

NEWS

Princeton Review gives Guilford unsettling ratings

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Every year the Princeton Review polls 59,000 students on 63 categories to help high school students find the best school for them. Guilford has earned itself a place on this prestigious list: number 15 for the 'least happy students,' and number 15 for 'no-body plays intramural sports.'

The review is one of the largest guides to colleges. The rankings can affect the reputation of the school as well as the number of incoming freshmen. Princeton's idea is to interview an average of 175 students per campus with 70 questions to get a sense of the student life at their college.

"I am unhappy because I feel so lonely," said junior Aryan

Sloan. "Most of the people at school are so caught up with their own thing that they fail to notice or take interest in others. I think a lot of people may feel as overlooked as I do."

As for the intramural sports, junior Adam Webber summed up many responses by saying, "I'm just too lazy to play 'em."

The happiest students--opposite Guilford--are at St. Bonaventure College, College of the Atlantic, and St. Lawrence University. And the largest intramural schools are Wabash College, University of Notre Dame, and Colgate University.

Do not take the rankings at face value, however.

After a few minutes on the web site you can also find that the happiest col-

lege (St. Bonaventure) is also number one for 'no political activity' and, third for 'lots of beer,' and ninth for 'lots of hard liquor.'

Guilford's only significant rankings are not pleasant ones. But it is far from the drunken bliss of St. Bonaventure.

"The problem is that we are politically aware. We complain too much and we don't drink

enough," said senior Lyndsay Elias.

Princeton Review ranked Princeton best overall for undergraduates, followed by Swarthmore and the US Airforce Academy. (Princeton is also the hardest school to get into.)

You can draw your own conclusions on the Princeton Review website at www.review.com.



Eager new librarians

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You may have noticed some of the changes that took place at Guilford over the summer. The Underground was dismantled, Binford Hall has become primarily a First-Year dorm, and a fierce storm took away several of Guilford's trees. What you may not have yet noticed, however, is that there are new librarians, among many other position shifts and additions.

Charlotte Divitci, the new Head of Circulation and Reserve Services in Hege Library, worked for several years at the Wake Forest Law School library as Library Circulation Manager, and as director of the law and business branches of the library.

"Guilford said that there was an opening," said Divitci. "There were a number of positions available, so I applied and came for an interview. I felt that it was more like a visit than an interview; the people were very friendly and I was pleased when invited to join the community."

Divitci was in charge of Management at Wake Forest but felt she had little knowledge of law and business except to help people find things. "The collection here is not so specialized," Divitci said, "so I feel like I can help. I really enjoy working with people and I got bored with the technical services at Wake Forest. Here I get a variety of experience with people." She also enjoys the more laid-back atmosphere of Guilford.

Gwen Erickson, who earned

her M.A. and M.L.I.S. in History at UNCG, and her B.A. in History from Earlham College, is now Librarian of the Friends Historical Collection and Archives. She has been working for five years in different sections of the library, such as information/reference, archives, and circulation.

"I started working at Guilford part-time in graduate school," said Erickson. "I had known about Guilford since I was a kid, since I'm Quaker. I went to Earlham College and had a great time working in the Quaker archives there; it was a very easy transition to come here." Erickson says she prefers the working environment of a liberal arts college to that of a big university.

Erickson, who has an interest in both library studies and African-American studies, has also written several articles on Quaker women and the Friends Historical Collection at Guilford. "Since I got started as an undergrad," she said, "I enjoy helping students learn about the excitement of history and helping students explore new ways of learning."

Evelyn Blount, who began to work full-time at Guilford in October of 1999, worked at NCA&T State University for 10 years and has had approximately 17 years of reference experience. This past year, she was promoted to head of information reference services. "Before I finished my undergraduate years, I was thinking about becoming a librarian. This led me to graduate school to pursue my library science degree," Blount said. "Having the chance to work with students, faculty, and staff is the most enjoyable part of my job."

THE WEEK AT GUILFORD

September 8th 2000

CHAOS Continues

Backpacking at Pilot Mt. State Park

QLSP Spiritual Formation
at Glenagape Retreat Center

September 9th 2000

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September 10th 2000

Woman's Soccer v. Southwestern

College Meeting for Worship w/ Deborah
Sounders, Co-Clerk of Fellowship of Friends of
African Descent (Moon Room) 1pm

September 14th 2000

Union sponsors ½ Off Pool @ Breaktime w/
Guilford ID 10pm-1am