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Board of Trustees to make decision about outsourcing of the bookstore

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Outsourcing. The word elicits a heated response from many in the Guilford community, and they've been hearing and talking about it a lot lately. After the Board of Trustees meeting this weekend, many of the conversations were expected to come to fruition. However, if President Don McNemar has his way, the discussion will continue. McNemar has made public his intention to recommend to the board that they delay the decision, as well as his belief that while outsourcing is likely the best alternative, Guilford is not prepared to make the right decision this weekend. McNemar was careful at the community meeting Tuesday night to not imply that he was recommending that Guilford not outsource, only that the board not make that decision this weekend.

In fact, when asked by bookstore manager Betsy Johnson to say that he would be open to exploring alternatives to outsourcing, McNemar said he thought that Guilford would outsource.

The discussion of outsourcing itself has come under attack, especially by students who feel that student input has largely been ignored and that information has not been given to students as freely as it should have been.

Students were assured that the full report would be available for review after winter break. In fact, the report was placed on reserve a little over a week ago.

The report on reserve includes parts of the final report, including the section which was the

that the committee had compiled as part of their study were excluded from the report given to faculty, students, and trustees. It has since been given to a few students who made persistent inquiries.

"The memorandum is basically an argument to outsource," said Jessica Justice, a senior who is part of a group of students spearheading a campaign to collect signatures on a petition telling the



COURTESY BETSY JOHNSON

The bookstore sells a variety of Guilford College paraphernalia.

committee's conclusions, prefaced by a memo from Art Gillis. The minutes from the committee's meetings and a collection of data

Board of Trustees that students are opposed to outsourcing at this time.

The memo had been attacked on several fronts. Bill Stevens, chair of the committee that compiled the report, asked that a sentence be changed at the faculty meeting last Wednesday.

McNemar was unable to confirm at the community meeting Tuesday night that the copies on reserve in the library or those sent to trustees had been accordingly updated. Beth Keiser, English professor and member of the committee, felt that the report and the administration's attitudes have discounted the work that the committee did, and that the memo did not reflect the dissension of the committee members or the fact that they did not come to consensus on all matters.

The trustees' decision was further complicated by the recommendation of the Budget, Audit, and Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees, which met on Jan. 11th, and decided to recommend that the college outsource the bookstore. That meeting, which was held the day of registration, did not have a student representative present. Olivia Riordan, Senate treasurer, did not receive notification that the meet-

Housekeeping staff suffer from lack of student respect

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Every Monday morning, Betty Jones is greeted with 11-12 trash bags on each floor in Milner to be hauled down to the trash bins. Paper, beer and soda cans, which can easily be recycled by students, fill up the majority of these sacks. This isn't her last unpleasant site. "Tell them (students) to flush the toilets and pick up their cigarette butts," said Jones.

Down the sidewalk in Bryan, Ann Hill is faced with overflowing trash cans and furniture strewn about. As students crawl out of bed after a weekend of partying, housekeeping staff is left to do the clean up.

Concerns of students and faculty showing a lack of respect to housekeeping staff and campus buildings recently prompted Building Services(Housekeeping)



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Phyllis Hendricks works in English hall.

to issue a memo to the entire Guilford community. Cecil McDowell, head of Building Ser-

vices, first handed out the memo at the last Community Time Meeting on Dec. 9th. The memo was then sent out during the next couple of days to each student and faculty member.

In the memo several items such as vandalism, cigarette butts, unpleasant sites within restrooms, strewn trash on floors and campus grounds, trash too heavy to lift, classrooms with spills, bottles, or wrappers, animal waste, and graffiti were listed as problems on campus. "We are not asking anyone to have pity on us, we are just asking that you be more considerate in helping maintain this beautiful campus," says the memo.

These current concerns follow ones last

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