

Students concerned over commencement speaker

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Entrepreneurship, surviving in a global economy, and philanthropic work were all on the minds of President Kent Chabotar and the Convocations and Celebrations Committee when they selected Tupperware CEO Rick Goings as commencement speaker for the class of 2010.

According to Ty Buckner, associate vice president for communications and marketing, Goings attended Guilford from '66 to '69 at which point he withdrew in favor of furthering his career in sales. Guilford has no record of him finishing his degree. Starting his own direct-selling company shortly after leaving Guilford, Goings later moved on to Avon Products Inc. then to his current position at Tupperware Brands Corporation.

Chabotar hopes all of that business experience and knowledge Goings has gained from his experience will be present in his speech.

"We're hoping he talks about what it's like to be somebody who went to a liberal arts college who is now in business and the transitions he had to make versus going to a business school," said Chabotar.

Senior Jocelyn Dowling, a Quaker, hopes Goings doesn't talk about business in his speech and feels the choice is biased and doesn't represent the Quaker core values.

"I gain nothing from this," said Dowling. "I don't see myself gathering any inspiration from the patriarch of leftovers." Dowling isn't alone in her dislike of the choice.

Senior Bryce Bjornson, a resident of the Pines, the sustainable living theme house, expressed concerns regarding

the sustainability of the products, both in the way they are produced and the way they are used.

"Tupperware by nature can lead toward more sustainable practices, as food saving does have some considerable environmental benefits, but then again, why can't we reuse old food containers that we already have in our homes?" suggested Bjornson.

Goings is partially placing the continued success and popularity of Tupperware products on people doing the opposite of what Bjornson suggests.

When asked by TheStreet.com, a financial advice website, why people continue to buy new Tupperware if it is as long lasting as it claims, Goings replied, "We make fashionability a bigger part of our products. So many women want to have this year's colors."

Chabotar encountered that "fashionability" when buying Tupperware gift sets for people recently. "I believe this year's color is raspberry," he said.

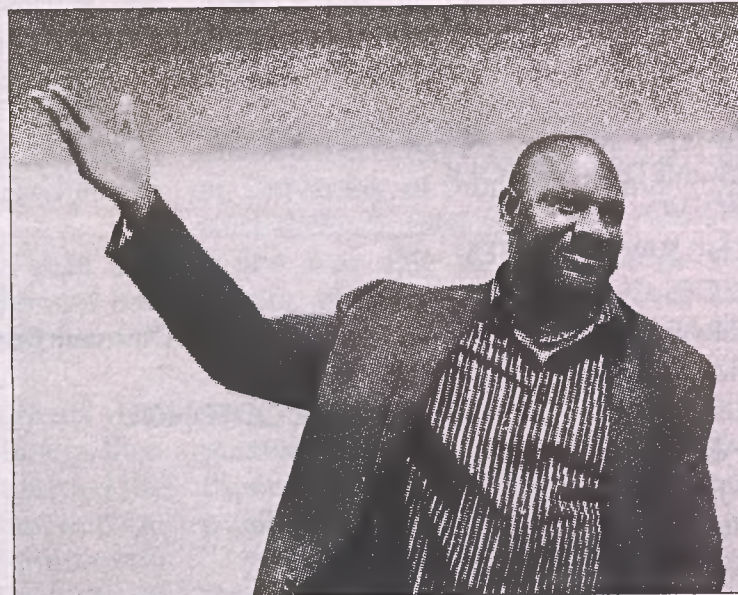
Another hope Chabotar has is that Goings touches on his extensive work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Goings and his wife have been involved with the charity for a long time and he recently received the Herbert Hoover Humanitarian Award — the highest honor from its National Board of Governors.

Both Bjornson and Dowling believe being appointed as commencement speaker is a position of honor. And despite their dislike of some aspects of Goings and his business practices neither would consider boycotting graduation.

"Because we attend doesn't mean we support him and his endeavors," said Bjornson.

Presentation illuminates race, money in prison system

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Darryl Hunt, of the Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice, speaks to an audience gathered in the Holy Trinity Church of Greensboro. The Jan. 18 event focused on prison, the death penalty, and life after exoneration.

On Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Day, Darryl Hunt of the Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice gave a speech at Greensboro's Holy Trinity Church about the death penalty and life after prison. Darryl Hunt served 19 years in prison before DNA evidence proved him innocent. Hunt's case, as well as the cases of other exonerated prisoners, were instrumental in passing North Carolina's Racial Justice Act in August, which gives death row inmates the ability to use statistics to show that prosecutions may be racially biased.

Brian Goldberg of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, the interfaith organization that sponsored the event, introduced Hunt. "In addition to all those tangible things you know about that's wrong with the system, there's something really wrong with the system in terms of what it does to our spirit," said Goldberg. "I don't think we really appreciate that."

Hunt's project helps those exonerated from prison readjust to normal life.

"One of the biggest problems is that once you go through (the prison) system, the system just tells you to get out," said Hunt. "As easy as it sounds, it's a hard transition to make."

Hunt said that this is because prisoners come to depend on the food and housing prison gives them.

"A lot of exonerated would rather go back to prison because it's easier," he said. Hunt also spoke about how prisons make money off of inmates, citing a deal prisons have made with the Converse shoe company to buy rejected shoes for two dollars and sell them to inmates for \$40.

"They're making a lot of money — somebody is making a lot of money and the taxpayers are footing a lot of the bills. Each life in prison is about money."

"I feel that this is my duty, my pleasure and my honor to fight for those who can't fight for themselves," said Hunt about prisoners on death row. "Someone fought for me and I have to go fight for others."

HOUSING

Changes to housing lottery attempt to simplify process

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be staff members with computers in the Founders' lobby during lunchtime on Feb. 22 and 24 ready to help and answer questions. Students can submit their applications right then and there.

"If you do not know about the lottery this year, you've been living under a rock, or really just do not understand the process," said Agor.

Agor and other members of Campus Life, such as Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Aaron Fetrow, will be in their offices during the actual lottery times this year in order to answer any questions that come up.

Besides increased accessibility, Campus Life is searching for a way to make sure slots remain open in residence halls for upperclassmen.

Another complaint that was expressed on the survey is that those who do not have a roommate could not participate in the lottery.

On March 24, there will be a roommate mixer as an opportunity to connect with others. Campus Life also hopes to have time after the lottery for students without roommates to come to the office and be placed.

This year, a group of eight who wishes to apply for a suite in Bryan Hall can do so with a paper application. These students will be placed in manually. Students who do not have a group of eight can choose by individual rooms, but must have a roommate.

"I think the changes definitely make Bryan Hall more appealing because living in a suite with people you would not live with if you were given the choice, or don't know and may not be compatible with can be difficult," said sophomore Daryn Lane. "By the time students are sophomores or juniors they have made friends that they would like to live with or are tired of living with a bunch of people they don't

Date	Event
February 22 and 24	Housing information in Founders lobby
March 1	Housing Application opens online
March 2 and 16	Milner Lobby, on-site application
March 4	Binford Lobby, on-site application
March 18 and 19	On-site application in Founders Lobby
March 10	Theme House proposal due
March 19	Application deadline at 4 p.m.
March 29-April 2	Run actual housing lottery

know very well."

For traditional students, there are two sections of the application under Housing on Bannerweb. The first section is how to receive a lottery number, and every student who wants housing must have a lottery number. The section must be filled

out by March 19 at 4 p.m. Once this is done, students will receive a confirmation e-mail. Lottery numbers will be on Bannerweb on March 22.

The second section of the application is for roommate selection. In order to get the roommate a student requests, each roommate must list

the other, and match in order for both to participate in the lottery. The meal plan selection is also on this page. This is open until 11:59 p.m. on March 25.

"I was not planning on living off campus next year, but if I were, these changes would weigh into my decision because I would feel a little less apprehensive about not getting to live in the place or with the people that I would like to live at and with," Lane said.

Despite all the changes, some students are unsure if the housing lottery will be easier than last year.

"I doubt housing will be any easier, considering many students will not take advantage of the help that will be available to them," said sophomore Kayla Davis.

Meanwhile, other students have hope. "I think that it will help for people to understand what the housing process is," Huff said; "You can try to please everyone, but sadly that will never happen."