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Committee begins plans for SLRP II

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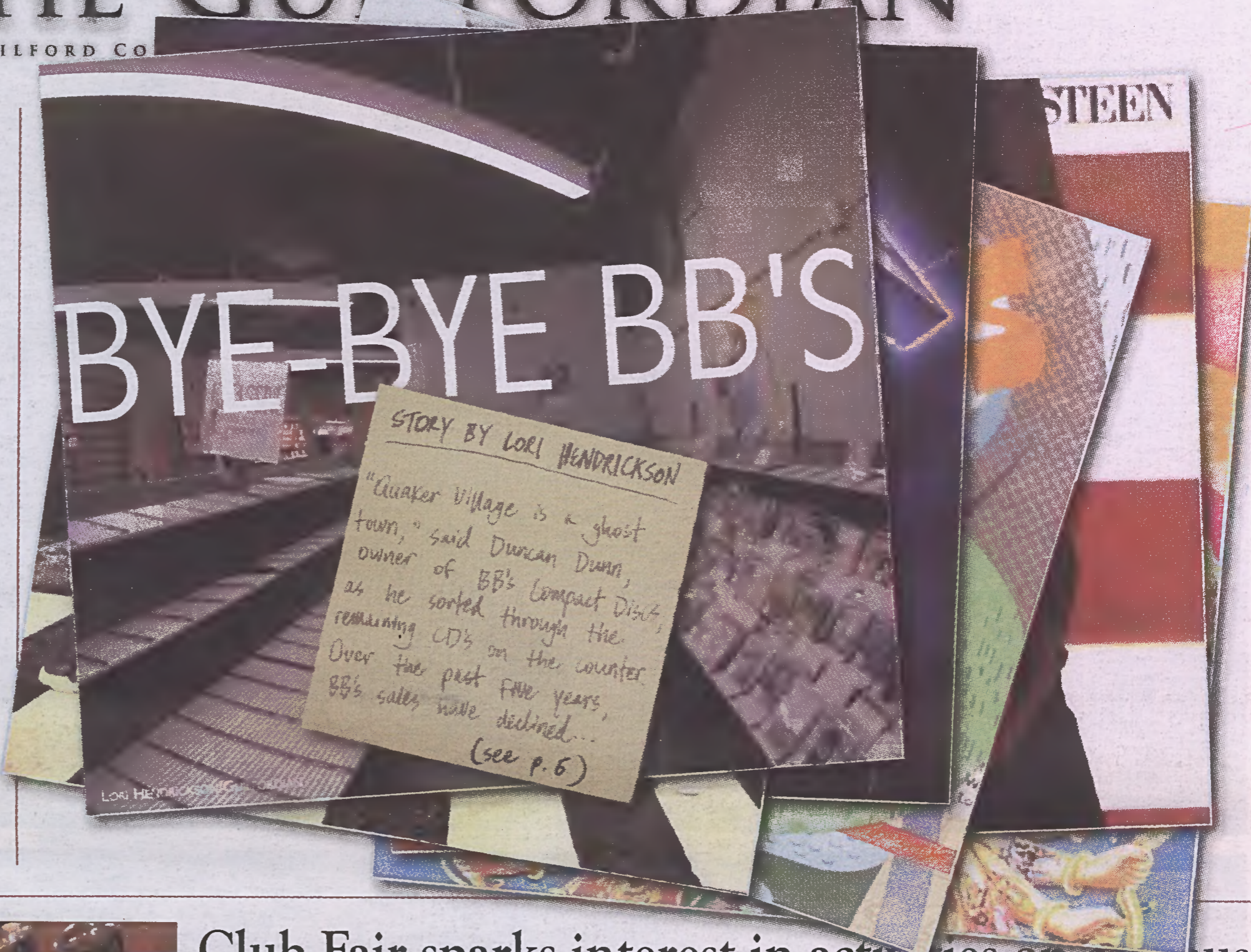
As the final two years of the Strategic Long-Range Plan (SLRP) begin, The Strategic Long-Range Planning committee has begun working on SLRP II.

According to Assistant to the President for Planning and Management Jeff Favolise on April 9, 2008, the SLRP committee began macro-level discussion of SLRP II in order to encourage the community's input on this matter.

Favolise said that like SLRP I, "Student and faculty input and representation in development of SLRP II will be essential and is extremely important, because the priorities of SLRP II will also be determined through community input, including participation from the student body."

This year is considered the data collection and reflections stage, during which the committee will seek community input and has already invited input from the campus through a Beacon posting this year.

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Club Fair sparks interest in activities on campus

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Safe sex goody bags, fresh peaches and a whirling hypnotism machine were just some of the attractions at the annual Club Fair on Aug. 27.

Near-torrential rains drove

The Pagan Mysticism Club's table attracts potential members with a colorful display.

the event inside to Sternberger Auditorium, where tri-fold boards perched atop tables. Despite the inclement weather, the turnout was still good.

