

The Guilfordian would like to apologize for two mistakes committed in the October 3, 1988 printing of the article "Individuals Share Grief After Losing Loved Ones."

The article should have stated that Hope Fenton's brother died, not her father, and that the correct meeting time for "Those Who Have Lost a Loved One" support group is on Mondays from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m., not 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. The Guilfordian regrets these mistakes.

Disappointed in Intramurals

Intramural sports are designed to give college students a friendly atmosphere in which to compete. Supposedly, the priorities are fun and the promotion of comradery.

Last Tuesday the intramural organizers failed to fulfill these goals. The policy they advertised was that one had to have played in one prior game in order to participate in the championship in flag football. One particular individual fulfilled this criterion and ten persons witnessed this to be the case.

The game that this individual played in was the first of the season for his hall. At that game, an official took the names of participants. This individual gave his name, yet it was not entered into the intramurals attendance list. This

error made it impossible for the individual to play in the championship game, after his team had made it to the finals.

The player had satisfied all the requested criterion, had ten witnesses to prove this to the be case, but these facts did little to convince the officials. It's sad that such pseudo-bureaucracy could stand in the way of good will.

This individual did not have the chance to share in his team's victory, or in the comradery that should have been the priority of the intramural play.

I'm thoroughly disappointed that the official's minor error of the absence of a pen stroke could lead to deviation from what should be the priority of intramurals.

Noah Bartolucci



Presidential Poll

by Karen Personette

On October 4, 1988 The Guilfordian polled two hundred students asking them the following question: If the U.S. presidential elections were held today, would you vote for George Bush or Michael Dukakis? The results are as follows:

Bush	79 votes
(39.5%)	
Dukakis	121 votes
(60.5%)	

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Student Reflects on First Guilford China Semester Abroad

by Noah Bartolucci

Senior Nicole Gaymon made history and egg rolls last spring.

Majoring in Sino-African Relations, Gaymon is now the first Guilford College student to have spent a study-abroad semester in China. She left at the end of January to experience four months in Beijing.

"I learned enough to get around," said Gaymon referring to the language barrier. "At first it was really hard -- the phonetics are so different."

Gaymon was enrolled in a program offered to Guilford for the first time by St. Andrews College. She stayed in a residence hall at The Beijing Foreign Language Training Center where she studied Chinese. She took twenty-five credit hours, twelve of which were centered around a journal course.

Like students at Guilford, Gaymon had a restriction on the number of classes she could miss.

"It was very disciplined," said Gaymon. "There was very

little class discussion ... memorization was stressed heavily."

Students had half an hour for breakfast and classes began at eight o'clock each morning. The Chinese students who lived on campus had curfews, but these did not apply for the exchange students.

"We were so tired after being shuffled around all day that we went to bed around eleven o'clock anyway," said Gaymon.

The exchange students took every available opportunity to travel and soak up the rich culture of China first hand. Experiencing the Chinese lifestyle may have been a far more valuable education for Gaymon than the hours she spent in class.

"We found the guide books all wrong," said Gaymon. "We would retain more because we had to learn it on our own."

Gaymon visited the coastal city of Beidahe; in Shanhaiguan she walked the Great Wall to where it meets the sea. Gaymon found the sight of the Terricotta Soldiers in Xian one of the most memorable. Most of the sight is

unexcavated, but thousands of these life-sized statues are exposed and standing uniform.

"It wasn't found until 1970," said Gaymon. "They have left most of it unexcavated until they develop better methods."

The small amount of damage that exists at the site is a result of Japanese bombing during World War II.

Gaymon enjoyed a chance to relax when she traveled by boat from Chien to Wuhan. This three-and-a-half-day trip allowed her to reflect and ponder over her experiences.

Gaymon has lived in Liberia, Niger, Benin, and Burkinfaso and notes that these West African nations are using China as a model by which to gauge their own development.

"To me China wasn't that much of a change. China is a progressive and developing country," said Gaymon.

Gaymon is grateful for her opportunity to study in China, and compare the schools of Eastern and Western thought.

Says Gaymon, "It was most gratifying ... I'd like to go back soon."