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Formal garden proposal rehashed



Photo by Daphne Lewis

Students, faculty, and administration discussed the proposed sesquicentennial garden at an open forum.

Party haven condemned

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While the start of classes last fall coincided with the death of the historic Guilford Oak, the opening of the 93-94 school year was also marked by the demise of a fabled Guilford icon with the closing of the Bates Motel, an off-campus student house revered for its liberal atmosphere and popular social gatherings.

"Bates," which is located five potholes down Francis King Road, was recently condemned by Inspector Peacock of the Greensboro Housing Authority. Its current four residents have until the end of the month to vacate the premises.

"I'm sorry that we're going to have to close them down, but it's going to cost too much to put [the house] in shape," lamented the building's owner Joseph Sherill. "The fellows in the house now are happy there, but the city is not happy with it."

Outgoing Bates-ter Carl Beehler '92, conceded the house isn't in mint condition.

"The house in itself has no immediate dangers, but it has been improperly maintained and in the future there could be some problems," Beehler commented.

Beehler indicated he was some-

what wary of all the scrutiny Bates received from the city, noting that other student addresses such as the Yello House have been recent targets too.

"Most of the student houses have had some kind of legal run-in with the city. It doesn't seem to have to do with the houses so much as who is living in them," Beehler said.

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--Bates-ter Carl Beehler

Beehler concluded, "I think to an extent, politics played a good part in it. Mr. Peacock mentioned that politics plays a big part in this business."

On the other hand, Beehler who was an economics major at Guilford, also admitted his theory "could be a hundred percent off."

Sherill, whose son owns the Spring Garden Restaurant and Brewery located across the street from Bates, volunteered another theory.

"I think what triggered this whole thing was that [Bates] was rather messy on the outside," Sherill said.

Many Guilford graduates expressed regret at the closing of stu-

dent-occupied, off-campus houses.

"It is unfortunate that all the off-campus houses have decayed away and there are not many left," John Zemer, '93, said. "I think off-campus houses were very important to my experience at Guilford. Mostly I liked the communal living and the opportunity to be away from the [Guilford] administration."

Bates was constructed at the turn of the century as simply a big house and was converted to a duplex shortly thereafter. As the house slowly deteriorated, Guilford students moved in—Beehler guesstimates people have been partying at the house for at least fifteen years. Eight years ago Sherill purchased the property as an investment.

Living in Bates clearly wasn't for everyone, especially for those who don't like the cold.

"There's no insulation in most of the rooms," Beehler said. "There's no real heat...Heat wasn't just given to you. You didn't just pay for it; you had to work for it."

But even if Bates didn't seem like the kind of place where most people would choose to reside, they certainly felt comfortable flocking over for parties. Bates party-goers point to the fact that freshmen and sophomores appreciated the accessibility of Bates—a stone's throw from campus—and

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In memory of two of Guilford's hardest workers, a community is coming together and breaking apart.

Grimsley Hobbs, past president and a professor of philosophy, and Luby Casey, former board of trustees member for almost forty years, were both loved and honored Guilfordians. Some felt that there should be a physical reminder of all their hard work and effort that they put into Guilford.

Two people in particular—Bill Scott, director of grounds and maintenance, and Anthony Gurley, director of financial aid—stepped forward so future students and professors would be reminded of Hobbs and Casey.

"It isn't right for these two to have spent so much of their life energy on campus and not be remembered," Bill Scott said.

At first the plan was to redo the old rose garden behind Mary Hobbs, but then it was decided to

breathe life back into an idea for a garden thought of in 1987 by Bell-Glazier Design Group. This garden was to commemorate Guilford's 150th year and was known as the Sesquicentennial Garden. The garden is planned to be in the circular inlet in between Duke Memorial Hall and Archdale Hall. All of the \$250,000 is being raised by donations.

"We want to raise money and not compete with normal Guilford donations," Scott said. All of the money so far has been raised through donations with companies who usually do not donate to Guilford. The main purposes of this is to avoid competing with normal Guilford donors and hopefully to open the door to future donations.

Most of these companies are past business partners, whom Guilford usually bought equipment from, such as pavers or lawn mowers.

The actual plants and flowers for the garden are being donated by Casey's family. The lights and benches are being sold by sub-

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Science building proposal underway

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A proposal for a \$5.2 million science building which would be fully funded by the Olin Foundation has been the subject of several meetings this week.

Guilford is in the yearlong process of developing a master plan, Provost Dan Poteet said in an open forum on Wednesday. The changes which will be necessary could run as high as \$25 million.

Poteet said that because most people agree that one of the highest priorities is at least major renovations to a science building, the school should consider applying to the Olin Foundation for a grant of around \$6 million which would provide Guilford with a turnkey science facility.

"Something has to be done with King," said Albert Filoni, the senior member of the group which is developing a master plan for the campus in a joint meeting with SLRP, Facilities, and Senate Executive committees and SGA of-

ficers.

Filoni described the criteria for these grants. A proposal must be submitted by Oct. 15. The building must be new, and the old building must be renovated. In addition, Guilford must convince Olin that they need the new facility. MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni has worked with Denison University and Washington and Jefferson College in successfully securing grants from Olin.

All of the science faculty members have been consulted by MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni. Along with the SLRP and Facilities committees which met Monday, they have agreed to go for the proposal.

"For a science facility, you have to have a building that is a real work horse," Vicki Grant of the engineering firm working with MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni said. "King has been okay, but it needs to be put out in the pasture now."

A wooden roof, no overhead sprinkler system, and poor venti-

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