

Orientation revamped; entertains, informs

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New students didn't know anything—about Guilford college life, that is—until they experienced Guilford's orientation program Aug. 20 through Aug. 22.

"Party on!" advised James Green, Student Senate president at the opening convocation, Aug. 20. That was one of the many bits of advice given to new students during the weekend.

During convocation, President Bill Rogers explained three areas he hoped new students would grow in: "seriousness of the mind," "a sense of values," and having fun."

New at convocation, according to Kristen Wachling, acting director of student activities, was a historical slide presentation, authentic letters spanning 1832 to the present were read during the pre-

sentation by Ashley Cobb, Chelle Stinson, and Megan Hester, SOS co-chairs.

New students did more than receive advice during orientation. Foreign language and English placement tests were among the more rigorous activities, according to some new students. "I thought that the language placement exam was a pain in the bum!" new student Stuart Nemerov said.

"The food looked great," said Matt Rudzinski, returning senior. He felt that the orientation food looked better than normal cafeteria food.

Parent David George said, "I've enjoyed the campus and orientation. It meets my expectations for a liberal arts campus."

Wachling said other changes were made in the orientation schedule, including a reworking of the registration process for new students. New students preregis-

tered with their advisors on Sunday; then the registrar entered the data into the computer that night. A success rate of around 80 percent was predicted, according to Wachling.

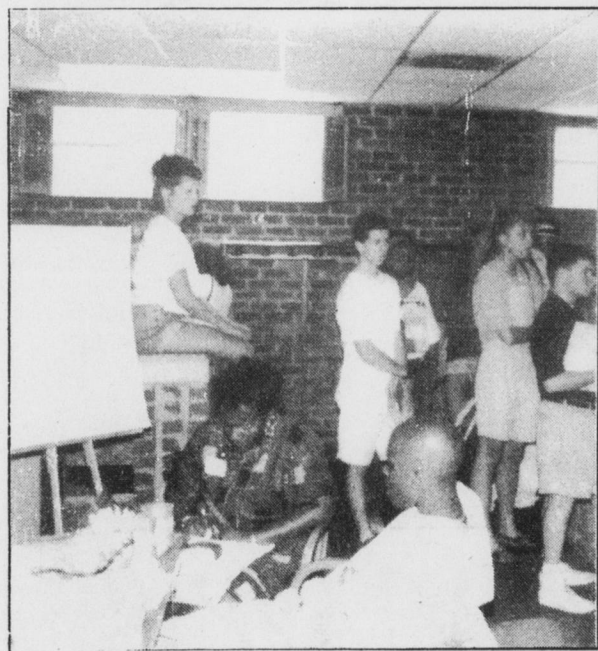
New student Corey Gurley said of the new procedure, "It's very helpful, but personally I find it quite tiresome."

The Saturday night coffeehouse was also changed, Wachling said. "Instead of having a talent show, we brought in a band, Vertical Horizon."

"I thought they were an awesome duo," said new student, Jeff Hartz.

"Orientation was wonderful," Stinson said. "It worked better than I ever imagined it would."

Wachling said, "Everybody worked so hard. The SOS leaders were outstanding, and the first-year and transfer students were very enthusiastic."



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Senate elections announced

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Students who want to become involved with decision-making processes at Guilford and active in communication with students and faculty can campaign for Student Senate representative positions next week until the election, Sept. 7, said James Green, Student Senate president.

"As Senate members, we're the community's link between students and administration," Green said, "and we're the representatives of the student body."

"In order for [groups to make

changes] on campus, they must go through Senate," Senate Treasurer Teri Freeman said.

The positions available are residence hall and class representatives, according to Joy Jansen, Senate vice-president. The weekly meetings which representatives must attend include talking about pertinent issues on campus, passing club constitutions, spending budgets on campus, and student involvement.

Other tasks for the representatives include talking with constituents about issues and being on one of six subcommittees such as academic affairs, Green said.

Green said the election process includes getting and filling out a petition from the Information Desk in Founders, requiring ten signatures. There will be a week and a half of campaigning concluding with hall meetings the night before elections. That night, people from the various residence halls can meet the people running. The next day, people will vote for representatives for their hall and class.

"We want to get as many people involved on campus as possible," said Freeman.

Further election information will be posted in Founders.

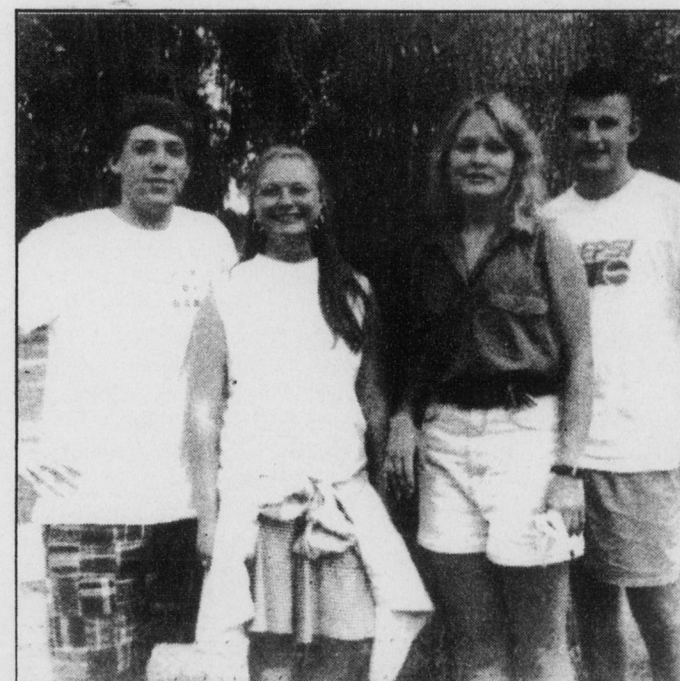


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Senate executives James Green, Joy Jansen, Teri Freeman, and Ben Borne.