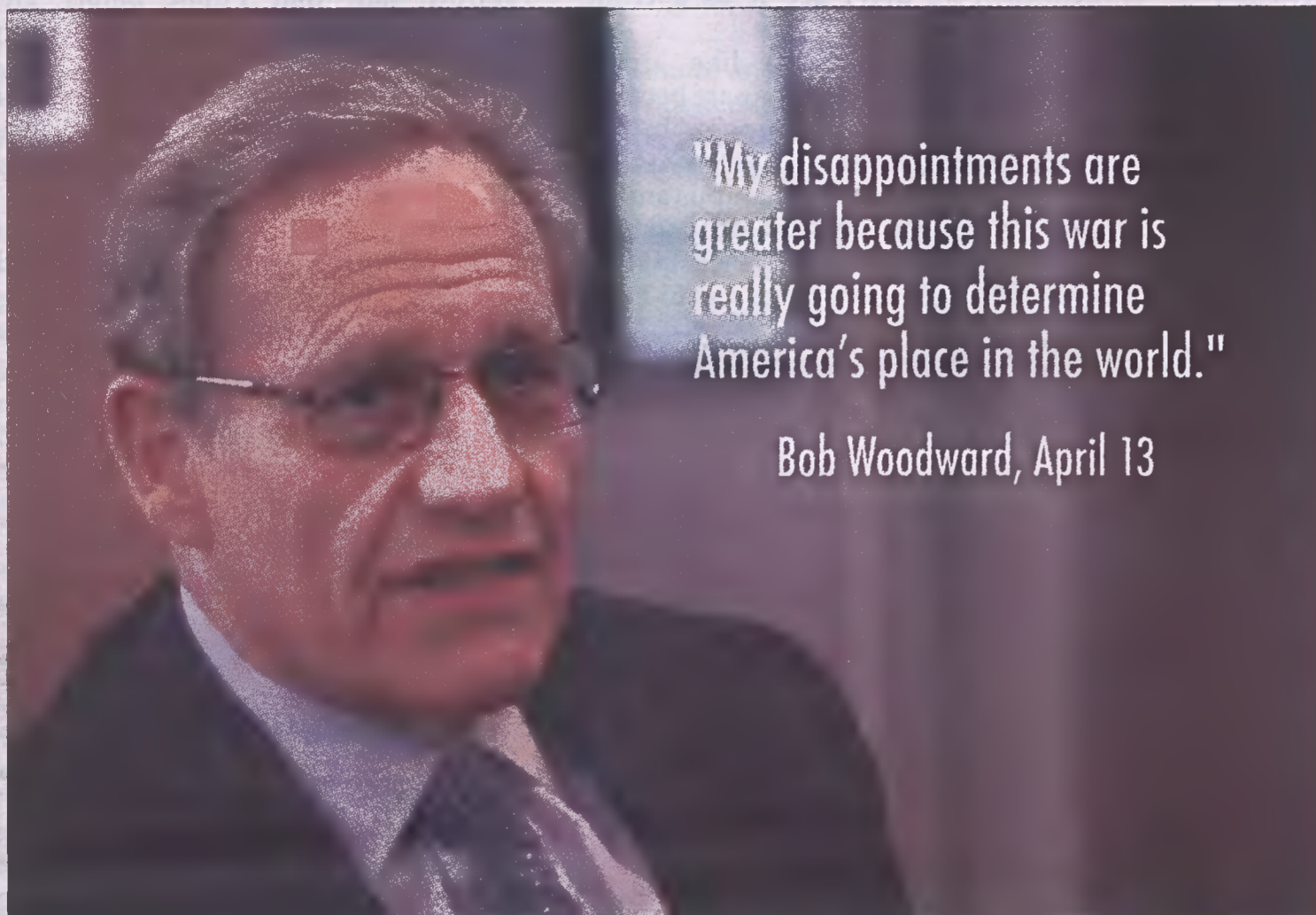


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"My disappointments are greater because this war is really going to determine America's place in the world."

Bob Woodward, April 13

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JOURNALIST BOB WOODWARD CONCLUDES '08 BRYAN SERIES

By Deena Zaru
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Watergate legend, journalist and author Bob Woodward spoke at War Memorial Auditorium on April 13 as the final event of Guilford College's 2007-08 Bryan Series.

Woodward also held a student session in the Community Center from 1 to 2 p.m. that day, which was attended by about 20 members of the community, many of which were Political Science and English majors.

"The way he talked to the students, he came across as really wanting to connect with them," said Brian Ewing, staff writer for the

Greensboro News and Record. "Anything to get more young people involved in journalism is great."

"It was a really amazing experience to be able to hear from him. In the session he treated us as contemporaries and didn't dumb it down," said junior Padraic Lehane, a staff writer for the Guilfordian. "I thought he was pretty straightforward about a lot of stuff and as honest as he could be, even though I didn't necessarily always agree with him."

Most recently, Woodward has authored three books on the Bush Administration's handling of the war in Iraq: *Bush at War*, *Plan of Attack*, and *State of Denial*. His fourth

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Congress passes \$50 billion bill to combat international HIV

By Jake Blumgart
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Early this month Congress approved a bill that will extend the President's Emergency Program for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) another five years — and triple the budget from \$15 billion to \$50 billion. The money will help combat the spread of AIDS abroad.

"For our country to be healthy, for the eradication of these diseases to take place, we must have a global approach," said Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the house. "Disease knows no borders and boundaries (...) There is a moral imperative to fight this epidemic."

Supported by both major parties and the President, the bill passed by 308 votes to 116; it is expected to do equally well in the Senate. Money to fight malaria and tuberculosis is included in the package as well.

"This is the biggest achievement of the last eight years of the Bush administration," said Harper

Bokum-Fauth, AIDS activist and International Studies major. "Only the United States is capable of doing something like this."

The original PEPFAR five-year plan (PEPFAR 1) focused \$15 billion on 15 predominantly sub-Saharan African nations where, according to the United Nations, two-thirds of the world's HIV-positive population resides. Haiti and Vietnam were the only two non-African countries provided for.

PEPFAR 1 proved controversial because it required that one-third of the funds be allocated to promoting abstinence-only education, a tactic that the medical community has condemned for years as ineffective.

PEPFAR 2 strikes the abstinence-only requirement from the bill, although if recipient nations spend less than 50 percent of their funding for sexual-transmission prevention on abstinence-based programs they must defend that choice to

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Guilford students joined with the Gulf Restoration Network to protest unsustainable mulch.

Students protest Lowe's use of cypress mulch

By Simon Kelly
STAFF WRITER

The corporate headquarters of Lowe's Home Improvement stands outside of Mooresville, N.C. like a series of stark beige boxes when viewed from the distance. With its lengthy one lane drive, helipad, and guard booths standing sentry over the main entrance, the place has an air of invulnerability.

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