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Chair of the board appointed

◆ Vic Flow, former Guilford student and member of the board since 1991 will lead his first meeting in January

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Guilford has a new president, is working on a new curriculum, and now to go with them, a new chair of the Board of Trustees. Victor I. Flow, Jr. was named chair at the Board's special November 15 meeting.

A member of the Wake Forest University board, Flow has a name some people probably recognize. He is Chairman of Flow Motors of Winston-Salem, which often advertises on area television.

Flow has been on the Board of Trustees only since 1991 but has demonstrated leadership qualities with many other organizations. He has chaired the Honda National Dealer Board, the Audi National Dealer Council, and the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way of Forsyth County, North Carolina. Also, he currently serves on the boards of several other organizations.

"I am deeply honored to chair the Guilford College board of trustees," Flow said.

Stanley Frank of Greensboro

had chaired the board on an interim basis since Charles Milner's retirement from the position in September. Frank will continue as vice chair.

Flow's first meeting as chair will come in January when the Board examines proposals put before it by Administrative Council, President Don McNemar, the faculty, and Community Senate.

"I have not had the opportunity to work with Vic Flow in the past," said Senate President Molly Martin, "so, I am not entirely sure of what to expect. However, I do hope that he will lead the way in listening to student concerns, especially when it comes to the current restructuring process."

The restructuring of Guilford, as laid before the Board by McNemar after he examines Task Force and Committee reports, will be the main concern of Flow and the other Trustees at the January meeting.

"Vic Flow," President McNemar noted, "brings critical leadership and vision that will greatly benefit the college." McNemar continued by saying

that he feels Flow's past work and service to the local community demonstrate that he is fit to lead Guilford College into the twenty-first century.

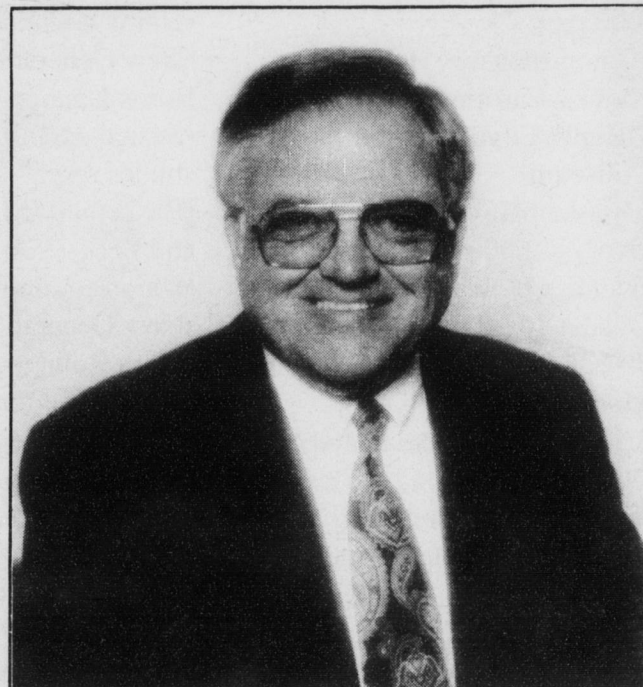
Flow attended Guilford from 1948 to 1950 but graduated from Wake Forest with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

He also served on Guilford's Board of Visitors from 1987 to 1990.

A U.S. Army veteran, Flow has a wife, Rodgersyn, and three adult children.

Rodgersyn Flow graduated from Guilford in 1953.

"Guilford is a very special institution," Flow said. "The college's strong academic program and



Vic Flow is chairman of Flow Motors in Winston-Salem.

commitment to service learning are distinctive educational assets. I look forward to working with students, faculty, staff, my fellow trustees, and others in the Guilford community to secure the future of this important college."

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VisionQuest may be expanded

◆ Many students do not think the program should just be included with Avanti

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VisionQuest's Guilford roots began to sprout three years ago when five students participated in a wilderness rite of passage under the care of a woman named Alicia Pinheiro.

Two weeks ago 56 students came to Founders Gallery to express their interest in the continuation of this program.

What exactly is VisionQuest?

It's two and a half months of intense personal reflection, and weekly group meetings (called councils) as well as weekend activities. The program culminates in a three-day fasting solo in Grayson Highlands National Park. Final closure is brought when students return to share stories and experiences of their journey. Both fami-

lies and friends are invited to celebrate the quester's return.

VisionQuest's goals are to make a positive impact on the world by empowering each person's passion, creativity, and uniqueness. VisionQuest encourages participants to bring back community, rituals, spirituality, music and connection to the earth in everyday life. Senior Tiffany Lindsey says, "VisionQuest provided a safe space to be vulnerable and unbound and gave me a community of my peers who empowered and encouraged me to envision. It gave me the faith that I can make my vision a reality."

VisionQuest coordinator Alicia Pinheiro said, "There is an awakening happening on campus of students with a desire to go inside themselves and become the man or woman they would like to be." Among 56 students was a segment

of individuals who had already completed the program and wanted to be present to show support. As one elder said, "Quest is not a semester-long experience; it is a lifelong journey." More than 30 are hoping to submerge themselves in VisionQuest next semester and this experiential education class is sure to continue growing.

Enthusiasms sparked and connections were formed at the introductory meeting where as Smiles Smith, '00, comments, "By the end of the meeting, we only had to use one word at a time to describe how we felt and nothing more needed to be said."

VisionQuest is currently sponsored through the Avanti program but the majority of Questers are not freshmen. On an individual basis students can arrange for credit through the independent study venue.

Change means movement. Movement means friction.—Saul Alinsky