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## Trustees address budget issues in first meeting

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On Oct. 2-4, the board of trustees met for the first time for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The committee meetings covered investments, advancement, academic affairs, buildings and grounds, Quaker life and diversity.

Considering the financial crisis that America is in at

the moment, the one question on everyone's mind is the state of the endowment portfolio.

"Well, we lost three million dollars just at the beginning of this week, but it will go back up. The funds are all in long term stuff and well diversified," said Joe Bryan Jr., chair of the board of trustees.

The endowment is held in many different funds and is managed by a comprehensive long-term plan, so it is expected to rise and fall with the markets. The diversification is a strategy to protect against any specific industry loss that could happen. If the funds were all invested in only one industry, such as the financial

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In their first meeting of the 2008-2009 school year, the board of trustees revised the budget and presented ideas on managing the endowment portfolio.

## LOUISIANA WORK TRIP



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## STUDENTS GIVE BACK OVER FALL BREAK

By Kylie Gilliams  
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We gathered at the Hut on a murky Sunday morning and piled sleepily into two white vans. Fourteen hours later, we had crossed five state lines and watched the city lights of New Orleans sparkle as we passed over before descending into Jean Lafitte, Louisiana.

Hello, fall break. The work trip had begun.

The group was made up of 20 Guilford students, Guilford staff members Tom Coaxum and Frank Massey, one high school student and 10 members of the North Car-

olina Friends Disaster Service (FDS).

There were fewer people than on previous trips I've been on and that created an

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(Above, from left) IFP Gifts Discernment Coordinator **Frank Massey**, FDS volunteer **Dwight Osborne**, CCE sophomore **Michelle Grisaffi**, Director of Institutional Research & Assessment **Thomas Coaxum** (inside house), and sophomores **Zlatana Nenova** and **Tawana Manyukwi** work to rebuild a home in Jean Lafitte, La. over fall break.

## Clearing the air about Guilford's smoking policy

By Mara McLaurin  
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With more and more colleges in the area going smoke-free on their campuses, Guilford is tightening its reins on the current smoking policy, while looking to students for input about the future of Guilford's smoking policy.

The idea of non-smoking areas on Guilford's campus seems almost imaginary based on the steady trail of cigarette butts. Guilford is one of the few colleges left in the Greensboro area that is not a completely smoke-free campus.

The Tobacco Use Prevention Coalition of Guilford County and partnering organizations have seen great strides taken to expand tobacco-free areas on college campuses.

"Not only have we expanded our reach into surrounding counties and campuses, but we have seen 100 percent tobacco-free policy announcements at Greensboro College and Guilford Technical Community College. They will soon join Guilford County's first 100 percent tobacco-

co-free college campus: Bennett College for Women, offering protection for non-smokers and incentive for tobacco users to quit," according to a publication from the Tobacco Use Prevention

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First-year **Malcom Gardener** smokes a cigarette in a restricted area.

## Nearly \$400,000 discovered from left-over student activity fees

By Jasmine Ashton  
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"At the end of last year, a bucket of money was discovered that had been collecting for years from left over Senate money," said Senate President Joe Pelcher at the Sept.

24 Community Senate meeting scheduled to discuss a policy to access the \$359,421 discovered at the end of last year. "Tonight we want to come up with a policy so that money will not be abused."

The "bucket of money" Pelcher refers to is the rollover fund. This

fund consists of all money held in the student general fund that is left over from the current fiscal year. These funds come from the portion of student tuition reserved for student activity fees.

The initial policy proposed would require all rollover fund

money to be spent on permanent on-campus projects that benefit the entire student body. It would also require all future projects to be approved through unanimous consent, and drawing no more than 20 percent of the total fund per academic year.

Many senators, however, held issue with some vagueness within the initial policy.

Early in the meeting, several students including senior Sara Eisenberg were concerned by the loose

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