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Outsourcing remains dominant issue at December community meeting

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Outsourcing of the college bookstore and other Guilford services remained the hot issue of the last Community Time Meeting on Wed., Dec. 9th. Around 50 people gathered in Boren lounge to watch tensions rise between concerned students and administrators.

A key question that students raised was whether the college is already taking small steps to outsource services without keeping the entire community informed.

According to students Jessica Justice, Megan McCall, and Karuna Markman, the answer is yes. These students have been conducting their own investigation on the college's proposed outsourcing.

McCall started off the meeting by stating that landscapers from Budd Services, a company used by other schools that outsource, were seen on campus last summer. McCall and Justice traveled to High Point University,

where Budd Services performs services, to infer possible consequences of outsourcing by Guilford.

An account executive led Justice and McCall to believe Guilford was looking into outsourcing, but Gillis denies contacting them about potential outsourcing.

If Budd Services was hired to outsource services here, they would put all of the college's current employees back through the interview process and there would not be a 100% rehiring, according to the executive.



Gillis addressed students' concerns about potential outsourcing at the meeting. AMANDA SPENCER

According to Gillis, Guilford is solicited a lot by outside companies like Budd Services to perform services.

"This is the natural course of business for a complex institution,"

said Gillis. Gillis also confirmed that Budd Services was hired over the summer to perform landscaping since Guilford does not own the necessary sophisticated equipment.

Cecil McDowell, head of housekeeping, along with Gillis, said that Budd Service has been hired temporarily in the past to perform tasks such as landscaping and stripping old wax off floors.

Speculation as to whether Guilford has already begun to outsource was heightened when Justice raised the question of whether the college owed money to Budd Services.

According to McCall, Guilford owes \$20,000 to Budd Services for work they have done in the past.

Vehemently defending this charge, Gillis stated that Budd Services was not paid at first because the work they had completed was not satisfactory to the college.

There was an agreement between Guilford and Budd Services that the college would not pay for the services unless they were deemed satisfactory. According to Gillis this did not happen and Budd Services came back to campus to finish the work and was ultimately paid in full.

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Planned Activities Monday, January 18th

- Service Project**
8:15 a.m., meet behind Founders
 - Worship Service**
9:00 a.m., Boren lounge
 - Parade in downtown Greensboro**
10:00 a.m., rear of Founders
 - Hands Across the Guilford Campus**
1:00 p.m., front of Founders
 - Panel on Organized Responses to Racism**
1:30-2:45 p.m., Gallery
 - Round Table Discussion on Racism Experiences**
2:00-3:00 p.m., Boren lounge
 - Panel: Multiple Perspectives on Homosexual Issues**
3:00-4:00 p.m., Boren lounge
 - Why are so many black men in prison?**
3:00-5:00, Gallery
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Celebration planned for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

From Staff Reports

Guilford students will enjoy their only one-day holiday of the school year Monday when the college celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Students need not fret that there will be nothing to do, as there have been a plethora of activities planned in celebration of the day.

Monday there will be several panel discussions and opportunities for community service before the Candlelight Tribute to King. (see chart, left)

The observance will continue throughout the week with speaker Colman McCarthy outlining "How to be an effective

peacemaker."

McCarthy is the founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace. He is a popular college lecturer, speaking at more than 20 colleges a year.

His lecture presents ideas ranging from the basics of nonviolent conflict resolution to the theories of Gandhi, King, and Thomas Merton. The lecture includes *New Shoots for Peace*, a short film documentary about peaceful conflict resolution.

McCarthy will arrive at Guilford early Thursday and address individual classes throughout the day, delivering his lecture on peaceful conflict resolution in the Commons at 7:30 p.m.