"We probably missed a few people but with the student organizations telling people and getting information to the first-year classes we had a fair amount of people," said Director of Student Leadership and Engagement Erica Cosentino.

Thirty-seven of Guilford's 40 official student organizations were represented at the fair. In addition to the established groups, three new clubs were recruiting members as well.

The Parkour Club is for people interested in the French "sport" best described as urban gymnastics.

"Our mission is to promote better health on campus and to help students overcome obstacles both mentally and

physically," said sophomore Julian Nipper. "We started because Public Safety told us we weren't allowed to run and jump over certain objects, so we decided to become a club. They said we were damaging property and putting ourselves in danger. And they called us stupid too."

Unlike the Parkour Club, The Quaker isn't technically

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Puerto Rico questions U.S. subpoenas

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Controversy surrounding the subpoenas of four Puerto Rican activists has renewed America's interest in the movement for Puerto Rican independence.

Tania Frontera, Christian Torres, Elliot Monteverde and Jose Diaz are Puerto Rican citizens and members of the independence movement who were subpoenaed earlier this year to testify before a grand jury.

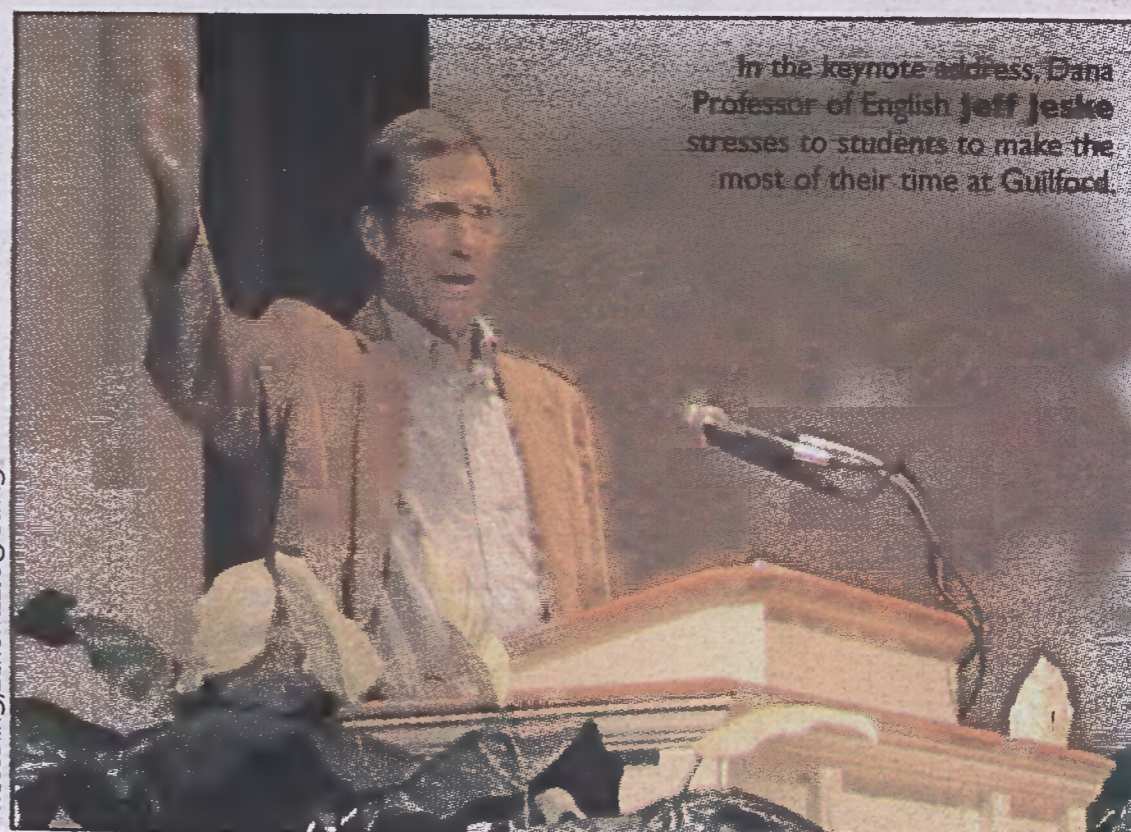
The decision angered officials both in Puerto Rico and the continental United States. On June 25, New York City legislators Melissa Mark Viverito, Leticia James and Rosie Mendez publicly condemned the FBI's handling of the subpoenas.

The four activists have a history of involvement in pro-independence movements against the U.S. government, including the successful struggle for the liberation of the island of Vieques from the control of the U.S. Navy in 2003.

The activists also participated in demonstrations condemning the 2005 death of Filiberto Ojeda Ríos, leader of the militant, pro-independence group Los Macheteros, as an act of political repression by the U.S. government against the Puerto Rican independence movement.

The activists and their legal counsel denounced the subpoenas as a means of undermining the independence movement.

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In the keynote address, Dana Professor of English Jeff Jeske stresses to students to make the most of their time at Guilford.

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