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### BUDGET CHANGES OUTLINED, CONCERNS SURFACE

#### FACILITIES, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS HIT HARDEST BY CUTS

By Kevin Smith  
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As the economy jeopardizes the financial security of colleges across the nation, Guilford must find \$2.7 million to fit a worse-case-scenario budget.

On Nov. 5, the Budget Committee hosted a panel outlining proposed budget cuts due to the financial

crisis. Chair Heather Hayton outlined the measures taken to gather funds to make up for the college's deficit, measures that include deferring salary increases and Strategic Long Range Plan (SLRP) initiative implementation and reducing expenditures and the size of the faculty and staff.

Cuts in the different parts of the budget average five percent, but some programs will be reduced more than others. While athletics and the president's and finance offices take a two percent cut, facilities will lose 16 percent of its funding, and academic affairs 18

percent.

So far, the equivalent of 20 full-time positions have been cut from staff and faculty. Some areas will cut back hours of their staff.

"Due to the tightened budget, the Student Health Center cut the part-time nurse to four hours a week and the PA to six hours a week, starting Dec. 1," said Helen Rice, director of student health. "I will remain here full-time. We anticipate being able to take care of everyone, just not as quickly as we would like."

Meanwhile, Guilford is going forward with seven tenure-track searches while alumnus Dave...

Odom ('65) has been hired as a part-time assistant to the president. Some faculty members do not favor the decisions to move forward with hiring.

"We're doing seven faculty searches right now," said Vice President for Enrollment Services Randy Doss. "That's very big news to people in the room (at the forum). They didn't know that. I think that (drew) some questions. It was new to me."

"It is clear that there is some sensitivity when some people on

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### Guilfordian wins Best in Show

By Meredith Jones  
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On the plane home from Kansas City, Mo, Guilfordian editor-in-chief Ben Dedman clutched a trophy in both hands, garnering odd looks from nearby passengers.

Dedman was returning from the Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 87th Annual National College Media Convention, a competition for college newspapers nationwide. The Guilfordian won Best in Show for a weekly tabloid, topping hundreds of contenders.

According to the judges, the criteria for success included coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, design, photography, art and graphics.

