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Jello Biafra speaks at Guilford

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Jello Biafra, former lead singer for the seminal punk band The Dead Kennedys and noted social and political activist, spoke in Dana Auditorium on March 30th. A crowd of approximately 500 attended, with some spectators driving in from as far away as Atlanta, GA.

Attendance for the show, presented by WQFS, rivaled that of the Colin Powell lecture held earlier at Guilford. Biafra spoke for a marathon four and a half hours on topics ranging from the death penalty to his intense hatred of sport utility vehicles.

After the show, Biafra mingled with fans for another half hour, signing autographs and urging students and community members to get involved in local politics, where he said individuals can make the most impact.



Biafra (center) poses with WQFS managers after the show.

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Cooley's removal sparks controversy

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A major change has occurred in the school's administration.

Academic Dean Martha Cooley announced in a letter last week that she was relinquishing her position as dean. She resigned unwillingly as a result of a series of conversations with President Don McNemar that started last June.

The academic dean, one of Guilford's four vice-presidents, acts as an advocate for faculty interests within the upper school administration.

Cooley addressed the faculty in a called meeting on Wednesday. Approximately 25 students tried to attend the meeting and were informed that it was closed.

"It was not that we did not want students to know what was going on," said Bob Williams, Clerk of the Faculty. "We have over the last few faculty meetings been wrestling with some difficult issues and, I believe, wrestling with them in an honest and constructive way. If we had a whole

lot of new people in the room it would really disrupt the kind of work and kind of discussion we needed to have."

Cooley raised several issues at the meeting, including the future of Guilford and the role of faculty and students. She also expressed a deep dissatisfaction with administrative politics, especially her difficulties in working with Chief Financial Officer Art Gillis. Cooley felt that her lack of control of funds has hindered the work of the Academic Dean's Office.

She feels the Strategic Long-Range Plan is an enrollment plan and fails to fully address academics. She expressed a desire for greater faculty involvement in the plan and wishes more attention would be given to student concerns.

"It's worth the effort to preserve this institution," she said.

Cooley also addressed the lack of women in the school's administration. Eighty percent of the upper-level administrators are male.

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NOW president speaks

By Karie Johnson and Colleen Sullivan
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"People Unite, Take Back the Night." "Out of the house and into the street. Take Back the Night." "What do you want? Safe Streets! When do you want them? Now!" These chants were cried out during Take Back the Night's march around the campus.

Take Back the Night, an organization founded by women to stop gender-related violence, had an eventful evening on Wednesday, March 29th. Guilford had the distinction of a visit by Patricia Ireland, president of NOW (National Organization for Women), due to the efforts of student Lauren Bluestein.

Ireland spoke on the changes

that have been made for women in our society and those issues that still need attention. Ireland mentioned two advances for women that have resulted from NOW's lobbying efforts: women can now file rape charges if they are married, and their past is no longer allowed to be brought up in a rape trial to taint their argument.

Ireland also spoke of her own experience as a flight attendant for American Airlines in the seventies. Due to the sexual connotations of the job, many resulting from purposeful advertising campaigns, flight attendants were one of the first groups to come together in attempts to change the image of working women. With this illustration Ireland demonstrated how women could bring about changes through involvement.

The event was organized by

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