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Family Weekend Jubilee

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The population of Guilford College swelled dramatically last weekend as roughly five hundred family members, belonging to close to two hundred students, came to the campus for family weekend. In all, more than eight hundred people, including students, parents, and faculty, were involved in the weekend festivities.

Lita Swanson, one of the main organizers of the event, was pleased with the attendance at the planned events. Almost all of the visiting parents attended the President's brunch in front of Founders. The faculty colloquia, faculty mixer, football game, and the Obo Addy show were also well attended.

Not only were the events well attended — organizers believed that most of the family members enjoyed them-

selves.

"I felt that there was a very happy and joyous mood during the weekend," said Lita Swanson. "In my conversations



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with parents I find that if their kids are happy, they're happy. The parents were enjoying themselves because their kids

are doing well here."

Many students were pleased with the way that the weekend was organized. "It was a good idea for there to be creative things for families to do," said Rise Hunter, sophomore, speaking mainly of the Obo Addy show, the first part of this year's ArtsETC program at Guilford this year. "They didn't have anything like that last year." Some students were a little upset that the club sports, like rugby and ultimate frisbee, were not better advertised.

For some first-year students, it was very exciting to see their families for the first time since life at college, for various reasons. "It was fun spending some quality time with my parents at WalMart," said Kelly White, first-year student.

Most of the students whose families did not come to see them spent their time meeting other's parents. "I'm glad that my parents didn't come," said one anonymous sophomore whose view was echoed by other students. "I could do what I wanted."

Arriving in droves, parents swarmed Guilford last weekend, eager to visit loved ones and enjoy the beautiful weather.



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It was a weekend of good dinners, shopping sprees, and remembering what it was like to live at home. Most of the students who were able to see their parents enjoyed doing so, but breathed a little sigh of relief when Sunday came and life could get back to normal.



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