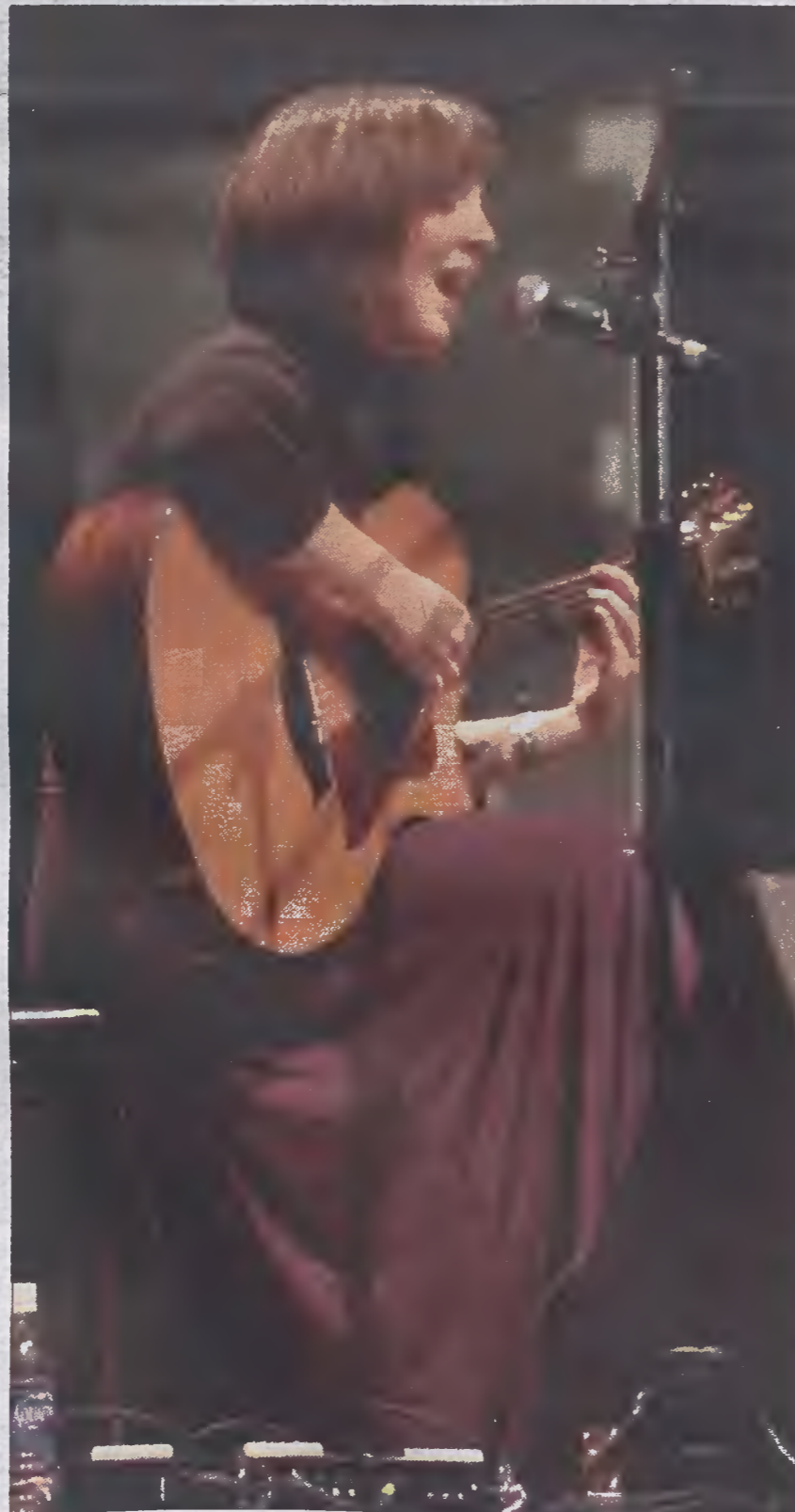
Judges evaluated each newspaper in a certain category, distinguishing smaller newspapers, called "tabloids," from larger newspapers, called "broadsheets." Issue frequency was taken into account as well.

Despite the seemingly narrow category — four-year weekly tabloid — many others vied for the spot.

"It's truly amazing that we beat much larger schools, schools that have fully developed journalism programs and majors, which we do not," Guilfordian faculty adviser Jeff Jeske said. "The other four schools that placed were all universities. The smallest of them is twice our size."

The number of college media

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Julia Easterlin, a transfer student to Guilford from Berklee College of Music, opened for alt-folk band Over The Rhine on Friday, Nov. 7 in Dana Auditorium as part of the Eastern Music Festival's Fringe Series.

### Sex, drugs and GPA

#### NEW STUDY FINDS THAT STUDENT HABITS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT GRADES

By Tristan Dewar  
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For some people, there's nothing better than a cigarette to relieve tension after a stressful day of classes. Others enjoy kicking back for a few of hours to vegetate in front of the TV on Tuesdays or catch up on the day's celebrity gossip on their favorite blog. And when things get really rough, it's always nice to share an intimate evening with that special someone.

However, you might want to

forgo the bunk-bed bump-and-grind and settle for a good night's sleep, according to new research out of the University of Minnesota.

The study, published by the university's Boynton Health Service, confirms that bad habits affect academic performance.

Conducted at the University of Minnesota and 13 other colleges and universities in Minnesota, the research links behaviors such as inadequate sleep and excessive television and computer time to lower GPAs.

"Our study shows that there is a direct link between college students' health and their academic achievement," said Dr. Ed Ehlinger, director and chief health officer of the Boynton Health Service. "This is the first time that anything like this has been published where GPA

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### STUDENT PAYS OFF PARKING FINES BY PAINTING MURAL

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