

LARAMIE

The Laramie Project ten years later

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The play itself is about the murder of Matthew Shepard on Oct. 12, 1998. He was beaten, tied to a fence near Laramie, Wyo., and left to die. The murder has long been attributed to homophobia, as Shepard was a homosexual and much of the evidence in court pointed towards that being the motivation for the crime.

A month after the murder, Moisés Kaufman and other members of the TTP traveled to Laramie in order to interview people of the town. Those interviews would later become known as The Laramie Project. "The reading does a great job of showing just how much and how little the world has changed in regards to homosexuals," said Zerbe.

Ten years later, the play has been seen by over 50 million people and counting. Now Guilford will get the chance to join the ranks of the many theatre groups that have performed this momentous production.

"At the beginning of the year, Da-

vid Hammond and I were talking about putting on a performance of The Laramie Project for the October 12th anniversary, but shortly after we began, the 10 Years Later epilogue was announced," said co-director and president of the Revelers, senior Allison Martin.

Though many factors came into play when the TTP was debating whether or not Guilford was a suitable place to present the epilogue, the incidents in Bryan Hall over the last few years proved to be a deciding factor.

"David Hammond sent in the information about the Bryan incident from 2007 and

they were so impressed with how the community responded that they decided to give us the rights," said Zerbe.

"Considering the recent bias incident in Bryan Hall, there is certainly a place for this upcoming production in our Guilford community ... Hopefully it will foster awareness in regards to the unfortunate strength that discrimination can carry," said cast member Carly Mills, a senior.

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about \$210,000. Buckner said that the remainder of the \$335,000 will be spent on maintenance.

The rest of the funds, which total about \$200,000 will be spent on "odds and ends—\$5,000 here and \$10,000 there," said Buckner.

While the college's high enrollment rates have increased the income, Community Senate Vice President Trevor Corning, a junior, attended the enrollment and finance committee meeting and said that the committee discussed "the concern that some of our goals for 2009-2010 were not met for enrollment demographics."

Among the highlights were a presentation on Principled Problem Solving (PPS) by Mark Justad, the director of the Center for Principled Problem Solving, and a retreat led by Dr. Thomas Longin on strategic thinking and planning, as the college prepares to write the new Strategic Long Range Plan (SLRP).

"Principled Problem Solving has been developing over the years as part of the Strategic Plan and Justad pointed out how it can be incorporated into the academic program," said Bryan. "It will eventually involve all students."

The board also heard a presentation by Dean of Students Aaron Fetrow on Guilford's smoking policies and the possibilities of a smoke-free campus.

Community Senate President, senior Nancy Klosteridis attended the Student Affairs committee meeting in which the smoking policy was discussed and she said that the biggest issues concerning smoking were cigarette butts, the wellness of non-smokers, and the wellness of smokers.

The proposal was put forth to make the main part of campus tobacco-free, which according to Klosteridis, which mean "the road that incircles Frank, Bryan, Milner, the athletic areas, and the part of campus encircled by Friendly and New Garden. Thus,

smoking would be restricted to the lake and woods area, and from the new apartments to the north edge of campus."

Bryan said that while the board has endorsed the idea of a smoke-free campus, "we have not officially approved anything yet because we need to know more technicalities which the committee doesn't have," said Bryan.

Klosteridis stood aside on the issue of bringing this proposal to the trustees, for several reasons.

"I believe it will cause problems for our neighbors, namely New Garden Meeting House and Quaker Village," said Klosteridis. "I also believe it is not enforceable. We have two public safety officers, 300 acres and 300 plus smokers."

Chabotar said that a vote for approval is too early.

"First we've got to better enforce our current smoking policy which is pretty moderate," said Chabotar. "If you can't enforce the 50 percent then you can't enforce 100 percent."



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