

Chabotar chosen for next president, replaces himself

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Angry students march on Guilford College's usually peaceful green lawns.

It is official: the new president has been chosen.

Kent Chabotar will replace Kent Chabotar as Guilford's new president.

"Surprise!" said Chabotar. "I wasn't a candidate, but when you think about it, there really was no doubt about it. I was surprised it took the search committee this long."

On March 24 in Dana Auditorium, students, faculty and staff gathered for a ceremony to honor Chabotar and celebrate his re-selection.

After the ceremony, members of the board of trustees and the presidential search committee were shocked to find a massive crowd of angry students protesting.

Some students held signs with "WTF?" painted in red.

Carole Bruce, trustee and chair of the presidential search committee, attempted to answer the question.

"Of all the candidates, Kent had the best qualifications for the job," said Bruce. "His many years of presidential experience at a small, Quaker liberal arts college much like our own — well, actually, exactly like our own — made him a viable option. He knows just what to expect."

But what happened to Chabotar's retirement?

"After 12 years at Guilford, I felt like I needed a break — a long one," said Chabotar. "I wanted more time to spend on my favorite pastimes, like skydiving and ballet."

"However, when the search committee chose me, I couldn't say no. I feel it's my duty to stay for as long as Guilford needs me to."

After the search committee spent many months searching for the perfect president, the news of Chabotar's re-selection was suspicious to many.

"It's strange that they picked Kent again, don't you think?" said junior Kelly Bryan. "I mean, why even bother with a presidential search? He was already sitting there in the office."

Jerry Joplin, professor of Justice & Policy Studies, also felt disconcerted with the election's results.

"It's fair time for new blood at Guilford," said Joplin. "Kent has been here for 12 years, but I guess we'll have to put up with him for another decade or so."

At the ceremony, Chabotar spoke about his plans for Guilford's future.

"Well, things will pretty much be the same," said Chabotar. "Though, I think the campus could really do with another fountain or two."

Although a few have accepted Chabotar as president, many resolutely stand against the selection. Some even deny its legitimacy.

"This can't be real," said senior Jack Greene. "Is this even legal? He wasn't even a candidate. Is this like an April Fools' joke or something?"

Unfortunately for some, it is all too real.

Guilford has seen an escalation of student protests lately with the protest against administrative bloat on Feb. 22 outside of the board of trustees meeting.

Now with this shocking news, chaos, confusion and outrage ring across campus more than ever.

Some fear the protests may turn violent.

"It's happened before on other college campuses," said Max Carter, director of the Friends Center. "The last thing I would want is for peaceful demonstration to turn vicious and violent."

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Early College students busted for mass organized dealing of methamphetamine

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What weighs 90 pounds, has an A in calculus and sells crystal meth?

Apparently, the answer is your average Early College kid.

On March 4, the Greensboro Police Department confirmed that the Early College program was created as a front for a methamphetamine ring, a collaborative effort by students, teachers and parents.

As of now, no arrests have been made. When asked why not, the policeman on the case mumbled something about SAT scores.

The elaborate system of cooking, dealing and, in some cases, using crystal meth, was discovered by junior Crystal Glass. She walked past the Early College buildings and saw students dressed in protective gear and using chemistry equipment.

"This is not the kind of extracurricular that's going to get

them all into Harvard," said Glass.

Public Safety Officer John Crank stated that there is no need to panic yet. Every precaution is being taken to ensure the safety of the Guilford community.

"Just don't buy anything from the bake sale," said Crank. "Their 'special brownies' are on a whole new level."

The staff is up in arms about this development.

"We've always had to deal with the traditional students tripping balls, but the Early College?" said Max Carter, director of the Friends Center. "They're supposed to be the innocent ones."

The administration has denied knowledge of the drug ring.

"I don't know where you would have heard that," said Early College Principal Bobby Hayes. "This isn't 'Breaking Bad.'"

When asked if she owned a hazmat suit or a gas mask, she ended the interview.

Early College parents came forward with their confessions

immediately. However, the investigators could not tell if they were being serious or passive-aggressive.

According to one parent, who asked to remain anonymous, there is an organized system of distributors that coincides with carpooling.

"If you can't fit three kids, a soccer bag and 25 pounds of meth in your car, you're just not PTA material," said the parent.

Some of the Early College students questioned were more cooperative than others. While most denied the claims, others made minimal effort to cover up their enterprise. Several revealed more than expected.

"I'm not saying I do meth, but how am I expected to take five AP classes, keep a stellar GPA and prepare for college without a little boost?" said Early College sophomore Anny Shard. "What's the harm in a little extra credit chemistry project?"

Due to the lack of solid evidence,

the details remain unclear, but some traditional students had seen the drug bust coming.

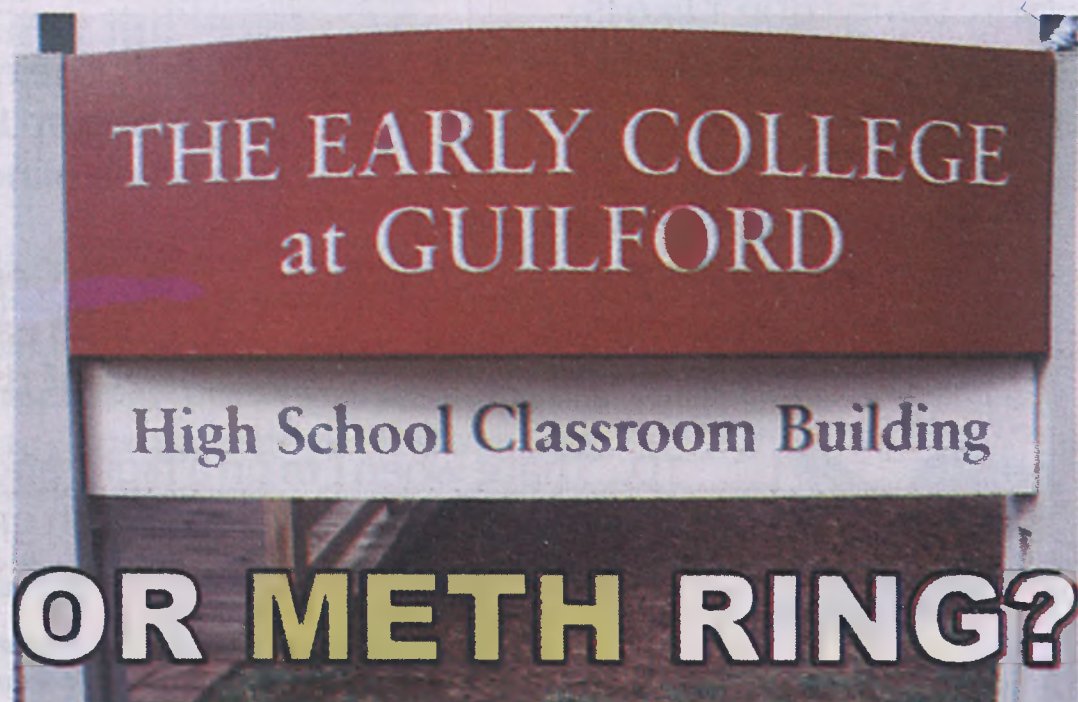
"Yeah, I heard them talking about 'ice,'" said junior Criss White. "If they're not cooking crystal, I'd like an explanation for that."

When asked if they could have

been referring to the snow days, he had no comment.

Other students were alarmed by this revelation.

"It's just so shocking," said sophomore Tina Speed. "They were really fooling us with those lunchboxes. Now I'm starting to wonder what they have in there."



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