

## Bill Moyers lecture

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discussion of religion. "The story of Noah is a controversial one," Moyers said. "He knew in advance about the flood. Why didn't he warn others?"

Moyers said many would argue that Noah was just being faithful and obedient to God, but that this raises further questions about the appropriateness of blind faith. Moyers compared the biblical flood to the story of Oskar Schindler. Schindler was a philanthropic playboy, but helped save many Jews during the Holocaust. Most Germans had blind faith and ignored atrocities being committed.

Schindler would have been drowned by God's flood, while the faithful Germans would have lived.

Moyers extended Noah's controversy even further by connecting it to modern-day America. He said he worries that there is too much blind faith and not enough concern in our citizens.

Moyers shifted his focus to the environment for the second half of his lecture. He focused on the overlooked problem of global warming.

"When I was younger, I truly believed we were on our way to a third American revolution where

people would take strides towards environmentalism," Moyers said. "It was only a reverie."

"The U.S. has become a recalcitrant and backsliding naysayer," Moyers said. "(President George W.) Bush is willing to jump into a war using information that's

Moyers used the movie "The March of the Penguins" to show the lack of attention global warming receives. The 2005 documentary details the dangerous conditions Emperor penguins must endure in Antarctica to reproduce. Moyers said that conservatives are using the film as a mascot for their agendas.

"Pro-life supporters say that it shows the value of life," Moyers said. "Marriage proponents say it shows the value of monogamy. ... Right-wing Christians say it serves as a case for intelligent design. Nobody, however, uses it as a case for global warming."

"These birds depend on the frigid temperature to maintain the delicate balance of the process, but the director didn't want to explore the issue for fear that it would push the

comfort zones of his audience," Moyers said.

Moyers ended the lecture on an encouraging note that he referenced again during the question and answer session:

"You need to go out and do something political that joins you in an action that has a chain reaction. You have to do precinct politics again. You have to take back this country." ❧

faulty at best, but he refuses to do anything about global warming despite all the documentation on its gravity."

Moyers' unabashed attitude impressed members of the audience.

"I appreciated his willingness to be straightforward," said senior Julia Hood. "He didn't present a rosy version of the story to please everyone."



Matt Haselton sat next to Moyers at a public discussion.

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## Campus safety

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beepers will sound automatically if a door is kept open for more than 30 seconds.

Safety Manager Ron Marshburn, who is in charge of the project, hopes that "students will get the idea that they need to keep all doors closed."

Driven by multiple complaints from residents, the college will also add more lighting in parking areas, and create a 15-minute unloading zone between Mary-Hobbs and Shore.

In addition, in order to preserve night-time visibility in the central part of campus, the administration agreed to limit the greenery in the Master Plan to trees at the canopy level and low plants.

At the same time, Associate Dean for Campus Life Alyson Kienle announced that Guilford will be making sexual assault policies more rigid, including giving the victim the right to appeal Judicial Court decisions.

Many faculty and staff expressed a desire to assist sexual assault victims.

Statistics, however, constantly show low incident-report rates. Studies indicate that one out of every four women experience a sexual assault while on a college campus.

"There is such a stigma around going to the counseling center," said Sandra Bowles, Area Coordinator and Residence Life-Program Manager. "Students may go just one time and check in. They don't have to keep going if it is not their choice."

The Women's Studies depart-

ment is organizing a traditional "Take Back the Night" march on March 24 for Women's History Month.

Women's Studies hopes to get people talking about ways the community can remit violence on campus.

"We will try to raise awareness about the issues that do happen and encourage people to find solutions," Schmidt said. "Anytime you create opportunities for communities to come together, it is empowering for the people."

Schmidt believes it is essential that male students, staff and faculty come out and show their empathy and support.

"Too often it is seen only as a women's issue," Schmidt said. "Yet, with the ways that it destroys relationships between men and women, the way it builds fear and mistrust, I think it does really count for everybody."

Considering the various preventive measures taken, Schmidt questioned American culture's focus on how potential victims can protect themselves.

"I would like to see us continue to work on reducing the likelihood of people becoming perpetrators," she said.

"How can we start to talk about conditions of respect, conditions of non-violence?" ❧

On March 13, Public Safety reported a similar intrusion in the third-floor women's bathroom in Binford hall. The intruder, who fits a different description, has not yet been identified.

## Chabotar holds open forum on Master Plan

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In October 2004, the Board of Trustees approved the Strategic Long-Range Plan (SLRP) for Guilford, which will expand the college's enrollment to approximately 3,300 students by the Fall 2009 semester.

"The Strategic Plan is nice. It's thorough, and has been developed through the input of all the constituents," said Aaron Fetrow, Dean for Campus Life. "But to have teeth in certain areas it had to have a Master Plan."

The Master Plan contains two phases that outline specific projects that are projected to be completed by 2010.

Some students are wary of the plan and what the growth means for Guilford.

When asked why he attended the presentation and open forum on the Master Plan, sophomore Joshua Shelton said, "because I want to know the destruction they are going to wreak on our school." He said before entering the presentation: "it is going to affect our school profoundly, and I

plan to leave the forum disgusted."

Senate President Ali Stewart questioned Chabotar about affordable housing for upper-class students, and Chabotar responded that new housing is part of the Master Plan.

"Why do we need to keep expanding?" asked Joe Logan, alumnus and maintenance technician. "Over the past four years, I have seen the school double. We are a small school, and I feel like by expanding we may lose touch with our values."

"We are going to continue to offer quality education, and it is necessary to expand to keep up with our competition," Chabotar said.

"We must always keep working to not lose sight of our distinctions," said Max

Carter, Campus Ministry Coordinator. "But in order to compete against other schools we have to fix things up. Students aren't going to want to come here unless they're Amish wannabees."



Malcom Kenton asked Chabotar about environmental building codes.

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"Randy Doss and I want to give us a space for students to gather or just hang out," Fetrow said. "We want people to walk into Founders hall and say 'wow, this is a really nice place.'"

Founders hall is the first priority in Phase I of the Master Plan.

The administration has also focused heavily on parking; facilities by Bryan hall that will probably be expanded.

"Parking facilities in Bryan may require students to have to walk an extra block or two," Fetrow said, "but it isn't that bad,

especially if you think of the benefits such as a couple of new buildings and some green space - you've got to weigh the positive with the negative."

None of the \$19 million needed for the Master Plan has been raised.

"We aren't going to use tuition, and we aren't going to take out any more loans, so we've got to raise the money," Chabotar said. "We raised \$56.4 million in our last capital campaign, and we are beginning a \$75 million campaign now."

"I think it's really good to get input," Chabotar said. "We've gotten feedback and we will do up to two more drafts and get input again. The entire plan will be accessible on the Guilford College Web site."

"We still have a real emphasis on diversity," Carter said, "and not just tolerance, but celebration of different cultures and religions; and I think that if we can hold onto those things, then in spite of whatever our campus looks like we're always going to attract a different kind of student body." ❧