

Editorial Board

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Statement of Purpose

The Forum exists to facilitate dialogue and expression on matters of importance to Guilford College and its mission. Toward this end, active community participation in these pages is vital.

Editorial Policy

Every effort will be made to print appropriate submissions of editorials, cartoons, and letters to the editor. They must be signed, with the phone number of the author or artist included and turned in to the box outside the publications suite by 3:00 on Monday before that Friday's publication date. Editorials must be no longer than 400 words and letters to the editor must be no more than 250 words. The Guilfordian reserves the right to edit submissions for grammatical correctness and brevity.

Don welcomes community

By Don McNemar
PRESIDENT

I am delighted to greet you on this day, the start of Guilford College's 162nd year, and I appreciate the opportunity given to me by *The Guilfordian* to welcome the entire Guilford College community as we begin the 1999-2000 academic year. I hope you are as eager as I am.

Summer is a wonderful break, of course, but the campus gets to feel a bit empty in August. I miss the energy of this vital and engaging community. We have so much to do this year!

It promises to be a year in which we can take on new challenges and seize new opportunities, a time for us to devote ourselves to learning, teaching, and working for ourselves and for others here at Guilford.

As we head into a year leading up to the new millennium, we can look forward to outstanding speakers and per-

formers, such as retired General Colin Powell, who is heading up a very ambitious community service initiative, and Arlo Guthrie, the celebrated folk singer. We will have the once-in-a-generation chance to kick off a major capital campaign in support of Guilford. And most

this remarkable college community.

Speaking to the Class of 2003, Welcome! You are 278 members strong, including traditional first-year, transfer, and visiting students.

Your Class of 2003 is, by the usual academic measures, the most outstanding class in Guilford's history, and my faculty colleagues are eager to join you in their classrooms.

You come from 30 states and 6 countries, demonstrating the geographic facet of our prized diversity.

To the faculty members of the Class of 2003: You, my newest colleagues, come from some of the best graduate programs in the world, and are distinctive as young scholars who are eagerly seeking to make your marks in teach-

ing. I have met each of you and I know how fortunate we all are to have you here.

On behalf of Guilford, I welcome all of you-your talents, your ideas, and your energy. And I pledge to make every effort to help you make your own individual and unique contributions to our college in 1999-2000.



Don and Britta welcome all

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of all we will have the daily excitement of teaching and learning within a new curriculum that has been shaped and nurtured by our faculty over several years of extremely hard work.

I want to close with some special word of welcome to new student and faculty members of

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The Guilfordian is your voice.

If you are interested in contributing as a **writer, artist, photographer, or graphic designer**, please attend the first Guilfordian meeting on Monday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m in the Passion Pit. That's the second floor of Founders.

Do you have an opinion you are too lazy to write down?

Call *The Guilfordian* at 316-2306 and speak your mind.

Each week we'll print a sampling of your messages. No explicit language please! We will print messages verbatim, so if you look stupid, it's all *you*.

THIS WEEK SUGGESTED TOPICS:

Cloudhand Clenched Fist: Did anyone read this?

or

The first-year students: Hot or not?