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Faculty oppose restructuring

♦ Faculty voice their concerns in a meeting with the Trustees

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In a move designed to foster communication about the current restructuring process, a concerned group of faculty members met with Don McNemar and members of the Board of Trustees last week.

The meeting was spawned by disagreement among some faculty about the direction the process is taking. Ten professors have made it known that they are in principled opposition to the restructuring plan.

"It seems to be that the faculty cuts are driving the process," sociology professor Laura O'Toole said. "The nature of the process may have been undermined."

O'Toole and other professors that want to be heard have benefited from the appointment of new Board of Trustees chairman Vic Flow, who is trying to get the Board to take a more active role in listening directly to on-campus concerns.

While the entire group of Trustees was not able to be present at last week's meeting, members that did attend said it was a productive session.

"The Board was very much impressed with the faculty at that meeting," said Kathy Coe, one of the Trustees. "It's important for every faculty member to be heard, and we don't want to undermine the obvious high quality of teaching that is going on at Guilford."

While some students have worried that the unhappiness of some of their professors might translate into a lessened desire to teach effectively, McNemar expressed a sense of general optimism that the airing of differences about the direction of restructuring might eventually lead to a positive outcome. "There was no sense of 'We're all together,' at the meeting, but from my perspective there was a lot of serious listening," he said. "There are certainly issues that need to be worked out, and not everybody will agree on every single thing."

With the semester barely two weeks old and meetings already being held, all parties involved are pointing towards an end-of-January meeting of the Board of Trustees as a key date. McNemar is currently working on prioritizing the recommendations of last semester's task forces for presentation to the Board.

If Coe's feelings are any barometer of the rest of the Board, the decisions made by the second-year Guilford president will find an enthusiastic audience with the Trustees. "Trustees are entrusted with the well-being of the College, and our role right now is of very strong support for Don McNemar," she said. "We believe Don is the leader of this process and that he has his eye on the big picture."

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The different events celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. day were well attended.

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College celebrates MLK day

BY MARJORIE HALL
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On Monday, Jan. 19, the nation celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Guilford College commemorated the national hero with several different events spanning almost a week.

The events began with Chuck Davis and the African-American dance ensemble, sponsored by ARTSetc. on Saturday night. The two-hour dance performance was well-attended. In the last part of the program, audience members were invited to come up on stage and dance with the performers, and the stage filled with students, community members, and President Don McNemar.

"I thought the performance was a real positive experience," said sophomore Julie Kauffman, who enjoyed the performance but declined the invitation to get on

stage. "I liked it a lot."

Recognition of MLK day continued with a service project sponsored by Project Community. A group of 20 students helped out at "Making it Upstream," a house for teenage males in serious trouble that will be opening soon. The men starting the program are graduates of Delancey Street, a prison sentencing alternative run by inmates. They have spoken at Guilford several times.

"We really respect what they are doing," said Judy Harvey, coordinator of Project Community. "This is a way we can say thank you to them and pay tribute to Martin Luther King. Not all of the teenagers who will be part of the program are African-American, but we think that helping teenagers in trouble is a way to honor his memory."

Events continued Monday with different seminars. Religion professor Joe please see **KING** on pg 2



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