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Guilford Not Recognized in U.S. News & World Report

By Peter Smith

Guilford College failed to achieve recognition in the latest *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of America's best universities and colleges, leaving many students, faculty, and administrators wondering why Guilford was not slated among the nation's elite.

"Speaking for the institution as a whole, I would say the report was a disappointment to a lot of people here at Guilford," said acting President Sam Schuman, who appeared disgruntled over the recent survey's results. "Although these reports don't really hurt the college, they certainly don't help."

The report, which appeared in a recent issue of *U.S. News*, attempted to rank over 600 of the nation's colleges and universities by objective criteria established by educational experts.

The objective measures used in the survey included such factors as selectivity based on acceptance rates and SAT scores, faculty quality as determined by the number of doctorate degrees and student-to-faculty ratio, extent of resources as figured by total institutional endowment as well as library budget per student, and retention rates calculated by percentage of freshmen who return as sophomores and percentage of freshmen who graduate.

The college survey also added a subjective fifth criteria for national universities and liberal arts colleges based on "academic reputation," as determined by university and college presidents, deans, and admissions officers.

National universities and liberal arts colleges achieving the most recognition included Yale University and Swarthmore College. In North Carolina, four institutions -- Duke University, Wake Forest University, Davidson College, and Meredith College -- all achieved some form of recognition from the *U.S. News* survey.

With Guilford College being ranked in the category of "National Liberal Arts Colleges," Guilford was forced to compete with the likes of Swarthmore, Amherst, Trinity, and Williams

College, all known for their large endowments and superior academic reputations.

Larry West, Dean of Admissions at Guilford College, believes it is "unrealistic" to think Guilford, at its current level of national academic reputation and admissions standards, is able to compete with the likes of Swarthmore and Amherst; however, he emphasized that Guilford is capable of achieving such lofty recognition if it continues to move forward in its facilities development and search for outstanding students. West also pointed out that there are currently students and faculty present at Guilford who could "compete with the best" at Swarthmore or any other highly-rated institution in the nation.

"No, I can't say Guilford can compete head to head with these top institutions based on this objective data; however, if you base what happens here in the classroom, and with the quality of some of our students and



October tenth issue of *U.S. News & World Report* faculty then yes, I feel we can compete with the best."

Claiming that Guilford is "moving in the right direction," West pointed to the major library additions and the growing SAT mean of entering Guilford freshmen as evidence of the college's commitment to academic excellence.

In addition to the disappointment in the survey expressed by Sam Schuman and the optimism in Guilford's future stated by Larry West, both men agreed that it was dangerous to use superlatives when dealing with American colleges and universities.

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Cherokee Students Make Guilford Home

by Rich James

William Carson, a philanthropic New Jersey businessman, has established the William Carson Fund here at Guilford College to provide full scholarship for qualified Cherokee students from western North Carolina.

The fund, which began in 1985, has brought twelve Cherokee students to Guilford, five of which are currently enrolled. They are senior Robin Crowe, sophomore Stan Wolfe, and freshmen Charlotte Smith, Charlene Toineeta and Noah Crowe. This May, Robin will become the first graduate of the Carson program.

Carson, a Duke graduate, became interested in the Cherokee through the Save the Children Foundation. He approached Duke with the idea of a scholarship fund but, unable to accommodate him, they referred him to Guilford College.

Guilford accepted his offer and agreed to accept the responsibility of recruiting, a task assumed by David Cox of the admissions department.

Becky DeHaven, who advises the Cherokee students on campus, says that Mr. Carson

"believes that education is fundamental for Cherokees to move into society."

His commitment is immense. In addition to providing for tuition, room, board and books, he also sponsors family visits on Family Weekend and will send a student abroad following graduation to "complete a global education."

The Cherokee students agree that education is vital to their people. Wolfe sees himself as a positive example for what college education can do. "I want to make myself somebody," he said, "and show others that it [becoming a professional] can be done."

Wolfe wants to show that if the Cherokee are willing to make the "tough choice" and go to school, "there are people out there willing to help." A chemistry major, he plans to go on to medical school and work for the Indian Health Service in Phoenix where he grew up.

Robin plans to return to Robinsville to work before stepping into a career in the commercial arts.

Both Wolfe and Robin see the cycle of depression as the

main obstacle to success for the Cherokee. "When you see your parents and the people around you doing nothing," said Robin, "you won't do anything either."

Unfortunately, there is little opportunity for self-improvement. "There is a lot of unemployment," said Robin. "People only work in the summer during the tourist season," at a factory that produces souvenir items. The only other job opportunities are with the tribe and local hospital.

The education is also poor.
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Robin Crowe photo by Eric Buck

WQFS Hands Out Information, Condoms

by Jay Underwood

In a culmination of their efforts to promote AIDS awareness and to combat censorship, WQFS distributed AIDS information packets in Founders Hall on Friday, containing free condoms as well as information.

The packets contained a pamphlet which provided an editorial statement from the management of WQFS in explanation of their campaign. "It is our hope not to encourage casual sex, but to acknowledge that such sex does and will continue to occur, both at Guilford and elsewhere; and to expand the use of condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS," the pamphlet read.

The 500 condoms that were distributed were acquired at a bulk rate price from Planned Parenthood in downtown Greensboro.

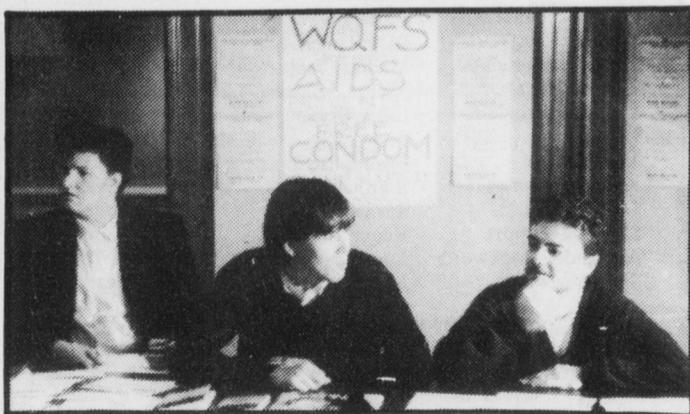
The impetus behind the event was the recent banning of

Spin Magazine in many North Carolina stores because of the inclusion of a condom in the November issue, causing WQFS to lash out a position of anti-censorship and pro-AIDS awareness. "Finally, we decided to press the point in our own back yard by passing out free condoms on the Guilford College Campus," stated the pamphlet.

The campaign drew much media attention from local television stations. Channel 2 in Greensboro and Channel 12 in Winston Salem covered the event.

Dave Thomas, WQFS Program Director, described the response to the campaign as

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'QFS directors hand out AIDS information photo by Dave Simpson