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Jada Drew '07, helps lead the King's Campaign, which began on Monday. See Page 9

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## World AIDS Day commemorated

*Activists protest in D.C. to bring about policy changes*

BY ROBBIE FISHER | STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of activists stood before the White House with their hands cupped tightly around their mouths as they passionately shout synchronized chants.

Other protesters hold signs and lift them in the air; their arms tight as they bellow, "how many more have to die before you join the fight?" This is the scene of 300 diverse people fighting for a common cause on World AIDS Day.

Three Guilford students drove to Washington to join in the protest. Tim Scales, Community Senate president; Erin Burns, senior peace studies and political science major; and sophomore Martha Assefa all attended the rally.

Assefa has a connection to the cause.

"I grew up in Kenya, where seven-hundred people died from AIDS," she said.

Friday, Dec. 1, was World AIDS Day, and Washington, D.C., was inundated with people from various backgrounds, races, ethnicities, and walks of life. College students from surrounding universities, adults with their families, organized AIDS groups, and media representatives were present in hopes of delivering one message.

Tim Scales said, "I was really excited about the diversity of the rally. It was inspiring to see so many different groups come together to support this common cause."

"We are trying to get D.C. to legalize needle exchange, as well as asking for \$8 billion to fund training and retention for health workers in Africa," said Burns. "Not only are we asking for all of this, but we also want full funding of the Ryan White Care Act, a bill that provides care and affordable drugs to people who are HIV-positive in the United States."

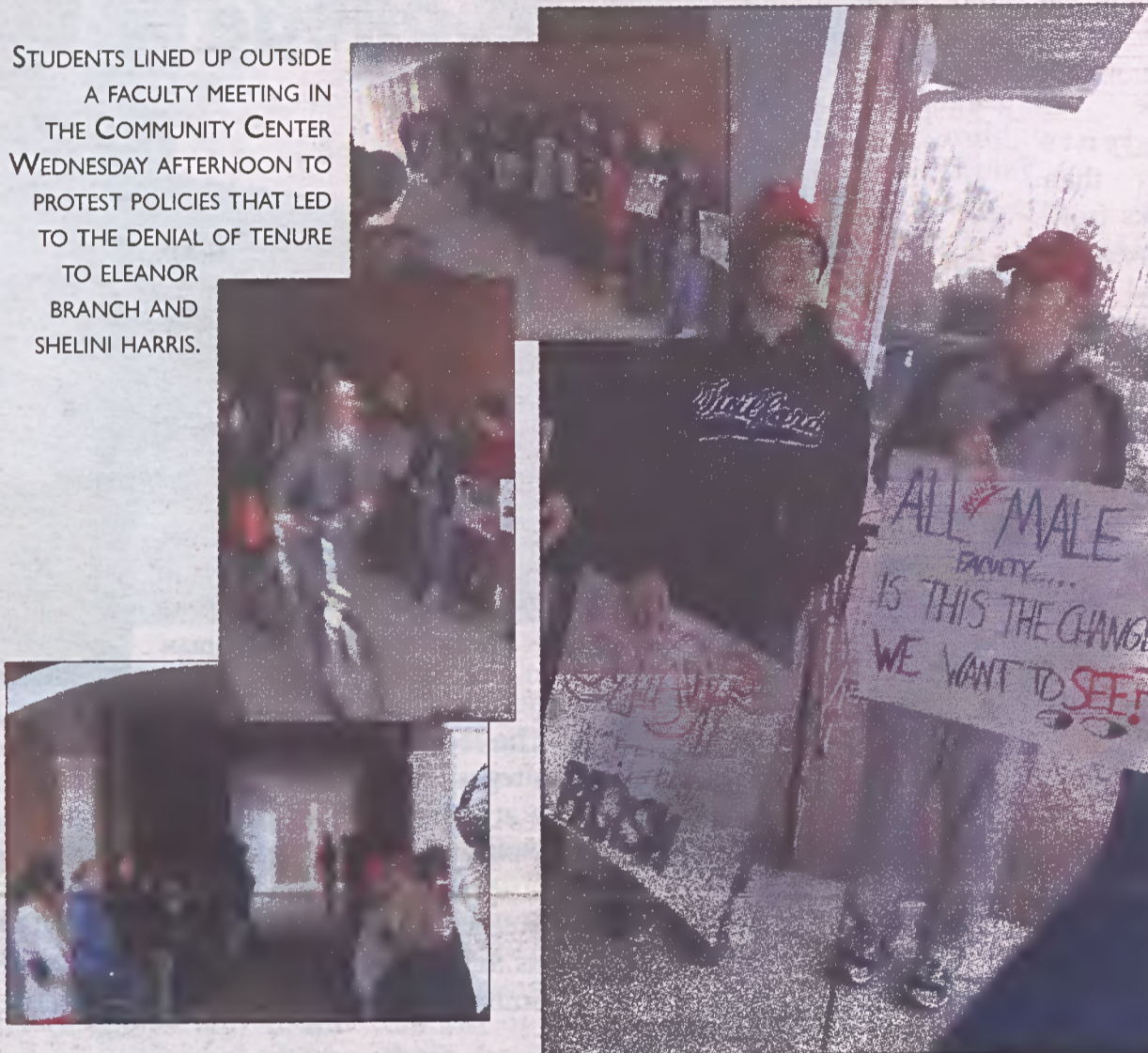
Before the rally began, speeches were given as a means to bring the crowd together and strengthen themselves as one voice. Organized AIDS groups spoke to generate passion and anger in the crowd. Groups such as Act Up Philadelphia, D.C. Fights Back, The Student Global AIDS Campaign, and RAP (Regional, Addiction, Promotion) all gave words of encouragement.

