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New director of security hired

◆ After a three-month search, Sylvia Chillcott to move from Sarasota, Florida to head Guilford security

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As of Dec. 1, Guilford College's security department will be headed by someone new—Sylvia Chillcott. Chillcott will replace interim director Jim Gibbons, as she returns to the Tarheel State after spending three years in Sarasota, Florida.

"We are looking forward to Sylvia's arrival," commented Dean of Student Life Mona Olds. "She brings significant prior management experience in college security. We expect she will bring expertise with her which will help further strengthen our security services."

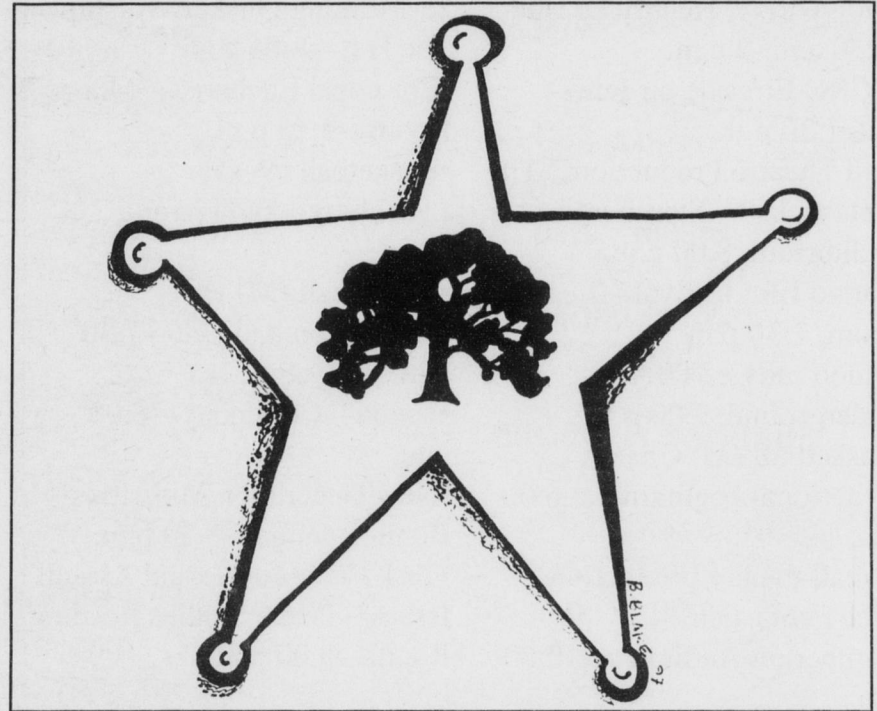
The quest for Guilford's security head got moving this summer. Students aided in the process upon their return in the fall. The list of applicants, nar-

rowed to six, were asked to spend time on-campus and meet with a group of students and administrators.

Steve Karakasidis, a student representative on the search committee, says that he was looking for someone "who would be easy to talk to and familiar with a small school." He adds that Sylvia also "seemed really eager to learn and work with the Quaker process."

Chillcott has been involved in law enforcement for more than a decade, and has worked with such institutions as Catawba College—another small liberal arts school in North Carolina.

She has been employed most recently as the public safety director of Florida's Ringling School of Art and Design.



Cable option discontinued

◆ Many students expressed interest, but not enough were willing to pay

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New computers, new smart cards, and a new voicemail system. Of all the changes at Guilford this year, however, cable will not be an addition.

This year saw the first attempt to provide students cable access in their rooms. The attempt failed.

The business office received proposals from several different companies. The best offer required the college to have a minimum of 350 "drop boxes." Elgina Manuel, director of residential life, said that meant at least 350 rooms out of the approximate 568 rooms on campus had to have cable.

The college would have paid for 100 of the boxes to be placed in public areas to decrease the needed number to 250. Manuel said the problem was not getting people to sign up; it was getting them to pay. Over 250 signatures of people who wanted cable were collected, but only 34 payments were received.

A payment of \$84 was needed up front, and most students could not pay that amount all at once. The payments were held a few weeks to be sure that no one else was going to pay. "People didn't know when or where to pay, or how the payment plan was set up," said Manuel.

First-year student Sloan Crawford said, "If people would have known they had to pay up front probably not as many people would have signed up."

Another factor was the channels that would have been provided. Junior Kevin Bowman felt it was too expensive for the limited amount of channels. "For the price it wasn't quality service."

Like Bowman, many students saw the list of 22 channels and did not want it. "They wanted more entertainment channels like MTV and BET," said Manuel. In order to provide more channels, a new satellite with a higher frequency would have to be installed. That would cost the college at least \$10,000.

Even though the plan did not

work this year, Manuel said it has been a learning experience.

Her response to the question of how much time was put into the project was "Ahhhhhh. It was very time-consuming at a peak time of the year. We collected signatures, then looked for duplicate signatures, and then entered them into the computer."

Students who did make payments were reimbursed two weeks ago. Along with the reimbursement, they received a letter from Manuel apologizing for any inconvenience and welcoming suggestions for a more effective plan for the project. Manuel also noted that if a student has a cable-ready television, he or she can connect it to the cable outlet in his or her room and possibly improve the current reception.

Manuel says there will be an attempt to manage the entire project differently next year. "Perhaps in the spring when students sign up for housing they can sign up for cable at the same time and a new payment plan can be implemented."

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