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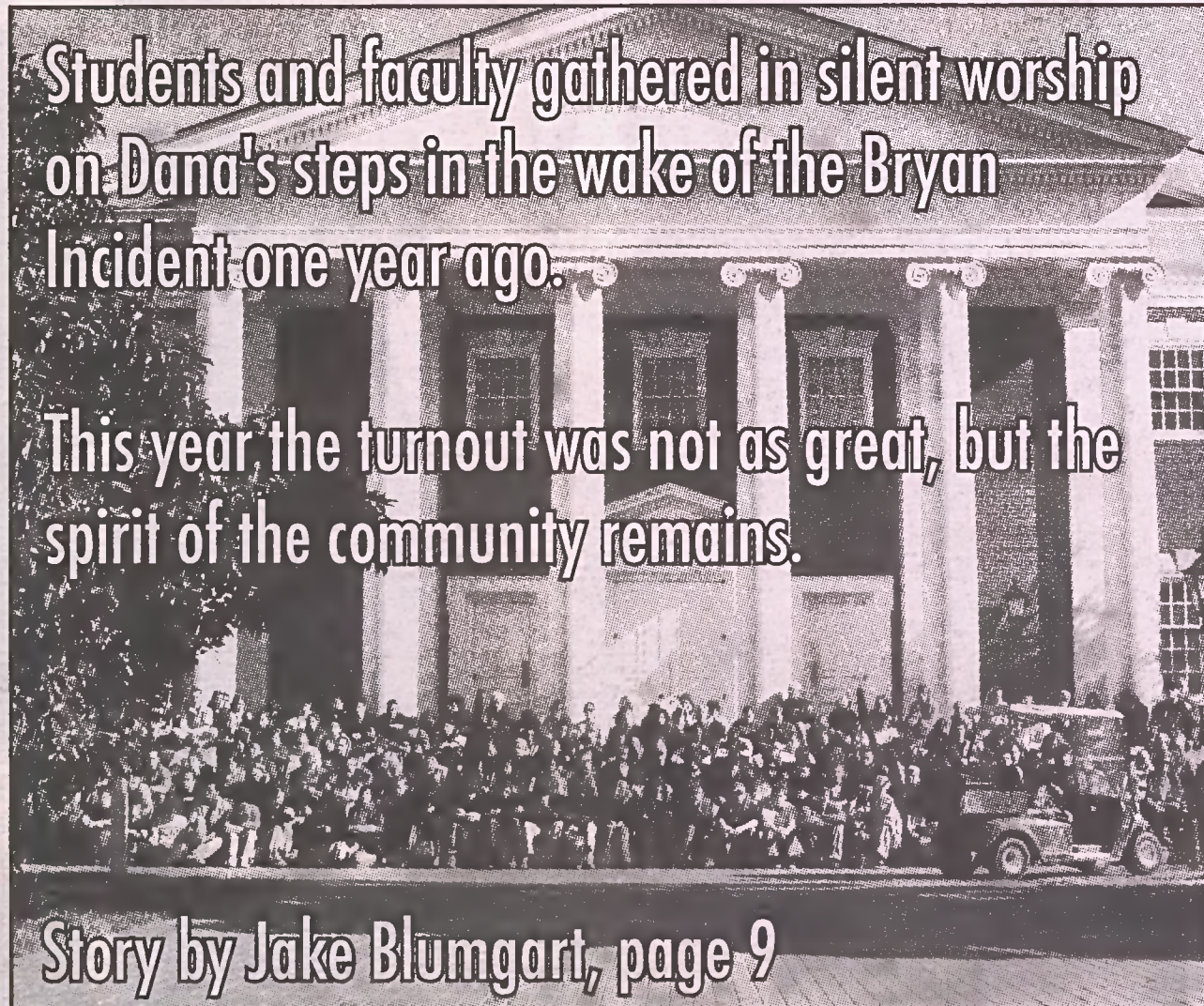


Ben Strong (42) led the Quakers to a 92-56 home win over the Roanoke Maroons on Jan. 23.

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Budget committee recommends 6.5 percent increase in tuition expense

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The budget committee has recommended increasing traditional student tuition by 6.5 percent and raising continuing education (CCE) student tuition by 4.2 percent.

On Jan. 23 in the Founders Gallery, the budget committee gave a presentation on Guilford's current financial situation and future plans.

Issues concerning tuition, salaries, and the college's future financial state were discussed.

The committee's goals for the college for the upcoming fiscal year are to reduce dependence on its line of credit, bring down its debt, and protect its long-term financial health.

"The senior staff, in coordination with the budget committee, have developed the needed action plans," said Gerald Boothby, vice president of finance and administration. "Additionally, the budget committee, senior staff, and trustees have taken a conservative approach to future enrollment projections and their impact on the budget."

The presentation was given by Heather Hayton, assistant professor of English and chair of the budget committee, with contributions from Boothby and Adrienne Israel, vice president for academic affairs and academic dean.

"For this fiscal year, the college has had to reduce its expense budgets to accommodate lower than originally approved enrollment numbers for CCE and summer school," said Boothby. "Also address(ed) was the college's dependency on the use of its line of credit (that) increased to \$3.9 million last fiscal year."

According to the presentation, the committee tried to craft a budget that "balances between revenue and expenses yet also pays down our line of credit, reflects our reality that 78.6 percent of our revenue comes from



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Mike Poston, vice president for advancement, speaks at the budget committee presentation.

Are Guilford students becoming smarter?

By Ashley Gilmer
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At face value it appears that the "Fall 2007 Grade Reports: Dean's List, Probation, Suspensions and Dismissals" support the idea that Guilford students may be getting smarter. The grade reports were released on Jan. 17 by the Academic Dean's Office.

According to the reports, 24 percent of the student body earned Dean's List recognition (3.5-4.0 GPA), which is higher than the average (22.9 percent) for the past five years. The fall new probation rate for traditional students has been steadily decreasing, reaching 4.7 percent. The suspension/dismissal rate for continuing education (CCE) students (3.9 percent) was slightly lower than the five-year average.

The percentage of early college students on the dean's list reached an all-time high of nearly 50 percent last fall.

"There have been no dramatic chang-

es," said Steve Shapiro, associate academic dean and associate professor of physics. He explained that the averages and most statistics have shown no significant variation in student performance over the past several years.

But Shapiro did point out some trends. He said that the decrease in the fall new probation rates for traditional students and the increase in the number of early college students on the dean's list are trends that look promising and real.

When asked whether Guilford students were becoming smarter, he said, "it is hard to say," but commented that as in previous years, Guilford College students are, "just as wonderful, clever, creative and fun to work with ... They are the reason I'm here."

When asked what he would attribute the fall statistics to, Allen Spain Jr., CCE student and business administration major,

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