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Board of Trustees plan for change at Guilford

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The meeting of all meetings this semester took place Saturday, September 23, in New Garden Hall. "I don't know what they're doing in there but they sure are clapping a lot," said Randy Doss, Dean of Admissions.

Trustees, as well as faculty, staff, and student representatives, convened on Saturday. At the standard, once-a-term meeting, they helped determine much of the future of Guilford College. At this meeting, the trustees made decisions regarding dorm renovations, the Athletic and Wellness Center, the Strategic Planning Task Force, and the college's budget.

"Our Time in History," Guilford's fund-raising campaign, is raising money in support of overall changes for Guilford. The campaign has raised \$33.3 million of their \$50 million goal.

Guilford has ordered new furniture and will paint the exteriors of all buildings on campus. Have you been in Milner lately? It has new carpet, paint, and fur-



Tri-chairs of the Bd. of Trustees (L-R): Seth C. Macon, M.L. Carr, Robert A. Ingram

niture. Other dorms can look forward to similar improvements.

Guilford will develop an Athletic and Wellness Center with five million dollars, which must be raised in the campaign. The Board approved spending \$125,000 to plan the project.

John Jenkins, Director of Facilities, leads the renovation efforts. "The new Athletic and Wellness Center will function for all constitu-

ents of the college with the added benefit of air conditioning in the Ragan Brown facility," said Jenkins.

Guilford College and the YMCA will not build a joint building, as was originally planned. "We mutually decided to continue the existing relationship [with the YMCA] but not to expand," said Bruce Stewart, Board of Trustees Chairman.

At Saturday's meeting, the trustees endorsed the first phase of the Strategic Planning Task Force and approved continuing the planning process this fall. "We have much work to be done in a short time," said Jerry Godard, Academic Dean. "It's good to have trustee support."

A guideline budget was passed for the current year. The budget plan will guide financial decisions until January. The trustees approved continuing a loan of up to \$8.8 million to cover construction costs for the Frank Family Science Center until the funds from the campaign are available.

Future goals of the college include higher pay for faculty, improvement of the academic departments, and more funding for student organizations.

"While Guilford faces many challenges and hard decisions ahead, we are making good progress toward completing our strategic planning process, increasing our enrollment, improving our facilities, and maintaining academic excellence," said President Don McNemar.

Digistar II installation on hold

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By mid-November, the dome-shaped auditorium on the north side of the Frank Family Science Center will be completed. However, the funding for the planetarium projector has not yet been determined.

According to Thom Espinola, Director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, "[Former Chief Financial Officer] Art Gillis thought that we would be able to find donors for the planetarium and auditorium. So far he's right. We've found a donor for the auditorium." The college chose to honor the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation, which funded the addition, by naming the new structure the Bryan Auditorium.

When the planetarium project was proposed, money was not allocated for the projector.

The projector the physics department is looking at is a Digistar II, whose basic model runs at about \$750,000. Espinola said that not only stars could be projected, but also other educational videos such as "an underwater exploration or a trip



The planetarium is under construction, but still no donor has been found to fund the Digistar II projector.

through the human bloodstream."

David Barron, a first-year physics and math major, hopes that the projector becomes a part of the auditorium. "It's so much easier to learn from something that's three dimensional than something that's two dimensional," Barron said.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Charlie Patterson maintained that the college is not having trouble finding donors for the projector. "We will be presenting proposals for donors concerning the Digistar if that's the way we want to go," he said. "We're still seeking donors for the

building as well, and including that is the observatory, the labs, a little bit of everything."

Donald Cline, '78, recently gave \$55,000 to Guilford for an observatory in the Frank Family Science Center. "I want to

try and get younger people involved in the science of math and physics...and astronomy is a good tool to do that," said Cline.

Cline's donation will be used to purchase a new telescope, construct the dome of the auditorium, and insure maintenance for the observatory.

Guilford College has between 3,000 and 4,000 donors. These donors include alumni, parents, friends, trustees, foundations, and corporations. The college is raising money through a campaign that was kicked off almost exactly a year ago called *Our Time in History*, whose goal is to raise \$50 million towards different facilities at Guilford. So far the college has about \$33.3 million in gifts and pledges.

The *Our Time in History* campaign will run until December of 2002.

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