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Quakerism at Guilford

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A discussion on Quakerism as an educational institution featured five panelists at New Garden Friends Meeting April 5.

The panel was organized by the Quaker Leadership Scholars Program (QLSP), the Initiative on Faith and Practice, the Friends Center, the Office of the President, and members of the Speakers and Programs Committee in hopes that the discussion would raise questions about the future role of Quakerism at Guilford.

The panelists included guest speakers Tom Hamm and Tom Farquhar. Kathy Coe, Adrienne Israel, and Jim Hood represented various departments of the Guilford

administration.

Moderator Mary Ellen Chijioko gave introductions for the panel members and illustrated how their personal experience would shape the discussion

In particular, Tom Hamm, Elon's well-known historian of Quakerism, and Tom Farquar, a leading Quaker educator and administrator, added alternative perceptions to the three other Guilford administrator panelists.

"One of the important aspects of the event was the involvement of so many different levels of the Guilford community," said sophomore Quaker Stephen Dotson. "Trustees, faculty, administrators – including the President – Quaker students and non-Quaker students. It was suc-

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Guilford College Vice President Randy Doss walks through a group of students silently protesting in Founder's lobby Wednesday afternoon. The protest was sparked by student claims of powerlessness regarding personnel changes at the college over the past year and institutional racism within the community. Look for complete coverage of these events in next week's issue.

Guilford, A&T sponsor hip-hop conference

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Community Senate, in association with A&T State University, is co-sponsoring a hip-hop concert featuring rappers Kanye West and Floetry on April 17. This event is part of Guilford's annual hip-hop conference, which has been organized for the past three years by junior Lila Anton.

"My sister organized a hip hop conference at her college," said Anton. "I went to it,

and it changed my life."

Kanye West has been hailed as "one of the few truly unique hip-hop artists to revel atop the commercial side of the industry during the early 2000s," according to allmusic.com. Originally a producer for such hip-hop stars as Jay-Z, West recently released his first solo album, "The College Dropout," which recently hit #2 on the Billboard 200 charts.

Floetry is comprised of two London songstresses, Marsha Ambrosius and

Natalie Stewart. Well known in the UK, Floetry's first album, Floetic, hit #19 on the Billboard 200 in 2002.

Previous hip-hop conference events have included musical performances by Little Brother and Mystic, as well as slam poetry by Queen Gods and a visit from internationally known poet Saul Williams on February 20.

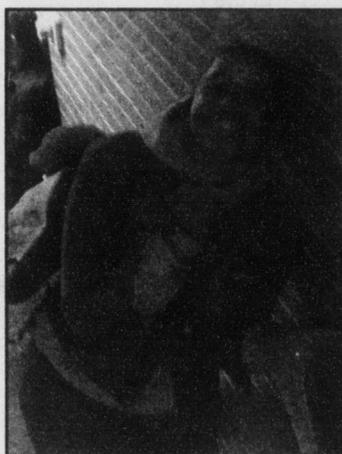
Hip-hop conferences are common on college campuses across the country. Most have a socially conscious message, and many include

panel discussions and speakers. This year's event is a "Rock the Vote" campaign promoting voter registration. Free tickets were given to Guilford students who were registered voters, and registration cards were given to those who weren't.

This concert is a joint effort by Guilford and A&T State University. It is taking place on A&T campus as part of their annual AggieFest, A&T's version of Serendipity.

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Junior Lila Anton coordinates Guilford's hip-hop conference



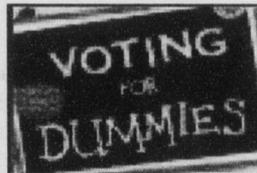
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