

Provost among new faculty, administration staff

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In addition to the flurry of incoming freshmen, this year also brings to Guilford a number of new faculty members and administrators in new positions.

Dan Poteat is filling the newly created position of Provost. His job is to run routine, daily operations of the college, allowing more time for President Rogers to handle his many responsibilities.

The office of Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs is now filled by Kathy Adams, who was previously the Assistant Academic Dean. Her new position is a result of Sam Schuman's departure for UNC-Asheville, where he is now chancellor.

As the college's chief academic officer, all department heads and program supervisors report to Adams. Her primary function is to work with faculty. She is also responsible for collecting and filing course syllabi and faculty reviews.

Adams' former position is being filled by German Professor Michael Geisler. Since he plans to lead the Guilford semester in Munich a year from now, his is an interim position. As coordinator of academic advisers, Geisler wants to be accessible to students and to work with the SOS staff in orientation of new students and possibly new advisers as well.

Among the new faces is that of Mary Lou Kyle in the education department. Kyle has



New Assistant Academic Dean and Coordinator of Academic Advisors Michael Geisler (left) replaces Kathy Adams who took Sam Schuman's position as Dean of Academic Affairs.

taught kindergarten and remedial reading at Millis Road School and supervised Guilford's student interns for several years. She is here in an interim position, on a leave of absence from her public school job.

New faculty in the management department include Stephen Graham-Hill and Betty Turner. David Robinson will join in math-

ematics. Turner will continue as the college's legal adviser part time.

Chris Gjording will join the sociology / anthropology department later in the semester due to an unexpected illness. Robyn

Parsons, a Guilford alumni who had been human resources director of First Home Federal in Greensboro, has returned to fill the same position at Guilford.

Arriving on campus Sept. 10 is Ben Hayford, a visiting professor from the University of Ghana. He will teach two courses in African Education and Culture. Hayford will also consult with the Off-Campus Studies Committee about a possible study abroad program through his home university.

Several faculty members are on leave or abroad: Maritza Almeida (all year), Betty Place Beary (fall in Munich), Vaneeta D'Andrea (all year), Frank Keegan (fall in Guadalajara), Jerry Godard

(fall in London), Bill Grubbs (spring), Lee Johnson (spring in Brunneburg, Italy), Ed Lowe (fall), Jackie Ludel (spring), Elwood Parker (spring), Alex Stoesen (all year), Adele Wayman (all year.)

Bonner

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of the facilities in which they could volunteer.

Students' options included being a phone counselor on a Teen Crisis Line, aiding the

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elderly in everyday activities and games, acting as a tour guide in a historical museum and being a Girl Scout leader. The Scholars can also choose from a variety of tutoring programs. Final decisions will be made Sept. 2.

The new students bring considerable volunteer experience. Among the 30 are former caretakers for the very young and elderly in their families, a camp counselor, a candy striper, Special Olympics volunteers, recycling organizers, a Santa Claus for a children's hospital and an assistant in a

midwife clinic. Their volunteer hours will continue now that they are attending Guilford.

Bonner Scholar Jessica Mendelson from Lewisburg, W.Va., volunteered in several community functions, including a Family Refugee Center in which she cared for and tutored children. She said, "There are so many problems in the world, we can't afford not to help work them out."

Joy Watson from Greenville, S.C., whose many activities included volunteering in a homeless shelter, would agree with Mendelson. She feels her most worthwhile experiences involved service.

College students do not often volunteer for community service because of financial obligations and lack of time. The scholarship money from the Bonner Foundation frees students from loan and/or work obligations that could hinder volunteer service.

College students, as a whole, are an untapped resource for community service, and Guilford's new program recognizes what students have to offer. The Bonner Scholars agreement reads, "The Bonner Scholars Program is based on the premise that young people care about others and, given the opportunity, will become active and involved in the local community. It is also based on the understanding that college students have a unique and important contribution to make to society."

Coup

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again allow to seize or even maintain control in the Soviet Union or anywhere else. For if these people are allowed to continue their policies, any democratic reform will always be vulnerable to violent overthrow.

In the new, post-coup order of Soviet politics, Gorbachev's role as the primary leader of the USSR will dwindle while that of Russian Republic President Boris Yeltsin and the other leaders of the Soviet republics will increase. This shift in power will be precipitated by an understandable desire of the Soviet people to rid their government of communists and people like those who attempted Gorbachev's overthrow. It should be a primary duty of the United States to support these democrats so that the terrifying prospect of another takeover can never become a reality.

There are those who believe that Gorbachev intentionally staged the coup in order to receive more aid from the West. This theory is likely false for several reasons, including the fact that the plotters against Gorbachev were among his most outspoken critics. If Gorbachev did stage the coup, he would have silenced Boris Yeltsin so that the Soviet president would have received total credit for overturning the coup. Mr. Yeltsin, however, gained much respect and recognition from the

West for his efforts.

Although Mr. Gorbachev was an instrumental leader in the Soviet Union's break from the old-style communist state of the past, the fact remains that he was a member of the Communist Party until recently.

Two warnings should be sounded before the Soviet Union can be considered a full member of the world's free market economy.

First, there is a real danger of civil war in the fifteen Soviet republics over the question of union. Some states such as Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia want full independence from the Soviet Union while others may have severe internal clashes before a unified front can be presented to the outside world. There is also a danger that some of the republics, including Armenia and Azerbaidzan, will go to war because of territorial and ethnic issues.

Secondly, there are still reactionary elements within the giant Soviet bureaucracy and military such as those who attempted the recent coup. The Soviet military, the KGB and the Interior Ministry must undergo sweeping changes if their loyalty to the new government is not to be questioned.

An axiom in Soviet politics should be repeated here: whoever controls the military controls the country. It is imperative for the new leaders of the Soviet Union to keep the military under control if the well-publicized and sometimes risky reforms now sweeping this unstable nation are to become permanent.