

The Changing Face of Guilford... Part II

NEWS LINE

SLRP begins talks

Campus Minister Max Carter will speak on "Quakerism and student life" on Sept 14, 5:00pm in the first of four SLRP sponsored presentations on Quakerism.

These talks and the discussions that follow "will be critical in the SLRP Committee's revision of the draft plan section on Quaker Heritage (Potet)." This part of the comprehensive long-term strategy is intended to maintain and strengthen the college's Quaker heritage.

UNCG will host Saharawi group

Those who missed Mariam Mohammed Salem, a representative of the Saharawi National Women's Organization who spoke on Sept 8 at Guilford, can catch another member of the Saharawi delegation at UNCG on Sept 14.

Zahra Ramdane will speak in Alderman Lounge at the Elliott Center from 3-4:30pm about the crisis in Western Sahara and her experience as a peace activist.

Recycling starts

Recycling Coordinator Kristyn McGraw, a work-study employee of the department of grounds and maintenance has begun coordinating an aluminum can recycling effort.

The program is restricted to cans and dependent on student volunteers. Volunteers from each residence hall floor are needed to empty the designated bins regularly. The bins, marked "aluminum cans only," are located on each floor in the lounge areas or near the stairways. In alternative housing, they are located by the laundry and the bags can be tied, removed and placed next to the bins when full.

Bags must be ready for pick up before 1pm Mondays and Thursdays when Grounds and Maintenance staff will empty and weigh them. A monthly recycling update will appear in the Guilfordian listing the amounts of aluminum collected from each residence hall and alternative housing area. Questions/concerns should be directed to Bill Scott at ext. 2904 or Kristyn McGraw at 852-4678.

Doost and Strickland join Guilford faculty

Justin Cohen
Special to The Guilfordian

While much attention has been devoted to the strong credentials of the past two freshmen classes, Guilford has also quietly attracted new tenure-track faculty who also bring with them impressive academic backgrounds.

Last week *The Guilfordian* profiled two new faculty members in the chemistry department and philosophy department. Two more are featured this week: Frances Kay Doost of the education studies department and Michael Strickland of the English department.



Photo by Buffy Helbel

Frances Kay Doost

Doost, who holds four degrees from the University of Connecticut, comes to Guilford as the only person on campus who can speak Kiribati (pronounced Ke-ra-bus).

After an eight-year stint as a principal at a Quaker school in Pennsylvania, Doost said she "needed a break from administration," and was ready for a change from working with a "reasonably affluent population." So like many in her generation she volunteered for the Peace Corps, albeit about twenty-five years after her peers. Thus, from 1990 to 1991 she taught English as a Second Language to primary school students in the Republic of Kiribati, which is located in the South Seas Islands.

"[The Peace Corps] was a wonderful experience," claims Doost. "But the physical aspects of it drained me. So I decided to leave while I could still feel positive about it."

When she returned to the U.S., friend and former Guilford administrator Bruce Stewart encouraged her to apply for the opening here.

Doost, who is also fluent in the more commonly spoken French, admits most of her teaching and administrative experience has been outside the collegiate population, but feels confident she can make the transition.

"The same principles are active, in terms of supporting the educational practice," said Doost.

She also believes dialogue with the community will aid the adjustment.

"It will be a continuing process of conversation with departmental faculty, all the faculty, and the students," she commented.

Doost's educational philosophy is

very much in line with that of her departmental colleagues. The philosophy emphasizes a process of self-discovery first and then understanding or coming to grips with the self in relationship to external forces.

This semester Doost teaches "Educational Inquiry: First Tutorial," "Matriculation Methods - Elementary School" and "Student Teaching."

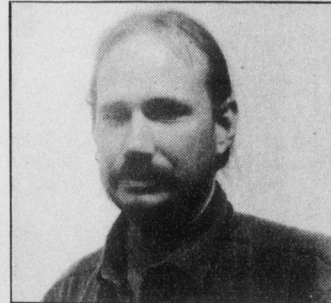


Photo by Hobart Anthony

Michael Strickland

If there is a certain stereotype people associate with computer geniuses, Guilford's newest English professor shatters it.

Enter Michael Strickland, a widely published doctoral candidate from the University of Georgia. Strickland is a proponent of computer-assisted writing, and spent many years studying the writer-computer relationship.

"I see [the computer] as a tool like anything else," explained Strickland, who sports a well-groomed pony tail and a pierced ear. "I use a computer just as a carpenter uses an electric saw instead of a handsaw."

Strickland hopes to help the college move forward in its continuing effort to update its computer systems.

"[The computer network at Guilford] is good and definitely improving, and I'd like to get in on that and help it along," stated Strickland.

