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## Friends Center welcomes C. Wess Daniels

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"The Friends Center was established to help Guilford College maintain a meaningful contemporary Quaker identity," said Max Carter, William R. Rogers Director of Friends Center and adjunct professor of religious studies.

In July, Friends Center will have a new Director: C. Wess Daniels.

This will be a big change for the Center since Carter has served in the position for the last 25 years.

As an undergraduate Daniels attended Malone University, a Quaker school, and earned his Ph.D. at Fuller Theological Seminary in Southern California. Daniels was a pastor at Camas Friends Church in Washington. He has also written and edited books on Quaker topics.

The Guilford community is excited about Daniels and the enhancements that will come with his new leadership. He brings a wealth of experience to the position, including being a youth pastor, which will allow him to connect effectively with students.

"Part of my approach to leadership is to come into a place and just essentially learn what is going on without having a grand scheme of changing things," said Daniels, in a phone interview with *The Guilfordian*.

Some consider Daniels' leading while learning approach to be impressive.

Daniels will co-direct with Carter, who will retire this year, for the fall semester. This way, Daniels can learn from Carter as he settles in as the new director.

"I think he's going to be a really good new addition to Guilford College's Quaker heritage," said President Jane Fernandes.

Fernandes played a huge role in the process of hiring Daniels as the new Friends Center director and oversaw the process.

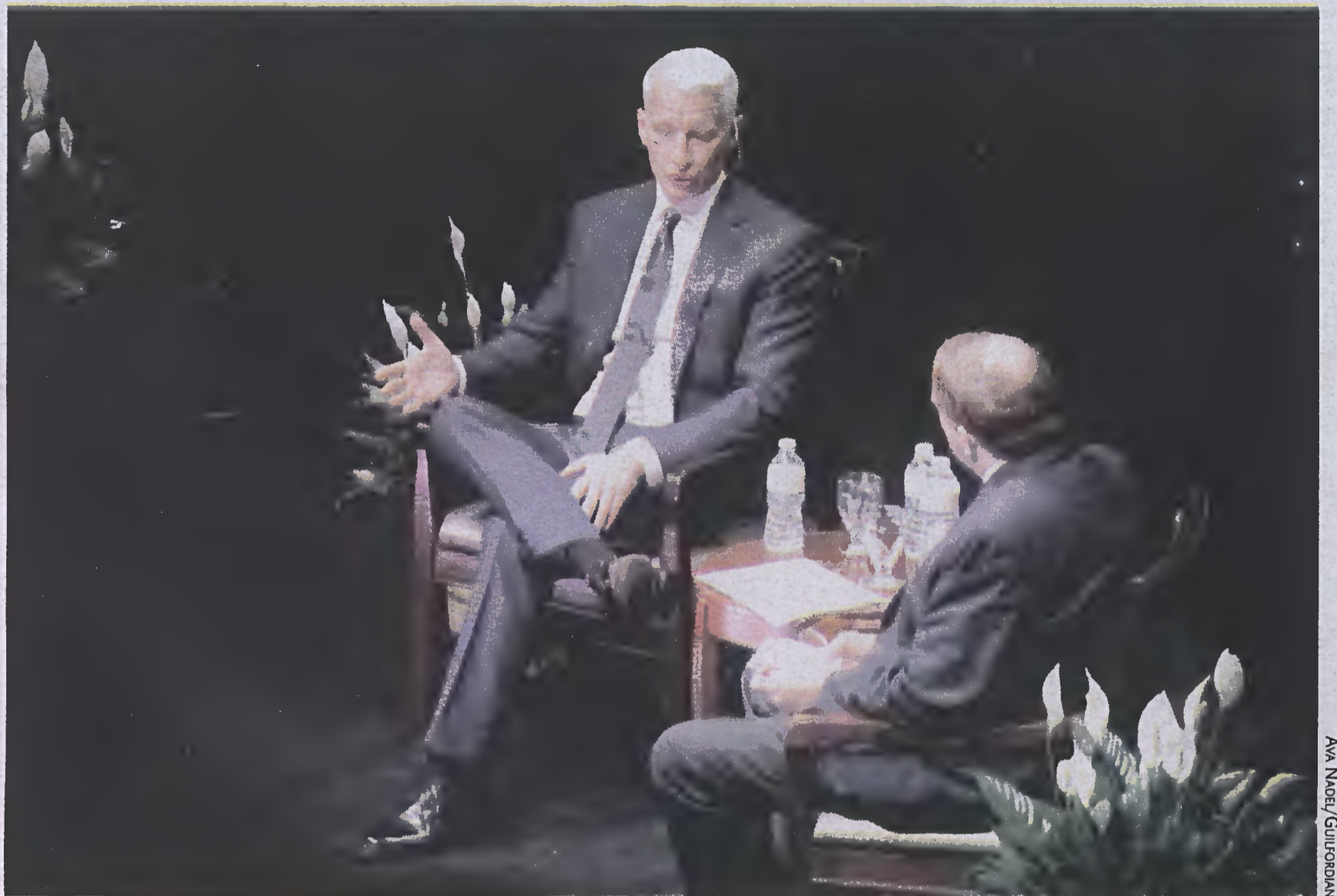
"As president, I was responsible for the search and for the hire," said Fernandes. "I convened a search committee, and they worked on my behalf ... and then they made recommendations to me for the final candidates. While Wess was here on campus for his interview, I had the chance to meet with him and get to know him a little bit ... I found him to be splendidly matched."

