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 ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

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Don't Miss This Rare Chance to Hear From a Central American Worker About Life in a "Free Trade Zone"

Thursday, October 3
 7:30 p.m.

The Gallery, Founders Hall
 Guilford College

U.S. citizens hear about life of workers in Central American textile assembly plants, "Maquiladoras," where many of the clothes we buy are made. An employee of a Taiwanese plant in Nicaragua explains the life of Nicaraguan textile workers.

This is a chance to hear directly from a worker who can help us learn about working conditions, daily challenges of trying to feed families on wages of about \$2 per day, and hazards facing workers who organize to get fair treatment.

If you never wondered how workers are treated in Maquiladoras, you need to! Their situation affects workers in the United States and around the globe. The presentation will be of particular interest for:

Management/International Business Students
 (global business)

Women's Studies Student
 (life of millions of women, mostly age 15-25 who work in maquiladoras in many, many nations)

International/Intercultural Studies
 (international relations)

Humanities/Social Science Students
 (ethics and values)

All Student and community members who care about the quality of life which others seek.

Faculty From All Disciplines

(How "Free Trade," neoliberalism and economic globalization are changing who owns the productive resources around the world and who will be about to earn a living.)

Meadows purchase 'good for Guilford,' administration claims

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 editor-in-chief

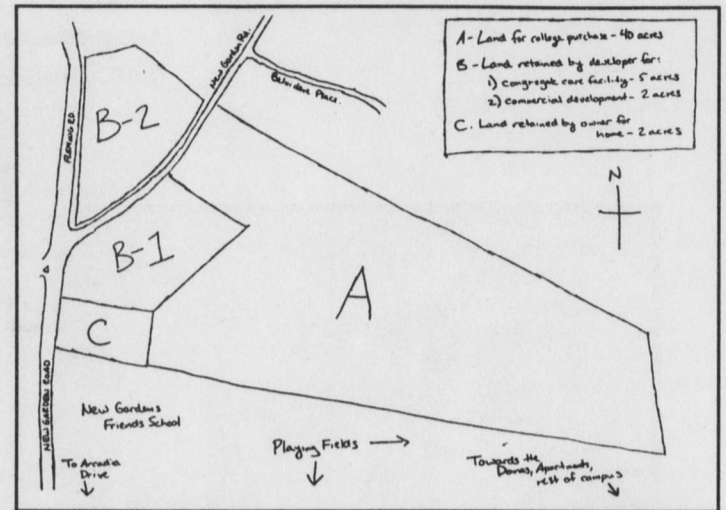
Through a flurry of faxes and conference calls, the Board of Trustees reached consensus last Monday on a plan to purchase approximately 40 acres adjacent to the Guilford College campus.

The purchase, valued at approximately 2.25 million dollars, blocked a proposal from Brown Investment Properties to use the land for a large apartment complex.

"We are now in total control of (the land), and we have the say of what will be done there," said President Don McNemar.

The purchase came after years of interest in the parcel of land known as "The Meadows." As far back as five years ago, when the first rumblings of possible development were felt, Guilford College kept in close contact with city commissions and the Waynick family, the owners of the Meadows, regarding the status of the land. At that point, the land's worth was appraised at nearly 5 million dollars, causing many to wonder if the college could ably afford the land.

"The interest in the Waynick land has been long-standing. When you see the possibility of going to a soccer game and seeing the apartments in the background, it became more real," said McNemar. These apartments would



have stood as close as 30 feet from Guilford's soccer fields.

Starting in August, McNemar, as well as Art Gillis, chief financial officer, Dan Poteet, provost, and Gordon Soenksen, vice-president of institutional advancement, set up small discussion groups with local Trustees to discuss the land. These discussions showed the administration how to present the case for purchase to the rest of the Board.

The Trustees were given the proposal, via faxes and e-mails, on Friday the 13th. By the following Monday, after numerous conference calls with the administration, the Trustees came to consensus, agreeing to buy the land.

"My first Trustee meeting was by phone and fax," laughed McNemar, "But consensus was reached and thus far, reaction has been very positive."

Money for the Meadows came directly from the college endowment, and, according to McNemar, will not affect other programs planned for in the school's annual budget. Gordon Soenksen heralded

the purchase as a "good investment" as well.

"If and when the college and Board of Trustees decide to do any development, it should be a good economic return," Soenksen said.

Although there is still wide speculation as to what the land will eventually be used for, in the present its main purpose is to provide a buffer zone for the college.

"Guilford College is the beautiful place it is because the Board of Trustees has bought adjacent land whenever it has become available. It makes this a better place for students for years to come. This is an investment for 50, 100, 200 years, not for just the next week," said Soenksen.

The agreement with Brown Investment and the Waynick family leaves three parcels of land still in the Waynick's hands—one for the Waynick's home and the other two for other purposes, including a congregate care facility and a bank. However, these parcels of land are not directly adjacent to the college. See the map for more details.

The Inquiring Photographer

How do you feel about Guilford's recent land purchase?



Isabell Lutterodt
 (senior)-
 I like it because maybe we can expand Guilford and create more apartments or something for student housing.



Christle Herbs
 (junior)-
 Guilford is beautiful as it is. It is my personal opinion that we don't need to spend our tuition money saving Guilford from the threat of the mall. You know, how threatening is a mall?



Dana Clark
 (senior)-
 I think it's good. We can expand later on if we get more students. It will create more of a healthy community.

by Becca Lee