

Retention rate falls to ten-year low, administration responds

By Laird Allen SENIOR WRITER

ments has passed, and the statis- law," Fetrow said. tics are in: Guilford's retention rate

istrative practices, or simply the "the cohort"- the core of each class, asked the cause, three administra- college students. Retention only tors responded similarly.

complicated issue."

It is a sentiment echoed by Dean of Students Aaron Fetrow and Vice President for Enrollment Services Randy Doss.

"Retention is incredibly complex The Oct. 1 deadline for re-enroll- to me, and I've worked in estate tax

There are three essential conhas fallen to 68 percent, the first cepts that are necessary to undertime since 1988 when it has fallen stand what this drop in retention below 72 percent, according to means. First is retention itself - the Director of Institutional Research percentage of students who remain and Assessment Thomas Coaxum. on from year to year. This is mea-It is easy to blame this on either sured not from the whole populalast year's first-year class, admin- tion, but rather from what is called plummeting economy. When consisting of first-year, first-time connects to the behavior of this "Retention," said Coaxum, "is a cohort, excluding transfers and CCE students.

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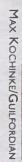


Friends Historical Collection celebrates Archives Week

By Mary Bubar STAFF WRITER

Sports and Leisure in the Old North State." Embracing that theme, Last week in obser- the newest exhibit case nce of North Caro- features a pair of black This year's theme is to become the first direc- Cook, archives associate

(Above) Delicate volumes like these from the Friends Historical Collection in Hege Library were on display during North Carolina Archives Week. (Below left) The 2008 theme, "Capturing Memories of Sports and Leisure in the Old North State," was embodied in the unveiling of a new exhibit case dedicated to Guilford sports history.



Students discuss the writing process with author Ron Rash in the Greenleaf.

Author Ron Rash inspires first-years

experience with the

passage, a haunting

By Sallie Chase STAFF WRITER

Life at Guilford is full of opportunities to meet fascinating people from all around the world. On Oct. 23, first year students had the chance yet beautiful narrative to meet Ron Rash, in which a little girl is the River," which was and drowns. the required summer reading for all incom-

First-year ing first years. Meg Holden found this to Students gathered be the most poignant in Dana auditorium part of the presentaat 11 a.m. to listen to tion. Rash speak about his

"When he read from the opening scene book. He began with a reading of the opening of the book, it made it a lot more meaningful than when I read it myself," said Holden. author of "Saints at swept up by a river "It really came alive for me."

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lina Archives Week, the rubber-bottomed canvas Friends Historical Col- lace-up woman's baslection conducted be- ketball shoes circa 1939. hind-the-scenes tours Alongside the shoes is education in 1895. in addition to creating a visual tribute to Laua display of memora- ra Worth, a member of tory dates back to 1867 bilia highlighting Guil- Guilford's first freshman ford sports history in class in 1889, when the troduced at New Garden the Friends Historical New Garden boarding Research Room in Hege school became Guilford Library.

"Capturing Memories of tor of female physical for the Friends Historical

Guilford's sports hiswhen baseball was in-Boarding School.

While putting to-College. Worth went on gether the display, Liz



stitched in. The significance of the arrow remained a mystery until she discovered that Guilford offered girls archery in the 40's. "There is always something to find out about (our history)," Cook said.

Collection, discovered

a gray sports letter with a thin maroon arrow

Archives week pays tribute to the people and organizations responsible for maintaining and making available archival and historical records.

"Keeping the artifacts stable and accessible to the public is important in understanding and promoting Guilford and

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