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Race dialogue continues at meeting

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Tears flowed and tempers flared last week at a faculty meeting called to discuss race at Guilford. Students and staff members were invited to the meeting through several campus-wide voicemails and encouraged to share their perspectives and experiences.

The meeting occurred last Wednesday, April 15th, at New Garden Meeting House and essentially consisted of two halves — one within the official faculty meeting time from 3:45-5:15 p.m. and one after 5:15. "The sense of the meeting was that there were two meetings," said Adele Wayman, Clerk of Faculty and Art Professor. "The first meeting was a very difficult one," but the discussion became "more focused towards the end."

Santes Beatty, Director of African American Affairs, concurs that there was definitely a turning point in the discussion. "After the first portion of it, my feelings



The meeting took place at the New Garden Friends Meeting House across the street.

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were mixed," he said, adding that at the conclusion he "felt much better about what

had transpired."

Beatty had a lot of contact with the

students who arranged the meeting and said that after the meeting, "some students were very upset, but continued to show how strong and resilient they all are."

Most of those gathered left when given the opportunity to do so at 5:15 p.m., but many stayed for several more hours to continue discussion of ways Guilford College can combat racism. Beatty thinks dialogue is a first step, but not a solution. "Racism is the most prevalent disease in our society, and you can't get rid of it by just discussing it," he said.

The discussion began with Senior Shawntay Stocks relating her experiences with a professor. According to Stocks, she was asked to respond to the founding of America for a history class. When she chose to focus on the exploitation of Native Americans and African slaves, the professor told her she had missed the point.

Stocks concluded by asking the faculty to speak out at the meeting, and posed *please see RACE on pg. 2*

First Dick Dyer Memorial Awards given

BY EMILY DINGS
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 20, at 8 p.m., the late Dick Dyer received an honor he never enjoyed in his lifetime. The First Annual Dick Dyer Awards Ceremony, the brainchild of Senate president Molly Martin, commemorated one of the most well loved yet publicly unsung members of the Guilford administration.

The Founders cafeteria glowed with reverence for Dyer, whose untimely death at the beginning of this school year grieved the community deeply. Each table had a small Shaker rocking chair at its center, since Dyer used to praise the chairs that "didn't need urging" to move. As Molly Martin recollected, he stated that "Quakers didn't live a kinda, sorta life and you shouldn't either."

Dyer was remembered as an impassioned and charismatic staff member who redirected the lives of many wayward Guilford students. Marshall Lammers, who worked with Dyer on the judicial and academic boards, described him as someone who dealt with "the dirty underside of Guilford" because he was assigned the task of counseling students who were greatly troubled and unhappy at Guilford.

The thanklessness of Dyer's position

at Guilford prompted Molly Martin to create a ceremony to honor students, faculty and staff who are not normally recognized despite the devotion that they offer Guilford. "When Dick died, we needed a positive way to keep [his memory] going," she stated. She added that Dick's vibrant personality demanded a tribute more alive than a typical memorial. "It's important to renew the energy of people who soared because Dick picked them up," she concluded. Martin passed the idea along to Senate vice-president Linda Johnson, who then organized the event.

Awards were given for outstanding, behind-the-scenes contributions to the Guilford community. Some awards, such as the Most Hospitable Admission Volunteer award, went to a student who went beyond the call of duty of his job description. Brian Heagney won this award for adding life to his campus tours by doing things like baking bread for one of his groups.

The crowning award of the evening, given to political science professor Bill Schmickle, was for outstanding academic and personal guidance by a faculty member. Molly Martin and Linda Johnson praised Schmickle for his outstanding teaching.

Johnson stated that although his skills would befit Ivy League colleges, Schmickle

should be praised for his decision to teach at a small Quaker school.

Deborah Shaw, who was honored with one of the "Hearts and Hands" awards, commented: "It makes me feel very humble and challenged to live up to the standards that Dick set." Marshall Lammers continued the praise: "When Dick died, I worried about the institution

Dick Dyer Awards

- Outstanding AACS Members: **Casaundra Penn and Michelle Otis**
- Outstanding Activism on Campus (Justice Club): **Lamont Gavin**
- Outstanding Justice Club Member: **Allison Whitman**
- Most Willing to Help (Admission Volunteers): **Rob Mirchin**
- Most Hospitable Admission Volunteer: **Brian Heagney**
- Most Active New Union Member: **Cassie Morgan**
- Outstanding Union Member: **Jenn Wingo**
- The 100% Advising Award: **Kathy Adams, Anne Glenn, Raymond Johnson, Deborah Roose, and Richle Zweigenhaft**
- Outstanding Effort to Raise Awareness about Sexual Assault Issues on Campus (Sexual Assault Task Force): **Ryan Bek**
- Biohazard Ultimate Award: **Erica Leclair**
- Most Active New Club: **Scrabble Club, Admission Volunteers**
- Most Active Hall Council: **Rob Mirchin**
- Most Active Resident Adviser: **Nikki White, Tyler Long**
- "Hearts and Hands" Award: **Recognized: Brad McNeely, Janet Cochran, Max Carter, Ed Lowe, Carolyn Beard Whitlow, Jeff Jeske, Carol Stoneburner, Pat Callair, Dawn Watkins, Judy Harvey, and Elginá Manuel, Honored: Mary Broos and Deborah Shaw.**
- Overall Outstanding Senator (Fall and Spring): **Leslie Ale and Marshall Lammers**
- Outstanding Leadership and Dedication by a Senior: **Andy Ahearn, Susan Allen, Brian Lowit, Adam Lucas and Lamont Williams**
- Outstanding Academic and Personal Guidance by a Faculty Member: **Bill Schmickle**