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## Election 2000 still unresolved

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"We have just reached the Twilight Zone of American politics," said a campaign official for Vice President Al Gore last Wednesday.

This year's election is undoubtedly history in the making. It is the first time that, over a week past Election Day, the American people still do not know who the next president will be.

Gore, the Democratic candidate, received approximately 49,260,111 votes. Texas Governor George W. Bush, the Republican candidate, received approximately 49,043,820 votes. This is the closest popular vote since 1960, when John F. Kennedy won his race against Richard Nixon by less than 100,000 votes.

Many complications have plagued this election. Despite his lead in the popular vote, it is



Supporters for presidential candidates, Al Gore and George W. Bush, clash during a rally outside the election office in Palm Beach County, Florida Nov. 13, 2000.

far from certain that the Vice President will become the next president. The final Electoral College vote has yet to be determined. Recounts are underway in Florida, and may soon be required in several other states as well. The entire Electoral College system has come into question. The closeness of the race has also brought to the

surface the issues of third party candidates as well as accuracy and fairness within the vote.

### The Problem with Florida

Both candidates knew that Florida would be important. Both campaigned heavily

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## Jack Miles explains the ups and downs of politics

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"We live in a flawed nation," said Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jack Miles to the audience gathered in Dana Auditorium. "What we have to hope for is leaders who do not flatter us but summon up the courage to improve and even rebuke us upon occasion."

In spite of the controversy surrounding the most recent presidential election, Jack Miles reminded Guilford students and the Greensboro community last Thursday, November 2, that the ups and downs of politics are nothing new. His lecture, en-

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## Bill Bradley speaks about election and leadership

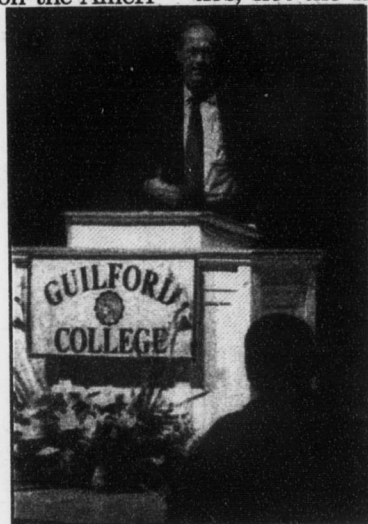
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Guilford College welcomed Bill Bradley to campus on Thursday, November 9th, to conclude the guest speaker series on the American Presidency.

The expression "being left in the dark" was given new meaning during Bradley's speech on leadership.

The lights in Dana Auditorium went out during the question-and-answer session. Everyone waited in the dark for Bradley's solution to Florida's election conflict.

Bradley's speech also provided a solution for living in darkness. During the crux of his speech Bradley described a small plane flying at night over the vast Montana countryside. The lights failed and the passengers, a Montana candidate for governor and her pilot, had no sense of direction. Lit by the



Bradley spoke at Guilford on Nov. 9

moon, they noticed the Yellowstone River. They followed the moonlit river not knowing if they were going to make it home.

In life we don't know what will happen. We must see the light and follow the right path. Bradley emphasized that we must see the possibilities, not the drawbacks, in life. He used a quote from W. Mitchell to illustrate his point.

"When I wake up in the morning I can either think of the 1,000 things I can't do or the 10,000 things I can do."

Bradley's speech focused on three main topics: understanding change, pluralism in America, and finding meaning in your life.

When you understand change, you know the world is unpredictable, Bradley explained. "Be ready for whatever is on the horizon," he said.

Bradley sees a multi-ethnic and racial horizon for America. "We must be our brothers' keepers," Bradley said. "Either we stand together or we

diminish as a nation."

Responsive listeners who shared Bradley's democratic ideology enthusiastically applauded his speech. "Idealism can change the world. There is no power like the power of idealism," he said. "Young people can make a difference by being mentors and doing volunteer work."

Bradley addressed the audience comfortably. Two NBA championships, an Olympic gold medal, two terms in the United States Senate, and campaigning for President backed his confident words.

"Anybody that would give up their first two years of NBA eligibility to be a Rhodes scholar is someone to be admired for the pursuit of intellectual interest," said alum Sherrill Word.

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