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Junior **Jonathan Richter** poses in front of a lake in the mountainous Yunnan province of Southwest China.

China witnesses increase in study abroad students

By *Jasmine Ashton*
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"China is the wave of the future," said senior East Asian studies minor Paul Miller, who spent last spring studying abroad in China. "When China takes over America in 20 years, I won't be working in the salt mines."

According to a new survey from Germany's Bertelsmann Foundation, the United States will lose its position as the world's undisputed leading power over the next 15 years, with China emerging as a formidable rival.

Simultaneously, many students are beginning to branch outside of the traditional study-abroad locations, venturing east. China is currently the fifth most popular destination to study-abroad, right behind Britain, Italy, Spain

and France.

According to the report "Open Doors 2008," in the 2006-07 academic year, the number of U.S. college students studying abroad increased by eight percent over the previous year. Students studying in China increased by 25 percent.

"China is a great place to wander and explore," said Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Eric Mortensen. "It is a very welcoming country and is one of the safest places in the world for women to travel alone. Tens of thousands of people wander around China every year knowing no Chinese."

For those interested in studying abroad in China, Guilford offers several affiliate programs.

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Amanpour speaks at Bryan Series

By *Kylie Gilliams*
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"It's an incredible new moment on whose threshold we stand," said chief CNN international correspondent Christiane Amanpour in her Bryan Series speech at the War Memorial Auditorium in Greensboro on Nov. 18.

Amanpour began by discussing the results of the presidential election and the public's reaction.

"I was amazed at the outpouring of excitement and ownership," said Amanpour. "It seemed to be like the atmosphere of the first ever election in Afghanistan or Iran."

She also remarked on her surprise at the international response. "I said to myself, 'my goodness, when was the last time we saw people take

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Facilities and Operations cut costs within budget

By *Sam Jenkins*
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With the nation's economy suffering, Guilford College has had to make a few cutbacks to fit its operating budget.

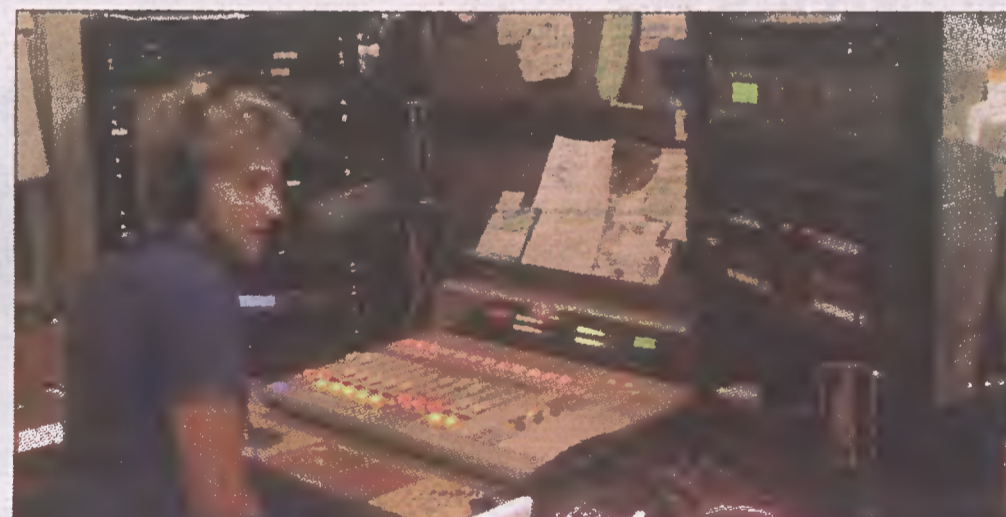
Maintenance, housekeeping, and mail services will be the hardest hit; however, the PE Center and administration will also have to endure some changes in light of increased utility prices and number of students.

"(During the 2002-2003 school year) our budget was \$2.2 million," said Associate Vice President of Operations and Facilities Jon Varnell. "Guess what it was in 07-08? \$2.2 million."

A fixed budget would work if Guilford was not a rapidly growing community, but it is. From 2002-2008, Guilford has seen a 40 percent increase in students and an additional approximately 50,000 sq. ft. of new buildings to maintain.

Because of these constraints, maintenance has lost a position and a half, and housekeeping has lost three and a half

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Sophomore **Matt Gaye** in the M.C.R. at WQFS in Founders Hall. A proposal for new funds, approved by Community Senate on Dec. 3, will allow WQFS to buy new equipment and begin webcasting.

WQFS to webcast

By *Maxwell Reitman*
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 3, WQFS submitted a proposal to senate asking for \$39,000 to start offering WQFS as an online webcast. They were approved.

Webcasting, or streaming the radio broadcast over the Internet as it's being played, will allow alumni, students, and anyone else to tune into the station anywhere that has a computer and a fast enough Internet connection.

This idea has been kicked around

since 2000 when alumni and ex-WQFS Publications Director John Hicks was asked to look into the idea by his general manager. Since then it has been furtively and unsuccessfully pursued by other DJs and managers until finally coming to the current GM Shaina Machlus. "Everyone says they're gonna webcast, but you wait and see. I'm gonna be the one," Machlus said at the beginning of this semester.

And so they did.

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