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Class of 2016: who are they and what are their plans?

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There is no doubt much curiosity among the Guilford community about the incoming class of 2016. To help shed some light on the new class, The Guilfordian did a poll of 50 first-year students, consisting of 25 students from Milner and 25 from Binford. The following are the results of that survey:

First-Year Impressions Other** What has been your favorite Academics Quakerism experience at Guilford so far? Location & Atmosphere, Size Other* Meeting What was your main reason new people for coming to Guilford? Academics Atmos-*Other experiences include sports, QLSP, and class schedules Events phere **Other reasons include community service, financial aid, diversity, study abroad, and theatre

"I am really excited about the clubs Guilford has to offer."

First-year student Dina Rasul

We have high hopes that they will engage with our campus community as well as our city and region."

Randy Doss, vice president for enrollment services

"I am impressed by the engagement of the class of 2012. By that I mean the willingness of the class to jump into the daily routines on campus. They seemed very involved from the start of orientation and they are reaching out to meet their fellow Guilfordians. This gives me great hope for their chances of having an outstanding Guilford experience."

Aaron Fetrow, vice president for student affairs and dean of students

313 students in total

51% are in-state residents

3.16 average unweighted GPA

1093 average SAT score

52% male

48% female

74% said Guilford was their first choice

New faculty join several academic departments

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While the summer ends and fall begins, plan on seeing new faces in various departments around campus as many faculty positions were filled over break.

Starting July 1, the administration had to make staff cuts, resulting in some employees of Guilford losing their positions. However, administrators say only those staff members and some part-time courses made unnecessary

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Teresa Rinaldi, visiting assistant professor of Spanish

because of reduced enrollment were cut.

Adrienne Israel, vice president for academic affairs and academic dean, noted that even though the college is experiencing budgetary issues stemming from the cut in N.C. state-based aid, the new hires are budget-neutral, since they all replace outgoing faculty.

"We have the same number of full-time faculty as we had last year," said Israel. "Even with budget cuts, for the health of the academic program we offer our students, it is better to maintain our full-time faculty to the (greatest) extent possible."

While only one faculty member was appointed to a tenure-track position, this does not stop any of the newly hired faculty from applying for a tenure-track position in the future, administrators say.

Michael Bruno, assistant professor of chemistry, was hired for a non-tenure-track, full-time position in fall 2011.

Newly hired full-time faculty, not on tenure-track, include Assistant Professor of Biochemistry Kenny Kuo, while foreign languages added Teresa Rinaldi.

The history department brought Sarah Thuesen and France Ntloedibe aboard. Mathematics welcomed G. Edgar Parker.

Jill Peterfeso joined the ranks of religious studies, and theatre studies welcomed Marc Williams.

Kent Chabotar, president and professor of political sciences, said that the process of hiring faculty is straightforward.

"Tenure-track positions are recommended by clerk's committee and the dean and I approve," said Chabotar.

Regardless of budget issues and hiring processes, new professor Thuesen said that she was excited to join the Guilford community.

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While many faculty positions have been filled, the departments of art, biology, business/CTIS joint appointment, business (marketing), education studies (secondary), foreign languages (Spanish), political science, and psychology have been approved to search for positions for the coming year.



Over the summer, Founders Hall underwent dramatic changes. Most of the inside of the building was gutted and rebuilt. The changes include a new gallery space (above), a new Student Organizations and Media Commons (below) and a new WQFS station. Go check out the fish tank in the Quakeria!

