

News

Presidential search update

The following is a transcription of the campus-wide voice mail left last week by Ellen Hamrich, who heads the presidential search committee.

This message is intended to give you a brief update on the status of the search for Guilford's next president.

The committee met late last week to review the candidate files recommended from our search consultant. After reviewing approximately 60 candidate files, the committee has selected eight promising applicants to be interviewed by the committee in late February.

This group consists of women, sitting presidents, Quakers, and non-traditional candidates with demonstrated

success in their past work. All have impressive and broad-ranging experiences. We are hopeful that the next president of Guilford College is among this group of individuals.

After each of the eight candidates is interviewed, the committee will decide which of those should be invited to visit our campus to meet you and learn more about our community. Only the identity of those few finalists will be announced, and that announcement should be made in late Feb. or early March.

Thank you for your patience at this process unfolds. The committee will continue to update you as new developments occur. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have concerns or questions.



Katherine Gardner, Sarah Betson, and Matt Baker at the Pines yard sale in front of Founders Saturday, Feb. 16.

JUSTIN BETSON

Week at Guilford

Fri., Feb. 22

7 p.m. Bowling Club (All-Star Lanes)
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir workshop (Boren)
8 p.m. Masquerade Ball (Dana)
8 p.m. WQFS Coffeeshouse (Underground)

Sat., Feb. 23

8 p.m. Union presents Derek Trucks Band (Sternberger)

Sun., Feb. 24

7 p.m. WQFS Meeting
7:30 p.m. Jazz concert (Bryan Aud.)

Mon., Feb. 25

7:30 p.m. The Guilfordian meeting (Commons)
8 p.m. Poetry Reading (Bryan Aud.)
9 p.m. Guilford Pride meeting (Resource Center, Dana)

Tues., Feb. 26

3 p.m. Campus Sidekicks (Boren)
6:30 p.m. Black History Month lecture (Gallery)
8 p.m. International Club meeting (International Center)

Weds., Feb. 27

6 p.m. Community Senate Student Concern Forum (Caf)
8:30 p.m. S.A.F.E. meeting (King 126)

Thurs., Feb. 28

7 p.m. Forever Green (Pines)
10:30 p.m. Yachting Club meeting (Bauman)

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was well known and liked among students for his jovial countenance (he was always smiling), love of vegetarian cooking (he cooked often for all his friends), and technophilia (he worked avidly for IT&S).

He was proud of being one of the few, if not only, male women's studies majors. He worked at one point for the National Organization for Women and for Planned Parenthood. At Guilford, he also majored in psychology.

Bek actively served in Community Senate, volunteered as a Chaos leader, and helped organize Serendipity.

A bystander would have taken Bek for a Quaker. He had a deep respect for Quaker ideals, which was evident in the unwitting care and helping hand he lent anyone, anywhere.

He had a penchant for old-fashioned phrases like "peachy" and "right on" and a mysterious love of Canada.

Bek lived in Michigan, Texas, and Charlotte before his family settled in Greensboro in 1995, where he lived since.

He enrolled in the culinary arts program at Central Piedmont Community College, where he earned an associate's degree. Afterward, he began classes at Guilford.

At a memorial service held on Wednesday afternoon in Dana Auditorium, students, faculty, staff, co-workers, community

members, and family, remembered Bek's life with reflections and quiet prayer.

Those who chose to speak described him as patient, cheerful, spiritual and full of integrity. They remembered him as always smiling, with a passion for human contact.

Marshall Lammers, a close friend, epitomized Bek's personality in saying, "I think he would be surprised by how many people are here, but I wouldn't be surprised if he knew every one of you by name."

The following is a poem Bek's family composed when they learned of his death:

Helping others
Smiling, even in the morning

Full of sunshine
Never having a bad thing to say about anything

Enjoying apples, fine cooking, blueberry pancakes and anything loaded with garlic

Sweeping away bees in a "panic dance"

Willing to take care of your problems (computer or otherwise)

Hiking with a too-full backpack

Always looking to catch a great photo

Excited about life and all its great possibilities

Proud to be free and independent

Generous

Caring

Ryan

Free meal tickets!

Did you know students are encouraged to take a faculty person to lunch once a semester? All a student has to do is request a meal ticket from Joyce Eaton in the office of the Academic Dean and invite a teacher for lunch on any day.

STUDENT CONCERN FORUM

Do you have concerns about things going on at Guilford?
Do you feel like you don't have a voice in how decisions are made or what problems are discussed?

Here's your chance to raise **YOUR** concerns with administrators, faculty and staff. This **Wednesday, February 28**, there will be a student concern forum in the cafeteria. From **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, there will be "focus groups" just to discuss whatever you want to. This is the opportunity that you've been waiting for to talk to the people who can make changes - don't miss it!

People who have already committed to coming include Jerry Godard, Joanne Toby, Phil Manz, Jim Hood, Adrienne Israel, and Bill Stevens. Brought to you by your Community Senate.