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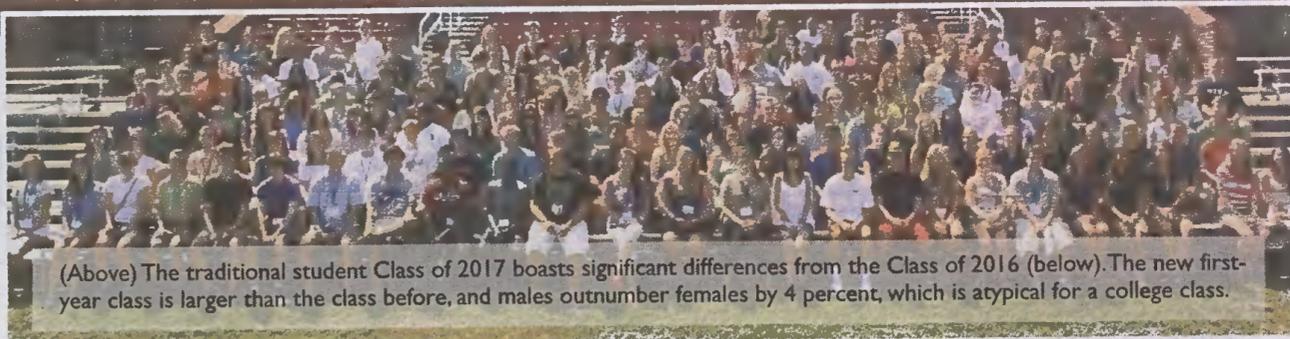
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If you hear victorious cries and triumphant cheers echoing from New Garden Hall, it's likely that they're coming from the Admission Office.

With the help of his team, Director of Admission Andy Strickler far exceeded any hopes or expectations for enrollment numbers this semester when they successfully brought in 426 new students — over 80 more than last year. Of the new students, a whopping 392 are first-years, with the rest 24 transfers, five re-admits, and five visiting students from international partner institutions around the world.

The implications of the success are huge.

Given how much Guilford has suffered from a budget crisis over the past two years — with department budget



(Above) The traditional student Class of 2017 boasts significant differences from the Class of 2016 (below). The new first-year class is larger than the class before, and males outnumber females by 4 percent, which is atypical for a college class.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CROUCH

cuts, staff reductions and faculty downsizing — the leap in enrollment is good news for all.

The team used different innovative strategies to accomplish the feat.

"We're being a little more open and transparent about our Quaker heritage and the Quaker experience (students) are going to have here," said Strickler. "We're being a little more assertive talking about the diversity experience ... We were a

little more transparent with campus visits; last year was the first year in seven or eight years that we offered overnight visits."

Their emphasis on diversity especially grabbed some students' attention.

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FEATURES

Guilford sticks with sustainability, again placed in Princeton "Green Guide"

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How often do you think about the future of the planet?
Guilford, apparently, thinks about it a lot.

Environmentalism and sustainability are fundamental values here. The campus, staff and students are all encouraged to be as green as possible, which is why it is no surprise that Guilford was named to the Princeton Review's list of 322 green colleges.

What makes Guilford such an eco-friendly location? According to "The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges," a "well regarded environmental studies program incorporates sustainability into a wide variety of academic fields

while focusing on ... service to the larger community."

In addition to the larger community, Guilford makes an effort to encourage

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