

## Parents' Weekend judged a success

◆Parents and students alike seem to enjoy all of the weekend's planned activities

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Images of arrival day echoed around campus two weekends ago as families tumbled out of cars from long drives to greet their college students. Guilford rolled out the maroon carpet on Saturday for Parents' Weekend as moms, dads, siblings, friends, and pets arrived to see how their students were enjoying collegiate life.

A continuous theme for Saturday's planned events was dining set to music. The shows began with mood music from a jazz band lightening the atmosphere at an outside brunch buffet. Not content to stop at tables set with linen and candles, the college also threw in a string ensemble

to serenade Saturday dinner-goers. Guilford students provided much of the musical activity offered this weekend. The Annual

played for over two hours total, with Sternberger auditorium growing only more crowded as the show progressed.

their children call home.

Oded Pines, father to Adam Pines '01, appreciated this opportunity to get a feel for what his son is doing each day. "I was glad to attend the dorm and seminar meetings, as they helped me to understand Adam's world. Also, I could keep my ear to the ground and hear of any mischief to which my son might be party."

Spectator events also occurred throughout Parents' Weekend. The campus cheered in support as our Quaker football team dropped a hard-fought loss and the Women's rugby team pulled off a tie against Elon College in a scrimmage game.

But most who saw it considered the Second Hand Dance Company to be the grand finale of the weekend. Alicia Grogan-Brown '01 said "Those three guys were incredible. The balancing feats they performed and the routine with the velcro hats....it was just hysterical." The audience at this show was beyond captivated; in all seriousness, they were hooked and looped.

Parents' Weekend wrapped up on Sunday the sixteenth as students bid their families goodbye and helped load them in their cars to return home. The affair was widely regarded as a success, though universally acknowledged as very taxing. Now that we have gotten our yearly dose of the parental participatory college experience, we return to the volume of work that we grudgingly ignored to hobnob with our friends and families.



Becca Lee

Some parents took advantage of the good weather to enjoy an outdoor brunch.

CoffeeHouse/Open Mike night saw unprecedented success as acts

Freshman parent Nedra Roberts could not help but notice the base of creativity and talent present in Guilford's student body. "These kids really do have enormous talent, and not just a few, but all of them," she said.

Indeed, variety acts began to sprout up piecemeal Saturday, as one sibling to a new student spontaneously brought out fire batons and performed a flaming juggling act in Bryan's courtyard.

There was no shortage of activities to participate in as parents eagerly sized up this place which

## UNION VOX

◆Homecoming, Celebration Station and other events

BY JENN WINGO  
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This past weekend we had our second concert, Zion Wave. I was excited to see so many of you there! Coming up this weekend we have the terry Gilliam film fest including both the films "Brazil" and "Twelve Monkeys." These movies will be showing tonight in the Underground beginning at 8pm. Tomorrow we will be having an excursion to Celebration Station from 4pm to 7pm. It will be FREE to the first fifty students. Your FREE admission includes both Putt-putt and unlimited access to various rides. So come and join us for a great time. Directions will be available at the Info. Desk.

Next weekend is Homecoming and UNION has

planned many fun events. Beginning on Thursday evening we will have our first ventriloquist, Lynn Trefzger, in the Underground. Friday night will be the annual Homecoming Bonfire by the lake at 9pm. Saturday there will be a pre-game tailgate party on the football field, followed by the game at 1:30 against Davidson College. Come to the game to see Quakerman and receive FREE giveaways. On Saturday night we will have the Homecoming Quad Dance from 10pm til 1am. UNION looks forward to an exciting weekend, and we hope to see you all there.

We continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 8pm in the Passion Pit, with a Serendipity meeting following. Join us with your ideas and input.

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