

Bryan Series concludes with talk by Beschloss

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said he used to think of Guilford as the "Williams of the South," but after visiting, he now thinks of Williams as the "Guilford of the North."

Beschloss's speech was full of presidential anecdotes and historical facts. He told the audience about Lyndon Johnson's "atrocious taste in interior decorating" and fascination with "Muzak."

He retold one incident where the transcripts of Johnson's tapes were not accurate. Johnson had said that the Pakistan ambassadors were in his waiting room, but the transcript read that the waiting room held a "Pack of bastards."

This led to a discussion of a modern historical problem. Advisors encourage modern presidents not

to keep diaries, memos, or other records of their activities so that they can't be subpoenaed. This leads to a lack of sources for later historians who write about the presidents.

Beschloss also discussed his opinion that "historians don't always do as well as they should," saying, "We have to get people to understand what that historical moment was like."

On the issue of presidential leadership, Beschloss said, "We really need presidents who are willing to ... be unpopular," and pointed out that if Franklin

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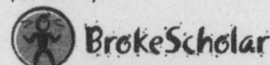
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Roosevelt hadn't prepared the U.S. for war in the 1930's, the U.S. would be a very different place today.

A question-and-answer session followed his speech, and he concluded the presentation with a lesson from Lyndon Johnson. After his career was over, Beschloss explained, Johnson showed regret about not spending enough time with his family. Beschloss asserted that what we learn from Johnson is "What really matters is your friends and your family," inspiring resounding applause from the audience.

Guilford Political Science professor Kyle Dell, who teaches "The American Presidency" course, said of Beschloss's visit, "He was extremely intelligent. He had a real gift in the sense of not just knowing history, but being able to communicate it in a way that was interesting, insightful, and funny."

Following the presentation, Chabotar announced the Bryan Speakers for 2005-06: Karen Armstrong, Desmond Tutu, and Bill Moyers. ❧

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explained the need for a heavier emphasis on Quaker values. Chabotar proposed a possible Sophomore Year Experience, much like FYE, but intended to focus on the Quaker values and testimonies.

On the subject of stewardship, Chabotar said, "We've got to turn over to our successors a college better than when we came into it."

Stewardship was a big point as Chabotar emphasized that he "wants students to be proud of our campus." The initiative calls for not only an upgrade of the facilities, but also an expansion of faculty and staff in both numbers and salaries.

Chabotar's last point involved community. Although intent on making the campus more cohesive and content, Chabotar also said "this is not going to be the Stepford College."

The plan is to target points of discontent and rectify them as they come about, while trying to bring the entire campus together. Not only intending to pacify student unhappiness, Chabotar also is looking to bring students, faculty, and staff together via added community meeting time on

Wednesday afternoons next semester.

Planning on celebrating the kickoff of the SLRP just before spring break, Chabotar said, "We don't have enough parties here!" No specific date was mentioned.

After taking a number of questions from the remaining senators on environmental plans, the rift between CCE and Traditional students, and the possibility of more majors, Chabotar addressed what he saw as his biggest challenge, that of maintaining the College's 'specialness.'

"Most of the country doesn't know how special this campus is," he said.

Ending with a slight sigh, Chabotar thanked the Senate for letting him come, and spoke to a few students personally before leaving.

Senior Kate Doom, Community Senate's Mary Hobbs representative, said afterwards, "You can't measure a problem by the number of complaints ... if everything he said went through, Guilford would be a better place."

First-year Noah Collin agreed. "I feel like there are efforts to retain that special atmosphere ... sometimes numbers can't say everything though." ❧