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Freshman Joel Wennik gets advice from SOS Leader Debby Youtzy while waiting for his advisor last weekend.

Student body increases despite national trend

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Editor-in-Chief

Defying the national trend in demographics, Guilford's class of '95 surpassed the enrollment goals of the admissions department. Moreover, Director of Admissions Larry West said that this is one of the better groups of entering freshmen.

Of the ideal 320 new students, the college expects 327 to arrive this fall. Entrants come from 30 states and 18 countries, bringing along the highest-caliber statistics recorded in at least eight years.

Admissions department personnel said they had been concerned that bleak demographic statistics would hinder recruitment.

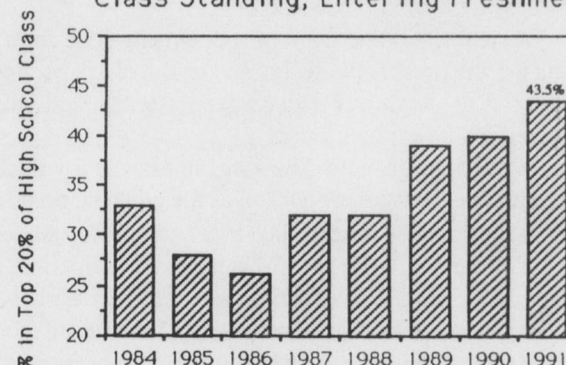
"The number of graduating seniors is declining until about 1994 in the regions that we draw most of our freshmen from," said West. These regions cover most of the East Coast.

Two other factors were the increasing price of a college education coupled with the recent recession and competition from many other colleges.

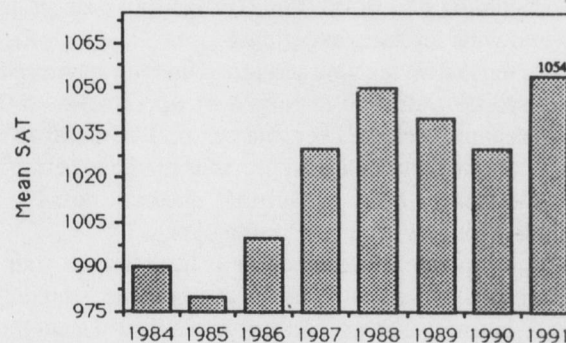
"Large groups of colleges will be short in their freshman classes. I've heard that [UNC-Greensboro] will be short about 100 freshmen, but Duke and Wake are doing okay," said West.

West said that the college has received increased visibility across the country, counteracting the difficulties in recruitment. "We

Class Standing, Entering Freshmen



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Bonner Scholars announced

New program encourages volunteerism

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Following Quaker tradition in its dedication to community service, this year Guilford College became one of the 12 colleges to receive grant money from the Bonner Foundation to assist students who volunteer in their communities.

"The Bonner Scholars are a select group of 30 incoming freshmen who have met academic and financial criteria for admission to the program and have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service," said Meg Kaplan, Director of the Bonner Scholars Program.

In order to become Bonner Scholars the students must be involved in an average of ten hours of community service a week (half of which must be spent tutoring younger, local students). Students must also remain in good academic standing and participate in activities, such as a special orientation.

The orientation program focused on acquainting the students with volunteer opportunities available in the community. Representatives from local organizations, enlisting the aid of volunteers, addressed the Bonner Scholars during each of their meals for two days. The students also toured many

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were given significant national recognition recently in three major college guides," said West. Guilford was listed in Peterson's Guide and Fiske Guide to Selective Colleges, and named one of the top 100 colleges by *US News and World Report*.

West also cited factors that may have countered the national trend, including a step-up in publications by the admissions department, increased telephone correspondence to prospective students, the addition of new facilities on campus and the college's ability to present competitive and comprehensive financial aid packaging to most prospective students in need.