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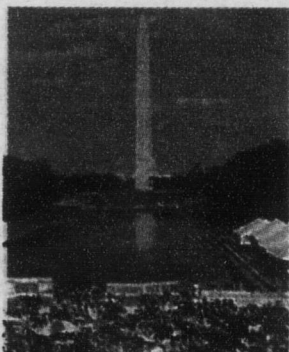
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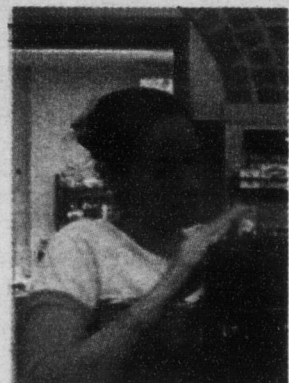
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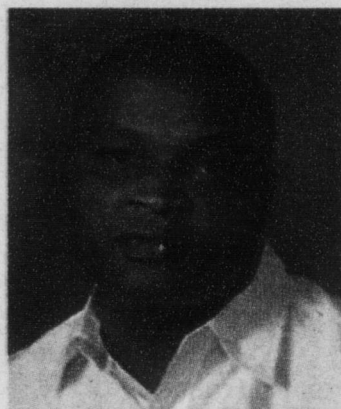
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Laban Gwako, chair of the Sociology and Anthropology department, has big plans for his \$100,000.

On Aug. 23, Gwako received a \$100,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a two-year study on the effects of property rights security on agricultural output in Western Kenya.

Gwako has already hired several native Kenyans to begin research. In the summer of 2004, two Guilford College stu-



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SOAN Chair Labon Gwako dents will join these researchers.

Altogether the team will spend 18 months gathering data and six months writing it up. Researchers will collect data through oral and written surveys, random spot checks of

farms, and participation in farming.

The project intends to examine control over the products of farming. In the patriarchal system that exists in Kenya, men own most of the land but women do most of the farm work. Gwako is studying whether these women produce more when they get to decide what to do with the fruits of their labor.

This study builds upon previous research Gwako did in Kenya on small-holder farms. This time he will be studying large-holder farms also.

"The broader

impact [is] significant, because the new knowledge about the causes of African women-farmers' productivity will be of great interest to planners concerned with economic development," said one of the NSF grant reviewers.

Gwako believes this research will benefit Guilford College in a number of ways. "We teach our students theory. The more knowledge you have on the ground about theoretical operations of the real world, the more you speak about it with your

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Princeton Review recognizes Guilford

Kurt Cavanaugh

Sports Editor

The average Guilford student wears Birkenstocks, is politically active, speaks up in class, acknowledges the quality of the theatre program, doesn't participate in intramural sports, and gets high. They do all of this while listening to WQFS.

This is according to the *US News* and *Princeton Review* college rankings for 2004,

the data for which was gathered during the 2002-2003 school year.

The rankings, released Aug. 22, placed Guilford among the top 351 schools in the nation, and one of only 11 North Carolina schools included on the list.

The *US News'* rankings are more academic than the *Princeton Review's* and has Guilford tied for nineteenth for the most diverse liberal arts

school of 160 schools profiled. Guilford tied with Schreiner University and Vassar College.

The *Princeton Review* studies many more categories and gets its data first-hand from students through online surveys that consist of about 70 questions. The categories are offered in opposite pairs: "Top Party Schools" and "Stone Cold Sober Schools," "Best Quality of Life"

and "Least Happy Students," and "Horrible On-Campus Food" and "Great Cafeteria Food."

The most impressive jump from the 2003 edition was the ascension of WQFS from number seven in "Great College Radio" to number four this year. The category is based on the popularity of the radio station among students and 90.9 trailed stations at Emerson

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