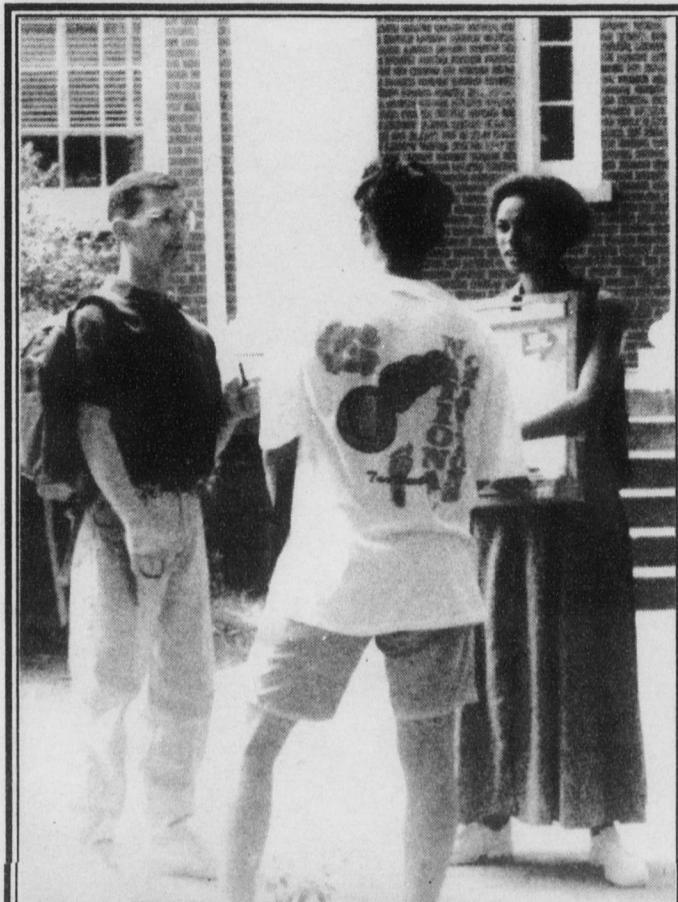


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Returning students chat before class in front of King Hall.
Photo by Carl Beebler.

Student Union loses Randall to Army

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Student Union has lost its president-elect. Tim Randall, will not return to Guilford; instead, he plans to serve in the army for at least three years.

"My basic reason for not returning to Guilford this year is money," Randall said in an exclusive interview with **The Guilfordian**. "There was simply no way for me to pay for school this semester," he said.

"I feel bad about leaving Union, and that certainly weighed in my decision," Randall said, "and I think I would have done a great job and helped the school."

"It's really hard to make this decision," he said. "I have to do exactly what I didn't want to do. This is my second choice in lifestyle; my first is being in school at Guilford."

Randall's sudden departure left

the other Union executives in difficult positions.

"We were really mad at first because no one in Union was reached by Tim, but we can sympathize now," Wendy McReynolds, Union vice-president said, after learning Randall's reason for not returning.

Susan Little, Union treasurer said, "Tim's not contacting us left [Union] up in the air. Now, we're going to advance the officers one position."

McReynolds will advance to president, and Andy Swanson, secretary will move up to vice-president. Megan Hester will become secretary by consensus of the Union executives. Little will remain treasurer.

"We're going to need to get Union co-chairs and executives to get calendars and basic business processes going," said McReynolds.

Little said that Union has made a lot of progress in the last week, and that they are "moving in a positive direction."

New class arrives *Profile released*

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This year's entering class "came in on target" for projected class size, according to Larry West, director of admissions.

Of a projected class size of 320-340, an actual 331 first-year students were expected to attend Guilford as of Aug. 18. Last year's entering class size was 340.

The number of transfer students stood at 54 out of a goal of 55, according to West.

Preliminary data compiled by the admissions office showed the acceptance rate for this year's class was 87.1 percent in comparison with a 79.5 percent acceptance rate for last year's entering class.

West said the admissions and financial aid officers were happy that they remained on budget in terms of need-based financial

aid for this academic year.

However, West said that "The new federal financial aid system created a lot of confusion" and was detrimental to families of entering freshmen. He said this made "a much longer time line" in regard to the decision-making processes of entering freshmen.

There are nine fewer entering Honors Scholars than last year's 34. West said that the Honors scholarships were capped at \$10,000. In previous years, the limit was at full tuition.

He also said that potential Honors Scholars were lost due to low projected estimates of federal funds.

Other admissions data show similarities to that of last year's entering class. The percentages of black and international students remain the same at 6 and 4 percent respectively.

In SAT score distribution, 69 percent of 291 incoming freshmen

who reported their SAT scores were above 500 on the math section of the SAT; 70 percent of last year's 314 incoming freshmen who reported SAT scores were above 500 in math.

The percentage of incoming freshmen scoring above 500 in the verbal section decreased this year; last year the percentage was 59; whereas this year's was 46.

Male/female and public/private school ratios changed slightly. Last year's entering class was 44 percent male and 56 percent female. This year's class is 48 percent male and 52 percent female.

In last year's class, almost one out of four students attended private schools; in this year's class, seven out of 20 students attended private schools.

West said that some of these numbers are subject to change because some expected new students did not come to Guilford and some unexpected students did.

Dean of Students finds "good fit" at Guilford

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Mona Olds has begun her duties as dean of student life. She replaces Charlotte Weddle, acting dean following the departure of Joanna Iwata.

Olds described the process of moving from dean of student life at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., to Guilford.

"I had been thinking that I really didn't want to retire at Clark," said Olds. "Eight years was a long enough period of time to learn and influence the culture of Clark and to get to a point where I could make systems better and truly be helpful to students."



Olds

"A friend of mine saw an ad in **The Chronicle** and asked, 'Did you know this is out there?'" That is where her application process to Guilford began.

"It all happened a little faster than I had anticipated," she said. Olds came to campus in early April and spent two full days in group

sessions with administrators and student services personnel.

Olds has been at Guilford since July 26. She said although she has enjoyed getting acquainted with staff and student services, she has been anxious for students to arrive on campus.

One of Olds's early goals is to "encourage pride in the Guilford community." She wants to do this by letting people know the things she likes about Guilford.

"I was looking for a good fit," said Olds. She said that Guilford has "met and surpassed" her expectations. "It seems the intellectual challenge is strong; I think there's a sense of purpose and community here. That's what I was looking for."