

# Awards, reunions, highlight alumni weekend

This is Alumni Weekend, a time when those who preceded current students in Guilford's residence halls and classrooms return to campus to renew old acquaintances, hold reunion meetings, honor their peers as well as two active students and break bread together.

This evening, March 26, you might see groups of older people in various locations. They will be reunion groups. The men and women you will see checking into the Walnut Dining Room are members of the President's Club -- alumni and friends of the College who support it by donating \$1,000 or more annually to the Loyalty Fund.

Two big events on Saturday, March 27, will be an Awards Convocation at 10:30 a.m. in Sternberger and a lunch in the main dining room at which members of the class of 1932 will be inducted into the Golden Circle of Guilford College, the "50-year group."

Students to be honored at the convocation are Karen Anne Opelt, winner of the Clyde A. Milner Academic Excellence Award with a 3.83 average after completing five semesters, and

Sharon Parks, recipient of the E. Garness Purdom Scholar Athlete Award with a 3.51 average after completing five semesters.

Both awards, presented by the Guilford College Alumni Association, carry \$500 in scholarship money.

The Distinguished Alumni Award for 1982 will be presented to Joseph J. Cox, a 1928 graduate who has served as a College Trustee since 1966. He is the man behind the labeling of campus trees and the nature trail at Friends Homes.

Cox's great-grandfather was one of the first students here when Guilford opened in 1837 as New Garden Boarding School. He and his wife worked without pay to help the school open during the Civil War years.

Cox's grandfather was a Trustee from 1878 until 1903, and his father was a Trustee from 1922 until 1963. His father also received the Distinguished Service Award, back in 1957.

Four graduates who have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions will receive Alumni Excellence Awards.

They are:

John R. Haworth (1947) of High Point, a past president of the N.C.

Bar Association, a Fellow of the American College of Probate Council and member of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

William M. Hines Jr. (1938) of Washington, D.C., science and medical writer for the Chicago Sun-Times, currently Ivan F. Boesky Visiting Fellow in Health Policy at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Robert B. Jamieson (1933) of Greensboro, whose name in North Carolina and the South is synonymous with successful high school coaching in basketball, football, golf and swimming.

Dewey L. Trogdon Jr. (1958) of Greensboro, chairman and chief executive officer of the Cone Mills Corp.

Athletic events on Saturday will include a men's tennis match against Atlantic Christian at 2 p.m., a baseball game against Pembroke State at 2:30 and a volleyball challenge match between current and former residents of Mary Hobbs Hall at 5:30.

Alumni All-Stars will challenge the varsity lacrosse team at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Joe Cox was the winner of this year's Distinguished Alumni Award.

## Your country is watching

By Roberto Yanez

I have been living in the United States for six months. I have met a lot of Americans who have asked me many questions about my culture. I have only two questions for you.

Do you really know our situation in your country? Perhaps you know or you do not know; however, I would like to clear up some misconceptions.

Before we came here, we had to give up our families and friends for three or more years. Now, to live comfortably in the U.S., we must learn your culture and learn your complicated language.

During this period of time, our moods are like a rollercoaster. We are usually very happy, but sometimes we feel homesick and depressed. To avoid these feelings, we try to keep active; however, we always reveal our feelings in a warm way to anybody we meet. Even though some people do not understand us, we are always friendly.

We have to be qualified to enter your universities. We will have to take the same courses as you; in other words, we must keep up with you as well as get good grades. We have a great responsibility to ourselves and to our sponsors. They expect us to

return to our country with the technical and scientific knowledge to maintain modern technology.

Our situation is similar to a marathon runner's situation in the international arena. Since he represents his native country, all of his compatriots expect him to do his best. During the race, he might become fatigued or suffer great pain; however, in spite of his muscles cramping, he has to keep on going because he has a big responsibility. Not only is he running for his country's honor, but he is also running for his own integrity. Sometimes this pressure is too intense.

In our case, we cannot abandon our academic race; thus, we have to keep on going, no matter if it costs us extra effort or pain.

Fortunately, we are at Inter-Link Center for Language and Culture where there is a great staff. Our teachers stand by us all the time; besides, they give us advice and guidance for a successful academic future.

Now, I have just come to my second question.

If you were in this race what would you do? . . . Would you succumb to the pressure or would you hold your head high? Don't forget your country is watching.

## Used books

Hundreds of used books, priced from 10 cents to \$5 will go on sale Saturday, March 27, in Boren Lounge of Founders Hall.

Friends of the Guilford College Library are sponsoring the sale, proceeds from which will benefit the general library fund.

The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m., unless the supply is depleted earlier.

The collection includes several first or early editions, one of which is a collection of Dorothy Parker's poetry; some early editions of children's books; a group of mysteries by such authors as Ian Fleming, Agatha Christie and Mary Roberts Rinehart.

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