

Trick-or-treaters come to dorms

◆ Guilford hosts Pathways children on Halloween

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Each year on October 31, the mood becomes ghoulishly festive as children dress in costumes and go door to door asking for treats and threatening tricks. This year, as part of a joint project between Project Community and Residential Life, Guilford became a mecca for trick-or-treaters from Pathways, a community organization for children.

"We probably had about 75 to 100 kids come," said Jason Gunter, who organized the event.

The children were treated to cotton candy in Founders lobby when they arrived at 6:30 P.M. The cotton candy machine, also used earlier in the day for Guilford students, was loaned from the cafeteria by its director, Brad McNeely.

From Founders, the children went trick-or-treating in Binford, Milner, Bryan, Shore, and English halls. "It was neat-o," said sophomore James Higgins, who gave candy out to the children. "My favorite kid was the one dressed like the guy from Kiss."

Mary Hobbs participated with their annual Haunted House, and there were games and contests in the Milner

lounge. Don and Britta McNemar gave out candy at their house as well.

"We had pretty good student participation," said Gunter, who estimated that 10 Guilford students led the trick-or-treaters to the participating dorm rooms, of which there were about 50.

"I loved handing out candy," said sophomore Sarah Bernhardt. Bernhardt went on to note that all of the kids seemed really excited about the event.

Many more students got involved both at the Mary Hobbs Haunted House and the Milner Lounge games.

"Thanks to everyone who did help," said Gunter, who added "Our next big thing should be for Christmas, so anyone who wants to get involved should contact Project Community."

Those interested in helping out Project Community can call extension 2137 for information

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Good preview day turnout expected

◆ Annual preview day has record-breaking numbers

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It's that time of the year again; fall preview day at Guilford College and it is bigger than ever. Last year 97 students attended fall preview day. This year 232 students have registered to attend preview day this Saturday, November 8. The admissions office expects to host at least 150 prospective students, knowing that all 232 who registered will not attend.

Al Newell, dean of admissions, explained the increase in numbers. "One reason for this is the new approach of a more personalized invitation through direct mail. The

second reason is because the invitation has been extended to high school juniors." Newell feels students are beginning to think about college earlier in comparison to students five years ago.

Preview day is organized to give students and parents firsthand information about the teaching and learning styles of Guilford. In the past, professors stood behind tables that represented different departments and told visitors about classes. This was boring for prospective students as well as for the faculty.

In the spring of 1995, mini-class sessions were started as a way of showing what Guilford offers. Now students and parents have the opportunity to choose one of twenty mini-class sessions to attend. Faculty and students will be instructing the class sessions this Saturday.

Susan Bagley, preview day coordinator, said, "There has been a great enthusiasm from the faculty and students in providing creative hands on experiences for the class sessions."

For example one class will

learn a foreign language in thirty minutes. Other class events include dancing, using the new computers, managing money, and sports studies.

Before the mini-classes, a panel session will be held. At that time students and parents will have the opportunity to direct questions and concerns to current Guilford students and faculty.

Guilford tries to offer something different than other schools. Newell said, "There are lots of options in choosing a college. Students are trying to make distinctions between colleges."

Having the mini-classes and the panel sessions is an example of Guilford's efforts to be unique.

Last year 27 students who attended fall preview day chose to come to Guilford. Amy Snider was one of those students. She had visited once before but returned for preview day. Snider said, "The student panel was most helpful. I was able to ask questions and get answers from students. It really played a big part in my final decision to come here."

Deena Jackson, assistant director of admissions, said there were about 30 student admissions volunteers who will help the day's events run smoothly. Their responsibilities include directing parking, giving tours, and socializing with parents and students throughout the day.

Bagley commented that everyone can help by their presence on campus and inviting attitudes to parents and students. "Visitors often comment on how Guilford students are willing to answer questions or give directions. It's not just the volunteers that make a difference; it's the community."

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