Strickland, who will mostly preside over writing classes, also remarked that he would eventually like to see more English courses taught in the computer lab. His personal teaching method strays from traditional lecture and emphasizes intensive hands-on lab writing.

"I teach writing mainly through revising and editing," commented Strickland, who noted the benefit for his students of having "live access" to tools which make that process less painful and more efficient.

However, the advantages to writing with a computer extend beyond just making the editing process quicker, observed Strickland.

"It frees my mind... The computer takes the grunt work out of writing. It takes the labor out of editing. It allows me to be more creative in what I try," said Strickland.

Strickland is also creative in his fields of study. He is currently working on a biography of Harvard University professor Stephen Jay Gould, which will be an offshoot of his doc-

toral dissertation. In addition he has presented papers that vary from "The MTV Generation Goes to Woodstock," to "Organic Techniques and the Future Viability of the Small Farmer."

Strickland still owns a small farm in South Carolina, and he encourages anyone who knows of a farmhouse or some land for sale in the country near Greensboro to contact him.

In general, his new position at Guilford is agreeing with him. He has been particularly impressed by the warmth of the community.

"Everybody I have met has gone out of their way to be friendly and helpful. Coming from a big school with a lot of rules, Guilford is a breath of fresh air," asserted Strickland, who has fielded offers from several other institutions.

Strickland plans to instruct some upper-level writing courses, but for this semester he is slated to teach two sections of "Developmental Writing," as well as tutor in the Academic Skills Center.

CCE lives

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wonderful. They are trying to work schedules so they will be available when students need them," said Vick.

Despite the pains of the restructuring, Vick maintains a positive attitude about the performance of CCE.

"We have just started a huge, on-site AT&T program. At the time the restructuring came about, we couldn't have even anticipated that and we've got that up and running. We also had one of our more successful Elderhostel programs this summer in the midst of all the restructuring.

Though Vick is optimistic, there is much work to be done.

"There are a lot of challenges—the staff are learning new jobs and new programs, managing time to get everything done with the reduced work force, maintaining the high quality service that the students have come to expect. We are trying to meet enrollment goals in what is a very competitive market—UNCG has a program for adults and A&T has a new program now with their symbol as a tree, and their program is called transitions."

Vick respects the competition but has confidence in Guilford's renowned program.

"It's true they are coming on very very strong. They are trying to become user friendly.... There are some that have only one concern and that's the bottom line—money. They'll leave and won't come back because they can get a cheaper education [elsewhere].... However, I think the people who thrive at Guilford will continue to stay."

"The students are looking for the quality of Guilford College," Vick added, "and if they've been here and they go anywhere else in the area, they are going to be very disappointed."

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sept 11-17

Fri., September 11:
Jewelry & clothing sale-Founders Lobby
Sun., September 13:
10:30-12:00 Noon: Grief Process and Support Group-The Hut
7:00-8:00: Yearbook Meeting-Boren Lounge
9:00-10:00: Homelessness Awareness-TBA
9:00-10:00: WQFS Meeting-TBA
Mon., September 14:
8:30-9:30PM: French Club-Passn Pit
8:30-10:00: Humanity for Animals-Boren Lounge
10:00-11:00: Relief Aid to Florida-Gallery
Tue., September 15:
11:00-1:00PM: Roadway Representative-Founders Lobby
8:00-9:00: Student Democratic Coalition-Dana Lounge
8:30-10:00: GLBA Meeting-203A
8:30-10:00: FCA Meeting-Boren Lounge
9:00 Piper Meeting Pub. Suite
9:00-10:00: Steering Committee
Wed., September 16:
Lunch/Dinner: Red Cross Volunteer Sign Up-Founders Lobby
3:30-5:00PM: Senate Meeting
8:30-10:00: InterVarsity-Boren Lounge
9:00-10:00: Forevergreen-Gallery
9:00-10:00: Union Meeting-Passion Pit
Thur., September 17:
Lunch/Dinner: Red Cross Volunteer Sign Up-Founders Lobby
9:00-10:30 AM: Interlink Guest Speaker-Gallery
8:00-10:00PM: AIAnon-UNCG, Contact Doris Kimmel @ ext.2174

Week at the Hut

Daily: Unprogrammed worship, 8:15-8:30am

Monday, September 14
9:00pm Fabrangen Seekers
Session: Gospel of John

Wednesday, September 16
5:30pm Mid-week meeting for worship

Thursday, September 17
7:30pm Seekers Session on Whitman/Whittier. Max Carter on Whittier
9:00pm Quaker Concerns meeting

Friday, September 18
10:30am Grief Process and Support group
5:00pm Sabbath candle lighting, sponsored by Hillel.

Saturday, September 19
12:30pm Vans leave for Native American Pow-Wow