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**NEWS**

## Students and faculty wrestle with Hatch's actions and absence

SAASA AND ADMINISTRATION HOLD OPEN FORUM ON PROFESSOR'S DEPARTURE

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On Nov. 9, Sexual Assault Awareness Support and Advocacy held an open forum about former Associate Professor of Mathematics Jon Hatch and his departure after being charged with secret peeping and sexual exploitation of a minor. The Guilfordian could not record the meeting as what was said in that circle was confidential.

However, the expressed emotions were similar as the meeting progressed. A general sentiment was that the incident created a gap between Hatch and those who thought he knew who he was.

"What Jon did was, allegedly, seriously egregious," said Associate Professor of Religious Studies Eric Mortensen in an email interview. "I don't excuse what Jon did, but he remains, in my world, a fundamentally kind man with excellent ethics and a huge heart."

"We need to remember that the victim here is not Jonathan," said Associate Professor of Mathematics Benjamin Marlin in an email interview. "Everything that I've heard people say (I had to leave the program early) has been very supportive of him, but we have to remember that he did something wrong."

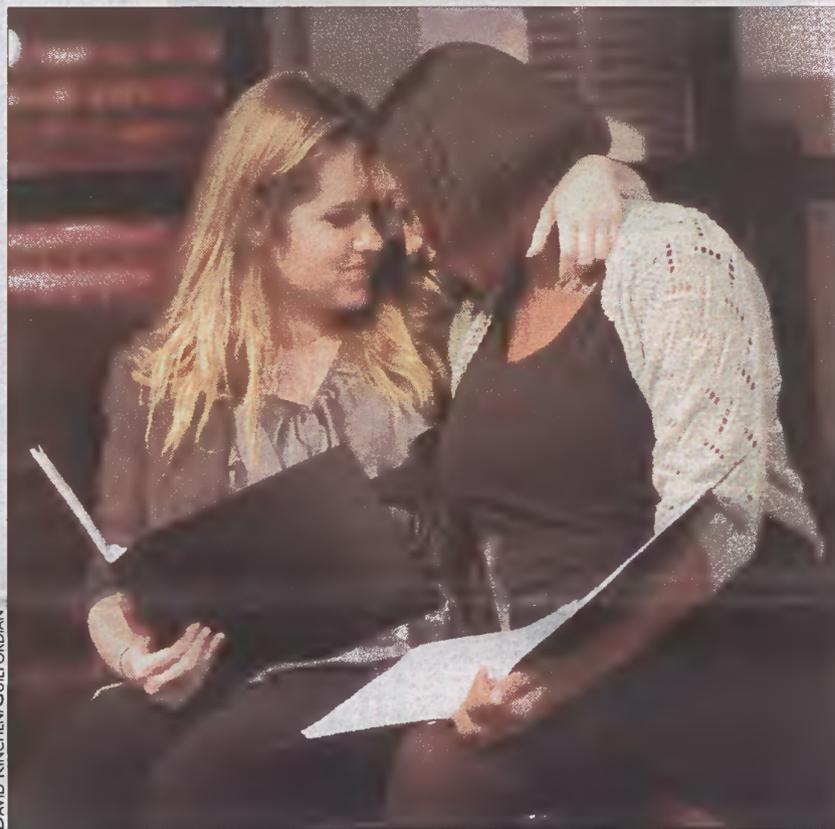
The ones who chose to speak at the forum knew what Hatch did was wrong and that it was his fault. Those who knew him well could not believe how someone they considered a mentor and friend

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**FEATURES**

## Theatre department presents "Standing on Ceremony"

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First-years **Noelle Lane** (L) and **Chelsea Yarborough** (R) onstage during the Nov. 7 production of "Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays."

Scene one: the North Carolina Congressional debate over gay marriage is in full swing. The air is heavy with tension. Rights are at risk. Ideals are challenged. The air becomes cloudy with a thick fog of discord. A vote is announced. The room goes silent.

Enter stage right: Guilford College.

Thanks to the Guilford College Theatre Department, on Nov. 7, Sternberger Auditorium became the home of "Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays," a production composed of ten short plays centered on the subject of gay marriage.

Guilford's production was one of 43 events nationwide, all performed in conjunction with the Minetta Lane Theatre in New York City, which streamed a live introduction before the show and Q&A afterwards. These plays are the products of a slew of acclaimed playwrights, including Paul Rudnick ("I Hate Hamlet"), José Rivera ("The Motorcycle Diaries") and Moisés Kaufman ("The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" and "The Laramie Project").

"To have both the theatrical creativity and the subject matter that really is on people's minds, 'Standing on Ceremony' is exactly what Guilford should be doing," said David Hammond, professor of theatre studies and director of the production. "We're supposed to be socially conscious. We're supposed to be committed to theater that changes lives."

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**SPORTS**

## Tom Palombo victorious on and off the court

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Tom Palombo. Guilford men's basketball coach of nine years. 163-66 record at Guilford. Guilford College athletics director. Husband. Father. Mentor. Quit a resume, right?

But wait, I'm not finished.

In addition to the above-named accolades and responsibilities Palombo must filter through games and practices throughout the week and on Saturdays. He attends church on Sundays, and then rests for a couple hours before going back to work.

On Sunday afternoon Tom and his assistant coaches break down game film so they can prepare the team for the week.

As you can see, Palombo's schedule and duties often times call for him to be in the office seven days a week.

But Palombo isn't just a busy man at work; he's a family man at home as well. He is involved and enthusiastic in his children's lives, which is another full-time job.

He has four children, ages four, six, nine, and eleven. The two eldest are

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**Tom Palombo** coached the Quakers to their second win this season Wednesday, edging out Greensboro College 60-59.

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