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Guilford community responds to safety threat *Physical assault in Shore hall bathroom stirs public concern*

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Members of the Guilford community met and agreed to new safety measures in response to the Feb. 27 assault in the bathroom on the second-floor of Shore hall, when a girl was attacked by an unidentified college-aged male while showering.

Security Coordinator Keifer Bradshaw emphasized that the assault was physical and not sexual.

The victim, who preferred to remain anonymous, "is doing well," Bradshaw said.

Public Safety cannot disclose more information on the case because the investigation is not yet concluded. They do not know how the culprit entered the building.

Hilary Routon, first-year Shore resident, was showering on the first floor at the time of the incident. "I was very surprised when it first happened because I had never really thought about safety issues on campus," she said. "I never really thought it was an issue."

"This incident had a big impact on me," said Leise Gergely, Hall

Director for Shore, Mary-Hobbs, and English halls. "Having gone around to all of the rooms in Shore and Hobbs, and seeing the

look of fear on approximately a hundred girls' faces because of the actions of one guy, really did not sit well with me."

The residents of Shore and Mary-Hobbs held a meeting the night after the incident, during which approximately 50 female

residents expressed concerns and fears. They discussed solutions with Public Safety, Campus Life and Women's Studies personnel.

"We want to help people to see that there are actions they can take, that we are not powerless in this," said Kathryn Schmidt, Director of Women's Studies.

"The first couple of days after the incident, it was a pretty alarming feeling," said Shore R.A. Stephanie Bozzenowski. "People didn't even want to get out. Now the girls are locking their doors, always walking in pairs, and even guarding the bathroom door for their buddies."

In turn, Public Safety increased exterior and interior controls in residence halls, and Bradshaw reinstated his free Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) training course for all females. RAD classes will be held every Thursday night until the end of March.

In cooperation with Facilities, Public Safety is also planning to install door alarms on all residence halls to combat door-propping. An alarm will signal the Public Safety control room and



The Guilford community expressed concern about safety after a physical assault in Shore hall.

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Bryan Series presents Bill Moyers

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"He rocks my foxy world," said an enthusiastic Eric Mortensen, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, following Bill Moyers' lecture.

The audience gave a standing ovation after Bill Moyers' March 13 speech at War Memorial Auditorium. Moyers spoke about religion, the environment and their connection.

"It was one of the best speeches I've heard," said sophomore Colin Bussiere-

Nichols. "It had a radical and inspirational message that related to me and my life."

President Kent Chabotar introduced Moyers and highlighted the journalist's lengthy list of accomplishments, including service as Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, special assistant to U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, and White House Press Secretary. Moyers was also a publisher for *Newsday*, formed Public Affairs Television with his wife Judith Davidson, and hosted the PBS series *NOW* with Bill Moyers.

After his long list of achievements was recited, Moyers stepped up to the podium and began his

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Bill Moyers delivered a Bryan Series lecture.

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Board of Trustees approves budget

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For the first time in 36 years, the Guilford College Board of Trustees met without the guidance of the late Stanley Frank. Chair Joe Bryan, Jr. felt his absence, but continued with the Board's thrice-yearly business.

The primary responsibility of the board's February meeting was to approve the budget for the following year.

"The Board approved the budget for Fall 2006," said Ty Buckner, Director of College Relations. "The budget includes tuition, expenses and other financial oversights."

The budget includes a 5.5 percent increase in tuition and housing fees, which is below the national average increase for small colleges. Still, many students are concerned.



Joseph Bryan, Jr. chairs the Board of Trustees.

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"I struggle as it is to get by," said first-year Shep Lashley. "I understand that colleges everywhere are increasing tuition, but this might be enough to send me packing."

Last year's meeting approved building the South Apartments and the Community Center. This year, the Board discussed Guilford's readiness for a

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