

# The GUILFORDIAN

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## Khmer Rouge threatens Cambodia

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On Nov. 14 Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia returned to the capital city of Phnom Penh amid great fanfare from the Cambodian people, who have been victims of war since the Prince was overthrown in 1970.

While the return of the regent has fueled hopes for peace in Cambodia, the people of the world must not forget the brutal past of this land. The feared Communist Khmer Rouge organization, after seizing power from Prince Sihanouk, began a campaign of terror in 1975 that included the mass slaughter of Cambodians, a failed agricultural policy which resulted in widespread starvation, and a foreign policy under Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot that led not a Vietnamese invasion of what was then called Kampuchea in 1978. The resulting eleven-year occupation completely destroyed the network of Cambodian society.

Under Pol Pot, Cambodia's cities, including the administrative and cultural capital of Phnom Penh, were emptied and the people were forced into rigorous and often fatal agricultural duty. The plight and suffering that the Cambodian people endured under the Khmer Rouge are truthfully depicted in the movie *The Killing Fields*.

A settlement was reached in September 1989 with the Vietnamese resulting in their withdrawal from the country, which was then renamed Cambodia. American-supported resistance group, the Khmer People's National Liberation front, was instrumental in

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—The Editorial Board

## Letters to the Editor . . .

### Volleyball team appreciates support

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all the people who supported the volleyball team this fall. The enthusiasm of the students, faculty and staff was a big factor in the success the team achieved this semester. The student attendance at our home matches was terrific. Thanks to Butch Maier, Daryl Bost, Ben Kinsley, Moonie David, Kelly Walker and Tim Randle for making some long trips to such places as Washington D.C., Eastern Mennonite and Staunton, Va.

I would also like to thank and commend Butch Maier and Scott Genualdi for weekly coverage in *The Guilfordian* and Scott's help announcing at home matches. We appreciate their interests and reporting of the results to the Guilford community.

I hope this enthusiastic support will continue for both our basketball teams this winter. Thanks again!

AH QUAKE!  
Coach Gayle Currie and  
the 1991 Volleyball Team

### Job Fair a success for students

To The Editor:

I would like to extend a note of thanks to all members of the Guilford College community who worked hard to make Job Fair 1991 such a success: Irene Harrington, Jan Prillaman, Sally Blanton, Rachael Cole, Jepera Parker, Betsy Vance, and the many faculty members who posted notices, announced the event in their classrooms, and encouraged their students to attend.

The more than 100 Guilford students who attended Job Fair 1991 on Nov. 5 and 6 at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel deserve special recognition. Employers frequently reported to me about the high level of our students' preparedness, their insightful

questions, their strong resumes, and their ability to communicate in interview.

It is clear that Guilford students continue to present themselves favorably in a highly competitive job market as they take advantage of personal career advising, workshops, and the many print and computer resources of the Career Library.

Meg Kaplan  
Director of Career  
Development and Internships

### Abortion discussion misguided

To the Editor:

It seems fairly safe to say that almost anyone interacting in today's society already has a firmly entrenched opinion regarding abortion.

While possessing a good intention, last week's forum in *The Guilfordian* on abortion failed to unearth any shattering new revelations in the conflict of abortion. I agree with the pro-life writer that many other severe problems in our society go ignored while the abortion issue receives way too much attention.

In my mind, fighting over abortion is like trying to cure cancer in a dead person. Women have unwanted pregnancies for a number of reasons. Attempting to remove the option of abortion by legislative means or by hysterical demonstrations does not erase these reasons. The pro-choice writer begins to address this point when emphasizing the importance of family planning as a means of reducing the number of abortions. We as a society need to determine why women have unwanted pregnancies and work to eliminate these reasons in order to productively lessen the amount of abortions performed.

On the other hand, the pro-life writer proposes, in essence, "changing the attitudes of pro-choicers" and "Convincing them that abortion is wrong." Has he ever read *The Handmaid's Tale*



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