Three hundred people walked to the front of the White House. They stopped at the sidewalk where police on horseback sat to divide the White House from the rally.

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## Students rally in support

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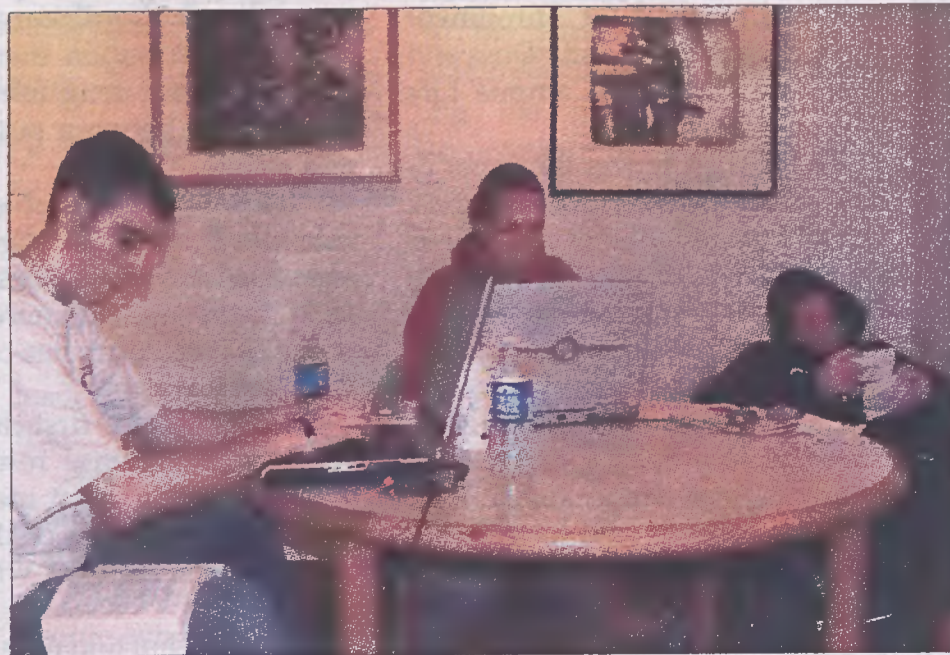
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## Extra time benefits off-season athletes

BY JULIANA JANISCH | STAFF WRITER

As the end of fall semester approaches, there is no doubt that the workload in most classes has forced many to put their academic game faces on as they try to wrap up their last assignments and study for final exams.

The same goes for off-season athletes. Practices and games tend to take up the majority of their time during the season. Taking classes while playing sports is a lot to juggle, and requires good time management skills on the players' part.



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OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETES MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME IN THE LIBRARY.

Off-season athletes, meanwhile, are taking advantage of their newfound free time to catch up on their studies. Joe Joyner, a junior football player, is one of them.

"I mainly use my time to catch up on work and relaxing," said Joyner.

Peter Deng, a sophomore soccer player, is also using the extra time to catch up on his studies.

"I am concentrating more on my school work, and trying to catch up on anything that I might have missed during soccer season," said Deng. "I am also using the extra time to get community service hours through the Bonner Program."

Deng feels that he works better during the season because his days are more structured.

Interestingly, Deng noted an improvement in his grades during soccer season.

"I feel like my grades are much better when I am playing a sport," said Deng. "My whole schedule is organized, so I know exactly where I need to be at certain times."

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## History of Integration

On Nov. 29, James Shields gave a lecture on Guilford's history of integration, and sometimes the lack thereof.

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## FYE Lab Controversy

After much negative reaction to this fall's new detached FYE lab, a group of faculty, students, and staff have proposed fresh ideas for next year.

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## Tenure and Race

A faculty member writes an open letter to the college administration questioning the link between recent tenure decisions and possible institutional racism.

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## Staying Healthy

See our helpful tips for food, sleep, work, and play that will help you get through final exams without physical breakdown.

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## U.S. soldier sentenced to life in prison

BY KATIE BAILEY | STAFF WRITER

A United States Army soldier serving in Iraq was sentenced to 90 years in prison for the gang rape of a 14-year-old Iraqi girl, and the murder of her and her family.

Spc. James P. Barker was one of five soldiers accused of involvement in the March 2006 crime, and the first to be tried.

Barker was allegedly suffering from the effects of alcohol, sleep deprivation and acute stress syndrome when another soldier herded the girl's mother, father and four-year-old sister into a bedroom while Barker and a third soldier raped 14-year-old Abeer al-Janabi.

Each of the family members was then shot in the head.

"Part of the role of the military judicial system is to preserve discipline within the armed forces," said John Motsinger, visiting professor of justice and policy studies. "Crimes of this nature contravene discipline and can make the military's job more difficult by alienating the local population."

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