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Dan Freeman, whose birthday is on Saturday, is one wild man without a meal plan. For more, see p. 11.

## Trustees debate Guilford's future

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When the Board of Trustees convened on campus last weekend, it made decisions about tuition increases, an early college program for Guilford County high school students, the future of college-owned properties, and was updated by the administra-

tion of the status of the ongoing presidential search.

The Board also spent much of its time working towards keeping the college on solid financial ground and planning the next steps to eliminate the steep debt the college is in following the construction of the Frank Science Center and other campus-wide improvements.

### The Presidential Search

The D.C.-area consultant hired to solicit applicants to replace Don McNemar when he steps down as president in June reported that it has received over 50 applications, twice as many as it expected. The applications include a range of diverse candidates: Quakers, women, businesspeople, and minorities. For now, however, applicants' names are confidential.

All applicants will be reviewed, and the pool will be winnowed to three to five final candidates, each of whom will visit the campus in February and March to meet with faculty and students. The selection of

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## Our Time in History campaign meets \$50m goal

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In the major campaign to raise \$50 million to serve a variety of the school's needs, Guilford College achieved its goal a full year early of the projected date.

College administrators formally announced on Fri., Jan. 25, to the Board of Trustees that they have raised a sum of \$50,147,689 since the "Our Time in History" campaign was publicly launched in September of 1999. Donors include alumni, national endowment foundations and local philanthropists.

President Don McNemar was obviously thrilled with the news, but cautioned that the campaign is "not done yet."

The college still needs additional finances to renovate Founders Hall and build a new athletic/fitness/wellness center near the current athletic facilities.

Both projects were stated goals of the campaign when it was launched, but their success now relies on the appropriation of \$3 million more for Founders, and \$5 million more for the athletic center. The debt is due in part to the construction of the \$14 million Frank Family Science Center, which went \$4 million over budget.

"[The building of] a new athletic center will be dependent on exceeding [the current campaign total]," said Ty Buckner, director of college relations. "So now we want to finish the job."

The "Our Time in History" campaign comes to an official close on the last day of 2002.



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From left to right, Bruce Stewart, chairman of the Board of Trustees, President Don McNemar, and Jim Hood, associate dean of students.

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