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Outsourcing a topic at community meeting

← Students and faculty seemingly oppose outsourcing, task force studying issues involved

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Emotions ran high at the last community meeting. On Nov. 3rd, about 50 students, faculty, administrators, and staff gathered to discuss hot topics festering beneath Guilford's calm exterior.

Of primary concern was the issue of outsourcing various programs and facilities now run and managed by members of the Guilford community. Outsourcing would mean outside groups would manage these Guilford services.

"I think we need to think about the issues of class and race involved in outsourcing these departments," said senior Jessica Justice, referring to the possible outsourcing of both the college bookstore and the maintenance and housekeeping departments.

Several students said they felt the surveys distributed to gauge stu-

dent reactions about outsourcing the bookstore did not accurately reflect the opinions of a true cross-section of students. One student pointed out that the surveys were given out in the cafeteria, diminishing the possibility of getting the views of students who live in the apartments or in alternative housing and who usually have been at Guilford longer than those who eat in the cafeteria.

"I felt that the issues on the survey weren't really related to Guilford," Justice said. "What is this going to do to our community?" wasn't asked on the survey."

Don McNemar, Guilford's president, said the possibility of



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Students, staff, faculty, and administration gathered in the Commons for the meeting.

outsourcing the bookstore was first addressed two years ago when faculty and staff were not receiving increases and student scholarships were going down.

"During the task force we decided that looking at the bookstore could be beneficial," McNemar said. "We established a committee that Bill Stevens heads made up of rep-

resentatives with a variety of views. Betsy, who directs the bookstore, is on the committee. All factors have to be weighed. I don't know what the answer will be."

Erin Seltzer said she feels there are people who work in the departments in question who are

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Forum held to discuss homophobia on campus

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The feeling in the Moon room was that of worry, concern, and even fear as 50 or 60 students and faculty gathered on a chilly Tuesday night last week for an open community meeting.

Organized to bring to light recent homophobic events on campus, the meeting also served as a forum for individuals — both gay and straight — to voice concerns and offer suggestions as to how to make Guilford a more tolerant community. To help facilitate this arduous task, a task force which will deal with these issues has been formed.

"This school is not a place where countless instances of homophobia can take place and no one do anything about it," said senior David Smith, who was one of

the main organizers of the task force.

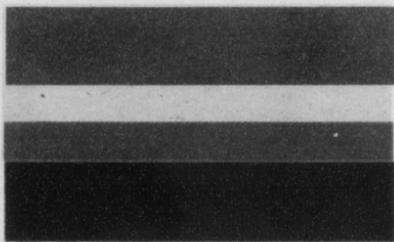
Many of these instances were brought to light at the meeting:

-A Guilford student was harassed and then attacked last month, by a group of students, who shouted homophobic slurs. The student, who is openly gay, brought the incident to Judicial Board but charges were later dropped.

-A first-year student reported that her mentor leader made homophobic statements which were offensive and insulting.

-A student, seeing gay pride stickers on a dorm room door, began saying anti-gay insults to one of the students who lived in the room.

-Students walking across campus one night last year encountered about a dozen students Please see **Homophobia**, page 3



Rainbow flags symbolize pride in the homosexual community.

Diversity training planned for students

By Paul Binford
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Next semester a group of dedicated Guilford College students will take part in an intensive seminar on student diversity. It will be similar in many ways to the program the staff went through recently. These students will then work with other students next year to deal with separation, isolation, and alienation stemming from past experiences of racism and bigotry in North Carolina.

Pat Callair, who is a visit-

ing lecturer in the department of Justice and Policy Studies, will oversee this program as the director of the Guilford College Leadership and Empowerment

Institute. This is being funded by a generous grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

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involve a series of workshops, some as long as four days. Also, students who wish to participate will have to apply and be selected. They will then take a variety of on

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