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STUDENTS LISTEN AT THE WEDNESDAY FORUM LED BY MENEMSHA MILNOR REGARDING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CAFETERIA WORKERS. NEWS PAGE 2

Eleanor Branch denied tenure

BY BRYAN CAHALL | STAFF WRITER

Guilford College President Kent Chabotar upheld last year's contested recommendation of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) to deny tenure to Eleanor Branch, assistant professor of English.

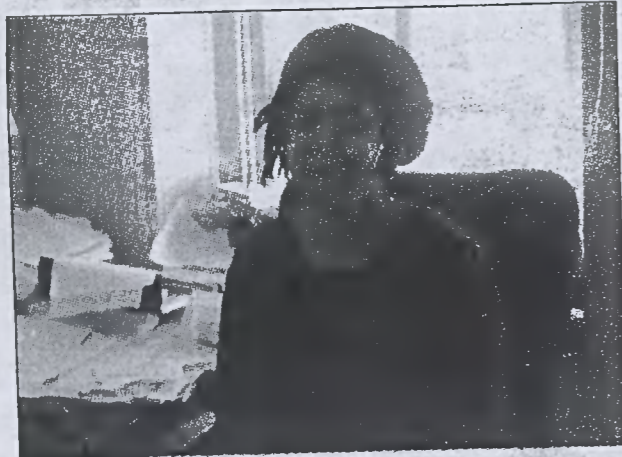
The decision follows an external investigation into alleged racial discrimination and comes despite Branch's formal appeal in which she stated that "the (FAC) has by turns ignored, dismissed, reduced or distorted (my) contributions to the college."

Chabotar delivered his most recent decision to Branch in writing on Oct. 11. In his letter, the President described the importance of the tenure process to Guilford College.

"As a significant means to economic security and academic freedom," Chabotar wrote, "tenure is more important than hiring, promotion, extension, and perhaps any other personnel decision that the College makes."

Chabotar proceeded to justify his decision within the context of Branch's overall

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ELEANOR BRANCH WAS DENIED TENURE AFTER AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW AND APPEALS PROCESS.

U.S. falsely accuses Canadian of ties to al-Qaida, deports man to Syria

BY ROBBIE FISHER | STAFF WRITER

Authorities were "positive" he was al-Qaida.

Maher Arar is a Syrian-born Canadian who was held under arrest nearly four years ago by United States authorities at JFK International Airport. Authorities say they were positive he was part of al-Qaida, and because of this "certainty" he was sent to Syria where he was tortured for months.

Maher Arar is a telecommunications engineer who lives in Ottawa, Ontario, with his family. After visiting his wife's family in Tunisia, Arar was returning home via JFK Airport when he was abruptly taken into custody by United States Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) officials. It was then that he was questioned for an estimated nine hours about his alleged connec-

Ricky Clousing goes AWOL Sergeant thinks Iraq war is immoral

BY PETE MCGUIRE | STAFF WRITER

Sergeant Ricky Clousing of the 82nd airborne division has seen the underside of the American military machine.

Over a year ago, Clousing's experiences in Iraq prompted him to pin the following quote from Martin Luther King, Jr., to the door of his barracks, announcing that he had gone AWOL:

"Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?' But conscience asks the question, 'Is it right?' And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular but because conscience tells one it is right."

On Oct. 5, in front of a crowded audience in the Community Center, Clousing told how his service in Iraq had led him to the belief that the American occupation of Iraq was immoral, and that he could not participate in it.

In November 2004, Clousing's unit was ordered to deploy to Baghdad in support of



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SGT. RICKY CLOUSING TALKS ABOUT THE WAR AND WHY HE DISAGREES WITH U.S. ACTIONS IN IRAQ.

the elections.

"I was terrified to be going into a combat zone, but at the same time I was excited, in a professional sense, to be able to do my job," Clousing said. "I wanted to make good decisions in a position where I could make a difference."

When he arrived in Baghdad and began his work as an interrogator, Clousing was surprised to find that the reality of American operations in Iraq was dramatically different from the image of the war portrayed by the media at home.

"One day I heard my commanding officer briefing his superior; he told him that we had '37 terrorists in custody,' when we had a total of 37 people, few of whom had been linked by any evidence to terrorism," Clousing said.

"This taught me that in Iraq there is no black and white as the media would lead you to believe — the use of the word 'terrorists' is misleading and attempts to justify an unjust war."

As Clousing's tour of duty drew to a close, the perceived injustices of the war became more difficult to live with. He spoke of an incident in Mosul where an innocent

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U.S. Debt Forgiveness

The U.S. government has agreed to forgive about \$20 million of Guatemala's national debt in exchange for Guatemalan protection of tropical forests.

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Study Abroad

The number of Guilford students enrolled in Study Abroad programs has declined in recent years despite a wide-open program offering study in 20 cities in 15 countries.

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Quaker Athletes

Athletes apply Quaker values to the practice of their sports, and reconcile their Quaker beliefs with sometimes-violent athletic activities.

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Duke Memorial Hall reveals true history

Duke family has only minimal ties to Guilford College

BY KATIE BAILEY | STAFF WRITER

As the golf cart rolls by, you can hear the tour guides telling prospective students and their parents, "Duke Memorial Hall was built by the Duke brothers in memory of their sister Mary who died as a child while attending New Garden Boarding school."

You then wonder how that could be possible when the plaque inside Duke Hall dedicates it to Mary Lyons who died in 1893 after having five children.

The Quakers must have looked down on that delinquent student.

The truth is that Duke Memorial Hall does not have as interesting a background as tour guides and history buffs would like it too.

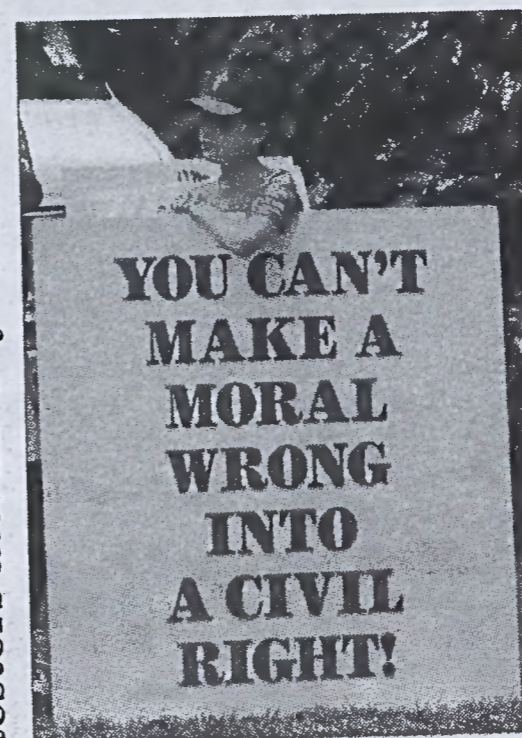
"First, our cool story that the wood chair in the library being the Guilford tree is debunked, now this, another cool story, turns out to not be true," said Carl Simon, co-coordinator of tours.

Rumor has it that during the 1880s, Benjamin and James Duke wanted to donate enough money to make New Garden Boarding School into a college, but the Quakers did not want to accept money made by the sale of tobacco.

"This story is just a mixed up combination of two separate stories about the Dukes and boarding schools," said Max Carter, campus ministry coordinator.

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Protesters attend Gay Pride rally



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CHILD HOLDING UP AN ANTI-GAY SIGN AT RECENT GAY PRIDE RALLY IN GREENSBORO.

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