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First-year dorm

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Just as returning students had one less option this year after the demolishing of the Dana houses, there is possibility that returning students will have one less option in the coming fall. Student Senate and Residential Life are considering making either Binford or Milner an all first-year dorm.

The change comes after last year's first-year student retention increase of 5% over the previous year.

The college is looking to continue that positive trend and increase overall student satisfaction by instituting an all-freshman dorm.

The plan would involve expanding the responsibilities of the first-year center to include the potential freshman dorm. This would mean a more extensive first-year program for the students living there. Residential Life hopes to see closer-knit mentor groups. There would also be a higher ratio of residential advisors.

Binford, which traditionally has housed the largest percentage of first-years, is the most likely to become the all-freshman dorm if the proposal is approved. Binford has a maximum capacity of 158 and would only be able to house some of the freshman population.

First-year students account for approximately 59% of the population of Binford. 54 upper classmen live in Binford this year. None of the 131 residents of Binford would have the option of staying unless it was as an RA or mentor.

Claire Adams, a second-year Binford resident, expressed concern about displace-

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Students present at Wednesday's meeting continued to express strong opinions against outsourcing.

Bookstore outsourced

Negotiations with Follett to turn proposal into a contract

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After two years of emotional discussion, it has been decided that the Guilford College bookstore will be outsourced to Follett. President Don McNemar announced the news in a letter which was delivered to campus boxes on October 15.

The letter stated that "the ability of Follett to provide a program that reflects personal service and sensitivity to individuals which this community has expressed as important hallmarks of Guilford" was "critical to the successful conclusion of a contract."

The school opened negotiations this week to turn Follett's proposal into a contract.

However, many questions still remain in the minds of some

students and faculty members.

A meeting was held on October 6 at 7 p.m. in Founders Hall to discuss student opinions of this issue. "I have come tonight in the spirit of seeking. I'm trying to find the right thing to do in this situation. I was asked by the board of trustees to make this decision...I chose not to do it over the summer because I wanted to incorporate the Guilford community,"

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Renovations planned for YMCA

By James E. Tatum
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Barring any unforeseen delays, the renovations to the Guilford athletic complex should be completed by the spring of 2001.

The project has three main components: improvements to Alumni Gym and the Ragan-Brown fieldhouse, construction of a third facility connecting Ragan-Brown with the Alumni gym, and a new roadway providing access for the surrounding community. Construction is scheduled to be-

gin by mid-2000.

In accordance with Guilford's Quaker values, the plan will have to meet the approval of the college community.

"We are at a point in time

where a preliminary plan has been drawn," said Guilford CFO and Vice-President Art Gillis. "As soon as the plan has formed a

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Student Voice
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