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New Computing and Information Technology major proposed

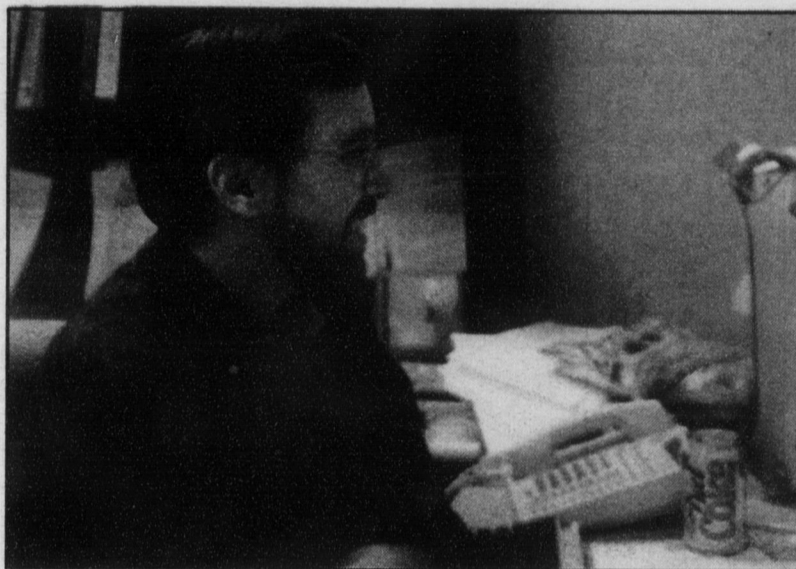
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Rob Whitnell, Director of Information Technology and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, has proposed a new Computing and Information Technology major for Guilford College.

"There has been considerable interest among students with either how they can construct a major with computers or how they can incorporate computers into their learning," said Whitnell. "We have been one of the very few [liberal arts colleges] who haven't [offered this major]."

Whitnell believes that the major would benefit Guilford students who would be interested in pursuing a career related to information technology. "It would not be reasonable for me to say that computing makes one's life simple, but it can give tremendous utility for anyone who's using it, both in terms of completing their own work, and being able to communicate freely inside and outside Guilford," said Whitnell.

Currently, Guilford offers Computing and Information



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Rob Whitnell, Director of Information Technology and Services, hopes his proposal will be approved.

Technology as a concentration.

If Computing and Information Technology is approved, it will be an eight-course major with a mathematics concentration.

Whitnell sent out his original proposal in 1997. His most recent draft, distributed this September, was sent to all faculty members for review. "The initial response that I've gotten has been positive. There are clearly details that need to be discussed," said Whitnell.

Completed proposals are first brought to the Curriculum Committee. The proposal is then brought to the faculty, and the faculty decides on whether they want to approve the major. "Who knows how long that will take, since we only have one faculty meeting a month," said Dave MacInnes, Chair of the Faculty's Curriculum Committee. "As a

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Caf welcomes composting effort

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Like modern-day alchemists, three first-year students are turning ordinary garbage into gold.

Ariana DiToro-Forlenza, Aimee Griffith, and Beth Savy

collect the fruit and vegetable waste left over from brunch and dinner on Sundays and haul it to the compost bin in the permaculture garden. As the compost brews, the nutrients bound up in the plant materials are released into newly created soil to feed next year's

garden. Gardeners call this rich mixture "brown gold."

The students devised the composting project for an FYE assignment in psychology professor Catherine Kannenberg's Ecological Psychology course. "Each student must do a personal or campus project to try to modify some kind of environmental attitude, behavior, or knowledge," Kannenberg explained.

The first-year trio inten-

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Three students in Catherine Kannenberg's Ecological Psychology FYE class reintroduced composting to the cafeteria.

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