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## Football team struggles with low retention rates

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At the end of the 2008 football season, Head Coach Kevin Kiesel expected 14 juniors to return for the following season. Before the last game of the 2009 season on Nov. 14, just four seniors remained of the class of 2010.

Retention rates have been low for Quaker football in the last few years, which has caught the attention of many students and faculty on campus. There is confusion as to what the rates are, and what they mean. Depending on where the rates comes from, there may be varying figures.

According to admission's figures, which are collected Oct. 1 of each year, the number of football players who entered Guilford in 2006 and are still enrolled in 2009 was three points higher than Guilford's entire 2006 entry class (50 percent). This rate suggests that students who play football as first-years are slightly less

likely to leave Guilford before graduating than non-football players.

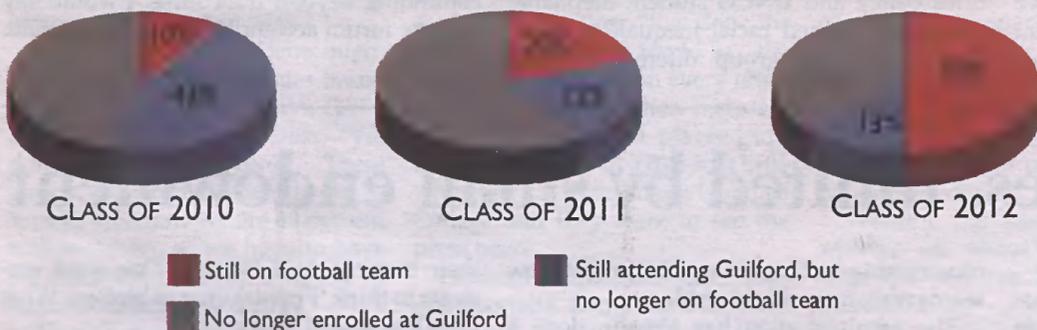
In the 2006 ODAC Football Media Guide, there were 40 first-year players on Guilford's roster. The guide came out in August, before the season started, but by the end of the 2009 season, three of those 40 players were left on the team — retention rate of 7.5 percent. Of the 37 who quit the team from 2006 to 2009, 16 stayed at Guilford to continue their education — a 40 percent retention rate.

The data from the Media Guide suggests that 32.5 percent of 2006 first-years who played football quit the team but remained at Guilford as of 2009. This statistic, and the rates of the 2009 junior class (13 percent stay on the team, and 27 percent remain at Guilford) raise questions as to why retention rates for the team are so low.

An opinion among many players who have recently quit is that the coaches are to blame.

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### FOOTBALL PLAYER RETENTION FOR CLASS OF 2010-12



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Faculty and students participate in Dec. 2 Community Senate meeting. Vice President for Enrollment Randy Doss fielded questions from the group for more than two hours.

## Doss engages students during Senate meeting

By Alex Thibadeau  
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Students, faculty, and administrators squeezed in shoulder-to-shoulder on couches, chairs, and floor space, as they filled Boren Lounge last Wednesday, for a special edition of Community Senate featuring much chalked-and-talked-about Vice President for Enrollment Services Randy Doss.

The attendees huddled close, yet could not have been more diverse in their differing concerns and opinions of the admissions process and athletics, which the meeting specifically addressed.

"I once read a book that said if you don't have friction on a Quaker campus, then you don't have a very good Quaker campus," said Doss. "If you're not talking about tough things

in an educational environment, i don't think you're doing what you should be doing. I thought we talked about tough things on Wednesday night and that's good. It was a dialogue — an exchange of thoughts, ideas, and concerns."

Junior Grady Gamble, president of Blacks Unifying Society (B.U.S.), who attended the meeting, said, "The meeting allowed us to touch base on some issues, but it didn't allow us to go into much depth. It was a chance to express all these things that students have been talking about openly to his (Doss') face in a productive manner."

Doss answered a set of questions devised by Senate, featuring questions, such as "how are the Quaker testimonies and values

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## Fully funded Diversity Plan to be implemented spring semester

By Burke Reed  
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After the Strategic Long-Range Plan (SLRP) hit a speed bump last year, facing a deep cut in funds, its original amount has been restored and the Diversity Plan's (D.P.) implementation for next semester looks promising.

President Kent Chabotar said he asked the budget committee to restore the original \$137,000 for 2009-10 as a means of keeping the plan on track after they had been slashed to \$68,000 last year.

Chabotar said that funding was a necessity if Guilford wanted to see improvement and transformation through the D.P.

"The fact that we're spending so much time and money on diversity

amidst very uncertain times is a sign of its priority", said Chabotar. "When the college made anti-racism a priority before I became president, no money was allocated making it difficult to progress. You cannot travel in an automobile without gas."

Jeff Favolise, assistant to the president, said that the plan is no "pie in the sky."

"There are specific steps and tasks we must fulfill and we are meeting our goals," said Favolise.

The plan states that by 2010, the percentage rates for faculty, staff, and students of different race, gender, nationality, and traditional and nontraditional must increase to meet specific goals.

According to updated percentage

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## Islamic icon banned in Switzerland

By Abbey Dean  
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On Nov. 29, about 400,000 Muslims in Switzerland awoke to shocking news: 57.5 percent of their Swiss countrymen had decided to ban the construction of minarets, an iconic symbol of Islam.

Discontent and anger soon began to brew as the news reached the ears of a growing European Muslim population.

Reactions around the world to this surprising vote mounted, as did accusations of intolerance and anti-Islamic bias. A neutral country known for its humanitarianism, Switzerland responded to these allegations of discrimination on a worldwide stage.

According to CNN on Nov. 29, the decision to ban the construction of minarets was not based in anti-Islamic sentiment.

"It will be possible to continue to construct the mosques," said a statement from the Swiss government. "Muslims in Switzerland are able to practice their religion alone or in community with others, and live according to their beliefs



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A sign for the new Swiss campaign to say "Yes for the ban of minarets" is displayed in public places.

just as before."

Minarets are tall, ornate spires that rise high from the tops of mosques. Because of their enormous height, they are visible from far

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