johnson