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NEWS

Chabotar's report sheds light on important college departments

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President Kent Chabotar issued a report to The Beacon on Jan. 22 that gave a detailed update regarding important news from each department.

Advancement

Institutional Advancement handles fundraising and alumni communications for the college. Working closely with Chabotar, they help raise millions of dollars to keep the lawns mowed and the electricity on, and much more.

According to Chabotar's report, more people are giving this year, but in smaller amounts.

"In January 2009, there were 16 active proposals pending with major gift prospects and a face dollar value of \$16.9 million, compared to 38 now pending with an \$18.7 million face value," states the report. "The numbers indicate that we are presenting more proposals in the lower range of our major gift scale."

The explanation is straightforward, according to Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of Development Mike Poston.

"It is not that people are saying no, necessarily, they're just not saying yes," he said. "So I think what we have are a lot of good, solid donors to different colleges and universities nationally and at Guilford and they're saying, 'Yes, we believe in what you're doing, yes, it's a good investment in young people's lives, but our resources are at a danger point and we're not comfortable committing those right now.'"

Advancement works with two sides of fundraising. The first is the major gift side, which deals with donations of \$25,000 or more. The second side is the annual fund, which encompasses smaller donations that add up to over a million dollars.

Advancement's goal for the annual fund this year is \$1.05 million and about 70 percent of that goal has been met.

"We feel that the annual fund is a point of optimism and still a ray of light, and I believe they're

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Kent Chabotar
president

"We do the reports because a transparent decision-making process with understandable information is essential

to a college with Quaker traditions of equality, consensus, and inclusion."

Bishop Robinson visits Guilford

IN LIGHT OF THE BIAS INCIDENT, ROBINSON DISCUSSES TOLERANCE, HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE CHURCH

By Victor Lopez
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Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire visited Guilford on Jan. 28 as part of Religious Emphasis Week. Robinson is the nation's first openly gay Christian bishop.

After last semester's bias incident in which a student of the LG-BTQA community was threatened by anonymous notes attacking homosexuality, junior Thomas Eaves suggested that Robinson be invited to visit Guilford. Eaves "took great

pleasure" in introducing the Bishop. Students, faculty, and members of the community filled the benches at the New Garden Friends Meeting to hear Robinson.

Robinson began by saying, "if you're here somewhat hesitatingly, suspiciously, or just downright contrarily, you are especially welcome."

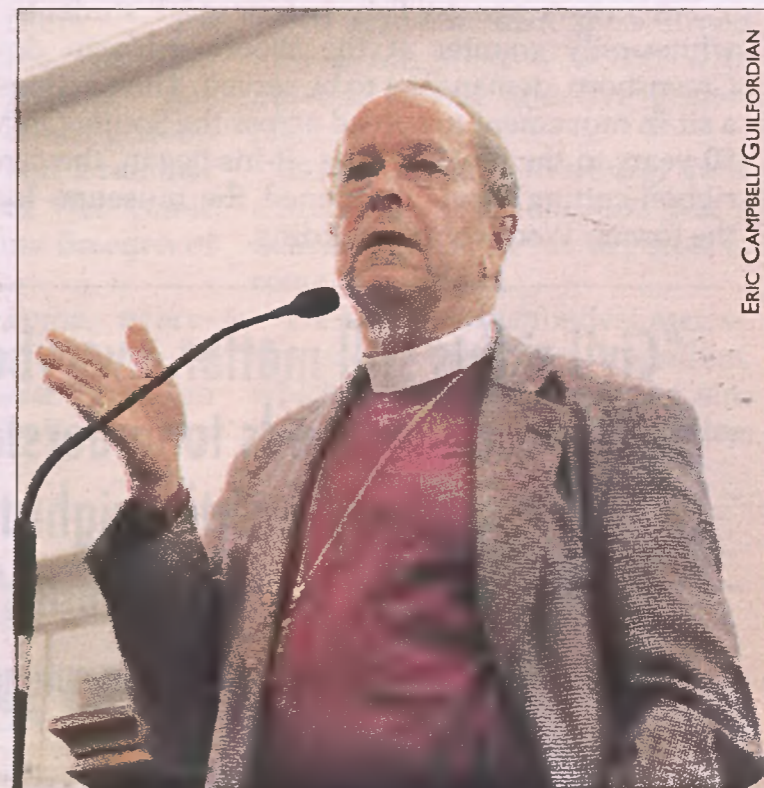
"The only way we are going to get through some of the issues that face us is by facing each other in an air of respect and commitment to our broader community," he said.

After his election on June 7, 2003, Robinson received death threats, had to wear a bulletproof vest and required around the clock security.

The bishop shared the story about when he first realized he was homosexual.

Robinson said that when individuals come out, "it's up to the parents to accept their children or

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Episcopal Bishop **Gene Robinson** speaks in New Garden Friends Meeting. The Jan. 28. discussion focused largely on Robinson's experience as the nation's first openly gay Christian bishop.

WORLD & NATION

Brown stuns in senatorial election

By Jordan West
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On Jan. 20, Democrats in Washington were seeing red as one of the bluest of states, Massachusetts, voted Republican Scott Brown into the Senate. Brown will take the seat Ted Kennedy held for 47 years.

The victory, in which Brown beat his Democratic opponent, Martha Anne Coakley, by a 5 percent margin (52-47), came as a surprise both inside and outside of Washington, even for Brown himself. Viewed by some as a sign of a Republican resurgence, Brown's win could cause more delays in Obama's legislative goals before the mid-term elections in November.

"This seat does not belong to one person, or one political party," said Brown in his victory speech, "this is the people's seat."

Brown continued to describe his win as "defying the odds and the pundits," and then said he will be a "worthy successor" of the



Massachusetts's newly elected Senator **Scott Brown** celebrates his surprise win.

late Kennedy who died last August.

With only 11 percent of voters in Massachusetts registered as Republicans, Senate candidates from the Republican Party have always struggled in the traditionally blue state. Brown becomes the first Republican senator from Massachusetts since 1972.

"This is a lot different than my victory," former Massachusetts Republican Gov. Mitt Romney told Fox News; "To have a Republican senator, that's unheard of ... This

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International Civil Rights Center and Museum opens as many celebrate civil rights history downtown



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