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## Local union clashes with postal service

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Are the postal workers of Greensboro disgruntled?

Pickers stood their ground a week ago Monday outside Greensboro's Main Post Office. These picketers are members of the American Postal Workers Union, Area Local 711.

The protesters are being led by 711's president Wray Davis.

The protests extends from the recent notification on intention to fire mechanic Terry Duncan, the Greater Greensboro Area Local 711 executive union vice president. According to Duncan, the U.S. Postal Service fired him for lying during his testimony in an arbitration hearing. It was a testimony defending a fellow employee and union member.

Duncan claims he is being let go because of his union membership.

"They were basically singling me out because of my union activity," said Duncan to reporters Monday.

The protest is just an effort to get his job back and to send management a message. Union president Wray Davis called this malicious firing as an intimidation tactic about speaking out or filing grievances.

"We are not going to accept harassment of a fellow union member who is acting within his rights supplied by the National Labor Act," said Davis in our telephone interview.

"This is to let all management know that we are not going to take the crap that they are giving us. We want the people to know what's going on in the post

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## New IDS major approved

♦Peace and Conflict Studies first in series of interdisciplinary proposals

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Wednesday, March 17th marked a significant moment for the new Guilford College curriculum. The faculty approved Peace and Conflict studies as an interdisciplinary major. On April 21st the faculty will consider approving two more interdisciplinary majors, African American Studies and Environmental Studies.

Each of the majors requires that students double-major in a second, disciplinary field. Two of the programs, Peace and Conflict Studies and African-American studies, come from existing concentrations. Expanding the current programs gives students more interdisciplinary opportunities.

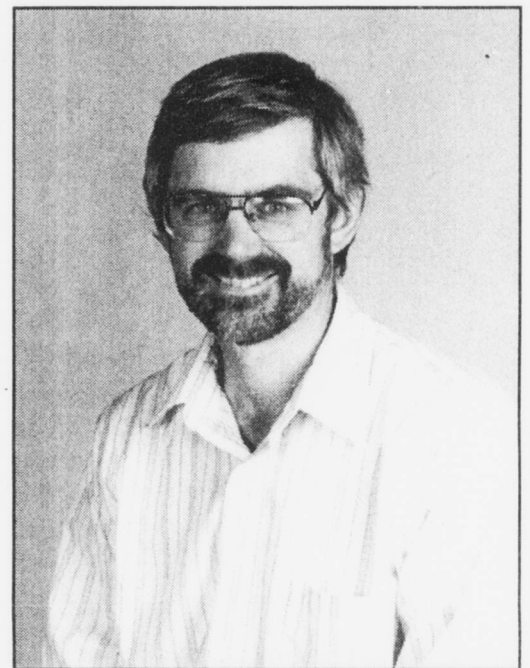
Peace and Conflict Studies draws on two fields, Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies. However, one field or the other has tended to dominate in many graduate and undergraduate programs. Joe Groves, Coordinator of the

Peace and Conflict Studies Committee, sees the two fields as complementary and thinks the new major has a nice balance.

African American Studies also strives for a balance. The program, coordinated by history professor Adrienne Israel, does not focus strictly on African Americans. The goal of the proposed major is to educate students about the significant contributions made by African peoples to the world's growth and progress.

At the end of the spring semester 13 students will have completed a concentration in African-American Studies. The demand for a major is present. In addition, 15 students without concentrations in African-American Studies have expressed an interest in taking more African-American Studies courses.

Environmental Studies has



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the most student interest. About 40 students currently enrolled at Guilford have expressed interest in an Environmental Studies

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## Graduation plans commence

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The day that many have been looking forward to since they set foot onto campus their freshman year is near.

That day is graduation.

The ceremony will be held this year on May 8th at 10:30 in the morning.

"Commencement is planned by the Celebrations and Convocations committee," said Dawn Watkins, director of Student Activities and Events Planning and also chair of the Celebrations committee. "Commencement is probably one of my favorite times of the year."

There are students who serve on this committee who help plan and organize the events that take place during the week of commencement. Those students

on the committee are James Norton, Gwen Kelly, Sarah Morris, and Gary Young.

The senior picnic will be held Thursday, May 6th at the

held also on the 7th in Dana Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Jon Coyle, Gwyneth Cliver, Hanna Passmore, Taj Greenlee, and Michael Martin have been planning this event.

Commencement will be held in front of Hege library. Keir Bickerstaffe and Debbie Kiliru are the main campus students speaking at graduation.

"Basically, I'm really touched that I was chosen to speak," replied Bickerstaffe. "Hopefully I won't bore the crowd to death with what I say... I'll try to keep it lively and short and relatively 'clicheless'.... It's really

difficult to think of something to say that will be meaningful for everyone—there are so many different individual experiences at Guilford that for me to sum it up in a five-minute speech seems pretty daunting. Hopefully most

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lake from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Senior senator, James Norton has been planning this event.

Friday, May 7th, the rehearsal for graduation will take place in Dana auditorium at 2 p.m.

Baccalaureate, the spiritual service for graduation will be