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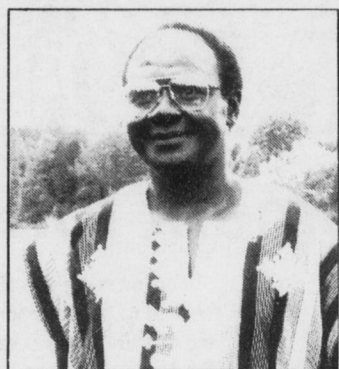
## Ben Hayford to assist beginning of new abroad program to Africa

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Looking to widen the options students have in selecting study abroad programs, a subcommittee of Off-Campus Studies is developing a proposal for an exchange program with the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, West Africa.

Guilford has been interested in an African program for several years. Sociology/anthropology professor Vernie Davis and history professor Adrienne Israel visited three African universities in the summer of 1990, one of which was in Zimbabwe and two (including Cape Coast) of which were in Ghana. There they met their host Ben Hayford, with whom they had communicated prior to their visit. Guilford later invited Hayford to Greensboro to help develop the program.

Hayford arrived on campus at the beginning of the semester and to assist the Off-Campus Studies subcommittee (by clarifying Cape Coast's preparedness for the proposed program), to teach two courses and to interact with Guilford students. He is the director of his home institution's African Studies Program and teaches courses in education and socio-economic geography there. While at Guilford this semester he is teaching African Cultures and Education as well



Hayford

as Social Change in West Africa.

"The existing international programs at Guilford and a positive faculty attitude toward internationalizing the curriculum indicate the likelihood that the curriculums of both Guilford and the University of Cape Coast will be further enriched through an exchange program," Hayford commented. Guilford currently has study abroad programs in Germany, France, England, Mexico, Italy, China and Japan.

Many students have already expressed interest in participating. The details of the program still are being formulated, but the program will tentatively run for one semester a year. Initially, the program's direction will be to Ghana from Guilford, but eventually the exchange will run both ways, and may include faculty exchange.

As presently envisioned, the

Ghana program will be unique in the sense that Guilford students will live with Ghanaian host parents and attend classes and seminars with Ghanaian students. The program will combine intensive language training in Fanti, lectures, a service project and travel to specific sites of educational and cultural interest.

In Cape Coast, a town of about 60 thousand people, there are several historical landmarks including Elmina Castle, the first Portuguese slave trading outpost in West Africa. Cape Coast was also the seat of the British Colonial government until 1867.

"Plans for the program are not complete, and we have a long way to go before we can say that Guilford will definitely have a semester in Ghana. It has to go before the Off-Campus Studies Committee, the full faculty and the Board of Trustees." "I am optimistic, however, that it will be approved," Israel said.

Meetings are scheduled in Dana Lounge Nov. 6 from 4-5 p.m. and Nov. 7 from 2:30-3:30 p.m., for interested students to meet Hayford and the sub-committee and have their questions about the proposed program answered.

Hayford will also be giving a public lecture entitled "Current Issues in Higher Education in Ghana" Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Founders Gallery.

## Phone system is only the first of telecommunication upgrades

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If one is enjoying the new phone system, it might be of interest to know that it is just the first in many telecommunication upgrades planned for the campus.

One, however, should also be prepared to face the initial glitches that will inevitably accompany new systems.

When the phone system was implemented at Guilford at the beginning of the semester, it was no secret that there were both inconvenient and aggravating problems with the new system.

When the phone rang and was picked up, usually the only reply that came from the other end was a subtle yet harsh click, and not the customary, "Hi, is Ragis Jones home?" This provided for some students not having to explain to parents why only 12 credits showed up on their course list, but neither parents or students were pleased with the inconvenience. So, what was wrong?

"We had a few bugs in the system that seemed to cause some trouble, but they're pretty much cleared up now," said Director of Computer Services Charlie White.

He feels, however, the benefits of the new system outweigh the initial inconvenience and aggravation experienced by students.

"By using this new system, we are saving money for the students — 15 percent off all long distance calls. We're eager for the students to use us. With this new service, we are providing you with the same service as Southern Bell, but actually saving you money."

White also spoke of another advantage of this new system: no Southern Bell hook-up hassles. All one has to do is simply plug a

phone into the provided wall jacks for immediate service.

While working to restore and improve the campus phone service, White is also involved in other projects from which students can benefit once they are implemented. These include a Personal Computer Data Access, satellite dishes and underground wiring. These are just a few of the final goals that Guilford is trying to accomplish by installing a new centralized system.

With the PC Data Access, which should be available within a few years, students at any hour will be able to search through the library's card catalog and actually obtain information from it, without ever having to leave their rooms. If they have a personal computer, then they can hook it up to this system and retrieve library information easily.

By installing satellite dishes on top of the Bauman Telecommunications Building, a professor who wants his class to view a certain videotape can do so by playing the tape from the building. All the student would have to do is turn to a certain channel on their television set.

While making these moves into the technological age, Guilford has not forgotten the aesthetic values of the campus. The idea of eliminating power and telephone lines has also been proposed. In the desire to protect the new system, the chance of having these wires installed underground is very good. This will not only protect the wires from bad weather and vandalism, but it will also add to the natural campus setting.

Like many good things, time and patience are needed, and this new system is no exception. It started out a little shaky, but now its advantages are being enjoyed by students. And with some time and patience, even more modern advancements will be available.

### JAPAN CULTURE DAY

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-5 pm

- Bazaar, 1-5 pm- Japanese items on sale
- Featured Speaker Professor David Phillips, Guilford College  
*"Continuing Traditions--An Exploration of Japanese Culture In the Past and Present"*
- Demonstrations & Displays: Aikido (Martial Art) Temari (Decorations)
- Bonsai (Miniature Trees) Chanoyu (Tea Ceremony) Go & Shogi (Japanese Chess)
- Ikebana (Flower Arranging) Koto (Musical Instrument)
- Origami (Paper Folding) Sashiko (Quilting)
- Shippoyaki (Cloisonne) Shodo (Calligraphy) Sumi-E (Ink Painting)