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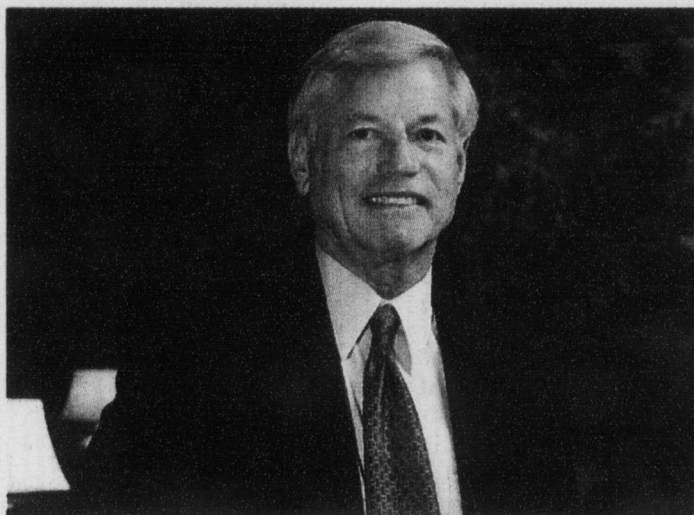
Your way of life at Guilford College is in the hands of 32 people you've probably never met.

According to the college website, "only the Board of Trustees can ... determine the general policies of the College; incur indebtedness beyond the amount fixed or authorized by the board ... or adopt and approve the final budget."

According to Senate President Floyd McKissick: "Basically this is their college."

The Board of Trustees holds meetings on campus three times per academic year. This year's first meeting took place Sept. 17 - 20. The remaining meetings will be in February and June.

The focus of this meeting was "getting the financial house in order, something that it hasn't been in three or



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four years," said Board Chairman Curt Hege.

"We've had a very difficult time with finances, and with Kent Chabotar as president, who has a financial background, I think we're on our way ... we are projecting that by fiscal year 2005-06 we'll have a balanced budget,"

Hege said.

"The College closed last fiscal year with a \$1 million deficit that was 50 percent smaller than projected," said President Kent Chabotar.

Other issues raised at this meeting include enrollment, campus maintenance and Quaker heritage. No final

decisions have been reached, and these topics will be revisited at the Feb. board meeting.

What exactly does the Board of Trustees do?

"They basically hear the state of the college, see what's going on, see the progress that has been made since the last meeting, and then look to make plans for things to take place until the next time," said McKissick.

McKissick sits on the Committee of Student Affairs. He outlined issues he will bring to the Board's attention. "A lot of traditional students have concerns about ... the CCE program ... trash [in the residence halls], smoking, and the cafeteria."

The Board is divided into nine standing sub-committees. Sometimes, issues take a long time to reach their designated group.

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Learn something new with Short Courses

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Student Activities has inaugurated a new program of "Short Courses." These are non-credit courses for people wishing to learn new skills. From Oct. 1- Dec. 1 this fall, and Feb. 1 - May 1 this spring, they will be taught by faculty, staff, and outside visitors.

A wide range of activities will be offered for students, ranging from CPR training by the Red Cross to bike maintenance taught by the Quaker Village Bike Shop.

Such Short Course programs have been added to many other colleges and universities in the past, and it has

been a success with students.

Taleisha Bowen, Student Activities work-study employee at Guilford, said, "I would like to see this as a community-builder to get to know others and learn some new skills."

Each short course has anywhere from one to 16 classes depending on the course and the instructor. With an array of different activities available, students can participate in as many short courses as they want.

"I wanted to start a martial arts club," said Guilford student and now instructor, Kyle Higgs, "and teaching a Tae Kwan Do class is one step closer to getting student involvement."

Like Higgs, Amanda Womack will teach a class. "I really believe in the home-spun, folk-craft arena. You need to pass on the craft." Womack hopes to teach to fellow friends collectively since many wanted her assistance in knitting.

Although the short course program has a small fee of \$2, it is only to reserve a spot in the class and to demonstrate one's commitment.

A catalog will appear listing all of the classes that will be offered this fall. It will be available by the end of September.

Anyone interested in teaching a short course should fill out an information card at the Founders Hall Information



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