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Faculty accepts Strategic Long Range Plan

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After nearly two years of committee work, debate, discussion, and revision, the Guilford faculty approved President Kent Chabotar's five-year Strategic Long Range Plan (SLRP) for the college on Sept. 22.

The document consists of two parts, a 44-page formal plan proposal and a 63-page appendix of supplemental data consisting of information ranging from the plan's fiscal workings to what high school students look for in a college.

Chabotar said this supplemental data is what keeps the plan "tethered to the ground."

Two major areas of concern remain: increasing the size of the college to 3300 students,

and focusing academics on principled problem solving.

During a faculty discussion, psychology professor Richie Zweigenhaft expressed concern over whether Guilford could maintain a sense of community while adding 800 students.

"The college is going to be a different place," Zweigenhaft said. "We are making a fundamental change."

"Issues of class size and student faculty ratio are paramount," Randy Doss, Vice President for Enrollment and Campus Life, replied. "Thirty-three hundred students is still a very small college nationally."

The SLRP dictates that the student-faculty ratio remain at 16 to 1 and that the average class size never grow larger than 20 students.

The other major concern among the faculty involves the concept of principled problem solving, defined in the plan as "students in courses and teams using their talents and life experiences with faculty guidance to address real world problems."

The search for solutions "will be driven by the College's core values and Quaker testimonies," according to the SLRP.

What this means is students will work together with each other and faculty members to solve real world problems.

An example of principled problem-solving could involve a local public high school with a struggling music department. Education studies majors could examine the detrimental effects of poor music funding; business stu-

dents could propose grants and find additional funding; and music majors could implement the program and serve as tutors for the high school students.

Dean for Continuing Education and Business professor Bill Stevens said that the best part of the long-range plan is that it is "focuses on outcomes after graduation."

Chair of the Theatre Studies Department Jack Zerbe agreed when he said the plan would give students several helpful skills for life after graduation such as the ability to recognize and solve problems.

"It brings into focus institutional identity," Zerbe said. He then stated that the plan gives a degree from Guilford "some-

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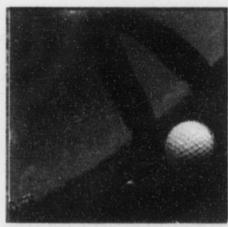
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Petty crime: How a little becomes a lot

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"It's pretty easy to just go in a dorm and take a mattress if you need it," said a student who asked to remain anonymous. According to many students, minor criminal acts on campus are justified.

However, members of the Guilford staff have a different perspective. Theft significantly drains time and resources.

Between Aug. 15 - 31, the college experienced a rash of thefts. "In some ways, this has been the worst year ever," said Nancy Semones, Director of Conferences and Events. "We replaced a mattress eight times in one room in a ten-day period."

That is an expense of \$800, more than half the cost of the unlimited meal plan for one bed.

While one mattress costs \$100, multiple thefts by different people cost Guilford thousands of dollars yearly (exact figures pending an official report by Public Safety).

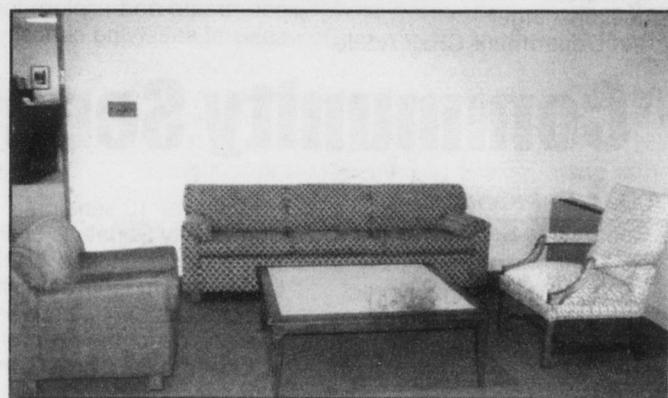
"Guilford is not so affluent that it

doesn't matter when we lose several thousand dollars worth of furniture or equipment," said Semones.

For some students, less costly thefts are ethically acceptable. "I do feel kind of bad, but I make sure I take things that aren't going to harm too much," said the anonymous student.

And there are varying degrees of theft on campus. The \$40,000 worth of equipment stolen from Bryan Jr. auditorium last summer is far more costly than the expense of replacing over 30 new tables and chairs, such as those that were removed from King hall in one day this year.

However, even these less severe thefts have a tangible impact on the student body. Semones is forced to delay replacing little things like ping-pong balls and larger items like furniture in dorm lounges due to the expense of restoring



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Frequent targets of furniture theft include the Commons and Boren Lounge of Founders hall

stolen furniture.

The problem goes beyond students and money.

"It's not the administration you are punishing, it's the people who are doing their menial labor jobs," said employee and former student Jack Hilley, scene shop foreman.

"When you have to scrounge to find

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