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'Are our voices really heard?'

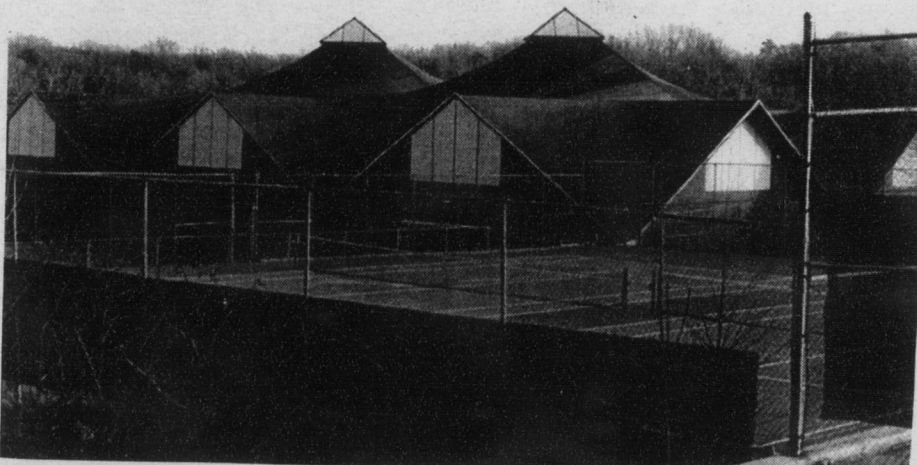
Strategic Long Range Plan forum causes skepticism in student body

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The age of major research universities is a trying time for small liberal arts colleges. There are more places in colleges than high school seniors that graduate. These two factors contribute to the current financial instability of Guilford College.

To remedy this, President Don McNemar and Vice-President Bobby Wayne Clark developed the Strategic Long Range Plan, presented on Jan. 18th, 2000. The plan is a 26-page document outlining a series of changes to be made over the next five years that will seriously alter the direction of Guilford College.

"The means by which Guilford College may strengthen its distinctive place in private liberal arts education," as stated in the plan's introduction, have caught the ever-searching eye for justice of many Guilford students. Increasing enrollment means placing certain priorities above others, and some



Athletic facilities are a major aspect of the Plan.

students see this as abandoning the principles upon which the school was founded.

Thirty to forty students, along with McNemar and administrators Art Gillis, Martha Cooley, Mona Olds, and Bobby Wayne Clark discussed the plan in an open forum on Tuesday, March 21st.

Among the concerns are the time and money allocated for the

athletics, including an expansion of the YMCA and a re-hiring of assistant coaches, as well as stronger athletic recruitment. Most students at the meeting were uncomfortable with some of the listed priorities, feeling that the school is stating that it believes sports are equally important to education.

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25th year of Women's Studies

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"You read anything feminist, and you get sucked in," said senior Julie Kauffman last weekend in a presentation at the Women's Studies Conference, quoting philosophy professor Nancy Daukas.

Women, men, faculty, students, alumni, and friends celebrated the 25th anniversary of women's studies at Guilford on Friday, March 24th, which focused on student research, and Saturday, the day of real celebration.

The conference started on Friday with students reading papers and giving presentations, with discussion following. The co-directors of the event were students Megan Glancy and Ingrid Werge.

Saturday began with coffee and bagels, followed by

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Brad McNeely leaving

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When he started at Guilford in 1997, the cafeteria was in trouble. Beset by complaints about poor food quality as well as scandals plaguing the two prior managers (alleged embezzlement for one and racism for the other), Guilford's account was a known risk. In addition, Marriott's contract was up for renewal.

Enter Brad McNeely.

With a given track record for saving other accounts, he came to Guilford and had an immediate impact on food quality here as well as with the students themselves. Rather than attend faculty meeting each week, he opted to go instead to student Senate meetings.

Suddenly, students had a direct voice in all things related to food. McNeely went so far as to not only attend that year's student government retreat and individually cook for each of the senators, he also designed and paid for silk-screened commemo-

rative t-shirts of the event for all the participants.

In addition, McNeely took an active role in the first annual Guilford College Prom, spending spring break cutting ice sculptures for the event. In addition to various intricately-designed mermaids, the punch bowl that year was a large replica of the Titanic which, true to form, eventually sprung a leak.

Students on the meal plan have doubtless encountered the man, usually wearing his trademark glasses, tie, and a smile,

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