The Guilford community certainly looks forward to Daniels' arrival. Not only does he bring fresh leadership but new knowledge as well.

As director, Daniels proposes to keep Guilford connected to its Quaker foundation while reaching out and working with the wider Quaker community.

"(Daniels) is an expert on the varieties of Friends and the points on which they can converge around common issues, common concerns and common beliefs," said Carter. "In all the different aspects of Friend Center's work, he has really good experience, insight and energy ... he is well connected in the Quaker world."

## Journalist Anderson Cooper shares stories for Bryan Series



CNN's Anderson Cooper capped off the 2014-2015 Bryan Series season with a captivating conversation with Ty Buckner.

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"The key to a good story (is) finding a person, getting out of the way, letting them talk and letting them tell their story," said Anderson Cooper during the Bryan Series student Q&A at the Community Center on April 19.

And what a story he had.

Cooper, anchor of CNN's "Anderson 360" and a correspondent for "60 Minutes," presented at the Greensboro Coliseum as part of the Bryan Series at 3:30 p.m. on April 19.

At both events, Cooper began with an introduction followed by a Q&A session, in which the audience got a chance to ask him questions. The anchor was quizzed on a variety of topics from the outlook in Iraq to his strange friendship with Kathy Griffin. Throughout the presentation, Cooper maintained a calm persona while effortlessly making an audience of over 3,000 erupt in laughter.

"I thought it was awesome that he came here," said Chloe Williams, a sophomore who attended the event. "It's such a small campus, and we don't necessarily get a lot of big name speakers, but there are so many people that are so knowledgeable and passionate about what's going on in the world. I think it's great that he came

here, took the time to speak to us and answered some of our questions. I'm really glad I got to be here."

While Cooper proved to be very down-to-earth, cracking jokes about "anchor monsters" and the value of his Yale education, he also shared some of the heartbreaking stories he witnessed during his career.

"What's most compelling about (journalism) isn't going to a place where gunshots are going off ... it's about people who are trying to live good, decent lives in the midst of chaos and horror," said Cooper. "Those are the stories that are there when I close my eyes every night."

The only question left to ask is what is next for the Bryan Series.

"We're working on making (the Bryan Series) 100 percent sustainable," said Associate Vice President of the Office of Communications and Marketing Ty Buckner. "We're working on a plan which will eliminate (the use of) college money to pay any extra staff and labor. It's already unique in the college world, but our goal is to make it entirely funded outside the school."

The series, which began over 10 years ago, has brought to Greensboro many leaders in their field, including Bill Clinton and Sanjay Gupta. One look at the 2015-16 lineup proves that the series will continue to do so.

Next season's visitors include Malcolm Gladwell, Atul Gawande, Robin Wright, Jon Meacham and George Takei.

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BOREN LOUNGE  
(FOUNDERS)

### This week's developments

Community Senate President Jose Oliva opened senate this week with a community forum about the upcoming budget cuts. Vice President of Student Affairs Todd Clark and Guilford College President Jane Fernandes led this meeting, pledging to balance the budget and get the college financially back on track. Members of the president's cabinet, faculty, and staff have all been appointed to help address this issue.

In her address, Fernandes noted that faculty and staff will be the first to be cut. Since 2010, the number of enrolled students has decreased by 550, though the number of faculty and staff has remained the same. Forty staff and 17 faculty positions are projected, but she assures that the committee is working to minimize necessary layoffs.

Afterwards, the forum was opened.

Questions ranged from administrator compensation and enrollment to rumors about the Bonner Scholars program. President Fernandes addressed these concerns and worked to quell rumors that a final decision has been made about Hendricks hall or that any large programs or services are to be completely cut. In also addressing this, she stated that, at the moment, all programs and services will remain functioning until the whole system can be adequately evaluated, an evaluation that she expects will take some time.

In conclusion, Jane was optimistic that the college will bounce back and encouraged anyone who has an idea or something that can assist the college to email [ideas@guilford.edu](mailto:ideas@guilford.edu).

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