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Former Professor Settles with College After Tenure Dispute

by Jay Underwood

Guilford College and Dr. Lawrence McLean, a former Professor of Management, reached an out-of-court settlement last month after months of dispute over McLean's claim that he was wrongly denied tenure. The

settlement called for "legal considerations" which were not explained publicly.

The college and McLean agreed in a legal contract to keep the terms of the settlement under a strict rule of confidentiality.

Neither the college nor McLean could comment on what the "legal considerations" entail, though sources say they may include a large but unconfirmed amount of money granted to McLean from the college, among other provisions.

"Larry McLean is very pleased with the agreement," said Professor of Management Dr. Bill Stevens.

Stevens, who was up for tenure at the same time as McLean last June, was also denied, but appealed to the Board of Trustees and was eventually granted tenure.

"I don't think it was a fair process," said McLean. "I don't feel any animosity toward [the administration]. I feel the same now as almost the time I arrived on campus — they're basically incompetent."

Dr. Ed Caudill, who was Chairperson of the Management Department when McLean was up for tenure, staunchly defended McLean.

"He got from this institution a raw deal and if he'd have been greedy, he would have taken more," he said. "He thought that he had been wrongfully, professionally damaged."

Dr. Louis Fike, Professor of Political Science and friend of McLean, said that McLean was planning to sue the college for breach of contract, fraud, and discrimination before the settlement was proposed.

"I would think those would have been the issues," said McLean on Friday.

In a memorandum dated March 18, 1985, shortly after McLean's contract was signed, Academic Dean

Sam Schuman addressed "various involved individuals" and stated his opposition to the hiring of "another white, protestant, middle-aged, male applicant in the Management Department."

Schuman retracted the statement shortly afterwards, saying that it did not reflect his actual intent, and could be taken out of context. He further referred to it as "hot-tempered and ill-appropriate."

Schuman continued in the memorandum, "I fear we are losing all three of our female teachers in this area, and so I am particularly emphatic about the need to seek, aggressively and energetically, a woman to fill this post."

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Students Voice Concerns at Tuition Forum

by Jacob Stohler

The proposal by Guilford College to raise its tuition, and its subsequent approval on January 27, sparked outcry from the student body. The latest appeal to the administration from students was at a tuition increase forum sponsored by the Community Senate Thursday Feb. 16.

The forum, held in the Gallery in Founders hall, attracted approxi-

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Nancy Cable-Wells speaks at Tuition Forum photo by Skip Davenport

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The results of the survey, which were returned completed by 225

students, show that 85% did not realize that they would have to pay an additional 10% per year in tuition. However, only 38% of the respondents said they would not have considered applying to Guilford if the cost had placed a financial strain on them or their families.

Also included with the survey were many of the written responses offered by students. The responses revealed a broad range of reactions ranging from condemnation to support of the proposed increase. "I can't believe people put a price on education," wrote one respondent. However, another saw Guilford as "run like a Mom and Pop grocery store. The mismanagement...cannot be tolerated." Still others worried about the type of students the college is recruiting: "I don't want Guilford to be limited only to high income people and rich snobs...this is against everything that Guilford stands for."

The forum echoed many of the concerns raised by the students in the surveys. After statements by the members of the panel, all of whom are on the budget-making Analytic Studies Team (AST), the floor was opened to questions and suggestions.

Painter Boulevard: A Community Update

by David Simpson

The city's recent decision to contract with firms for a cost analysis of possible routes for Painter Boulevard has brought the threat of a cut across college land closer to reality. Concerned campus and community figures are encouraging people to get involved in ways that might help stop or at least alter the path of the road.

Even though the road will not be started for at least four or five years because of problems with funding, Tom Lalley, organizer of Students Against Painter Boulevard (SAPB), says that it is important for people to voice their concerns now.

Tom Clark, faculty member and resident of a neighborhood that will be altered by the proposed road, says that in order to have any chance of stopping the road, people must get involved now before permanent plans are arranged and funding has been obtained.

Clark said that he questions how much Greensboro needs the new road. With all the energy problems we already have, said Clark, another road just encourages more people to drive and thus waste more energy. He said that he hopes people will take this concern seriously.

Clark encourages people to attend community meetings on the issue whether they want to stop the road or try to change its route.

Tim Saunders, Transportation Planning Coordinator for the City of

Greensboro, said that there is a lot of confusion about what is really happening with Painter Boulevard.

"A lot of people are confused about the fact that the road has just been proposed," said Saunders. "Proposed only identifies a need."

He said the road is not a possibility until funds are obtained.

Saunders said Greensboro will need some state funding and to obtain this funding the city will have to hire someone to do an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) which will take at least two years. He said that an EIS examines several different proposed routes including a "do nothing alternative" and estimates the cost and environmental damage of each.

In a proposed city map, two different routes are shown as possibilities for crossing Guilford's land. One crosses north to south about a quarter-mile from the lake and right through the heart of the Guilford woods. The other crosses the same direction but more to the east side of the college property.

Both Lalley and Clark say that there are many reasons why the road should follow a different route. Dr. William Rogers, president of Guilford College, said he agrees.

"The logic of this plan is somewhat flawed," Rogers said, because the perimeter of the city limits has enlarged. He noted when the road was proposed (about thirty years ago

according to the *Greensboro News &*

Record) the city was much smaller and would thus call for the road to be nearer to the downtown area.

Rogers also said that this route calls for two new interchanges, one on I-40 and one near Horsepen Creek Road, which would be too close to existing Wendover Avenue and Bryan Expressway interchanges.

The issue of the Guilford woods is important, too, said Rogers, because it is the largest open space in the city. "In a sense it is the lung of Greensboro."

Lalley and Clark agree. Clark said that not only does the city need the woods to provide oxygen to an area that was over the federal maximum for air pollution last year, but that the woods have great historical, educational, and cultural values as well.

The college woods once housed stations for the underground railway around the Civil War era and they contain what is thought to be the oldest tree in North Carolina.

The woods are the site of rainfall, botany, and wildlife studies for the biology department at Guilford, Clark said. He also said that the ropes course, a series of physically and mentally challenging exercises located in the woods, is a valuable educational tool.

Lalley and Clark both said that a more sensible route involves cutting across near the airport and out Stage-

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