

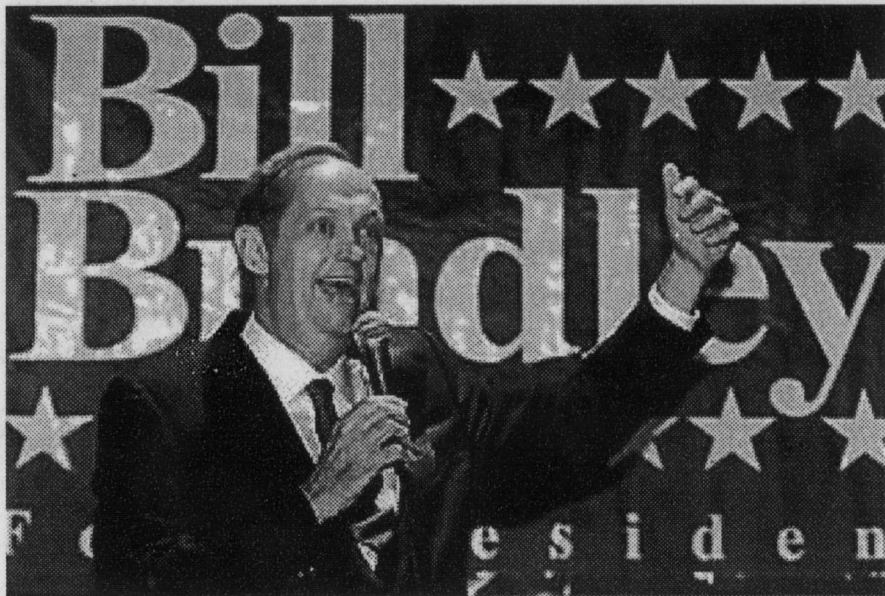
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Slate of renowned speakers expected this term

Bill Bradley one of many speakers in fall series



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It is no accident that three of the most anticipated guest speakers coming to Guilford College this fall will have one topic in common -- politics. If the presidential election in November motivates you to take some interest in the world outside the Guilford bubble, keep this schedule in mind.

Doris Kearns Goodwin will introduce the topic "The American Presidency" on October 12. In ad-

dition to winning a Pulitzer Prize for her biography *Eleanor and Franklin*, Goodwin is the author of *Wait Till Next Year*, the summer reading for the Class of 2004.

"I think she was intrigued [by our use of the book]," said Vice President for Public Affairs Bobby Wayne Clark, who also described Goodwin as an "extremely good" speaker.

Author Jack Miles will be taking a slightly different approach to the subject of politics in a lecture entitled "Politics and the Bible" that will occur on

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Dining hall adopts new program

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Everybody loves to complain. College students love whining about food.

The long-standing tradition, however, of insulting Guilford's dining hall is quickly dissolving.

"Everyone cracks on the food," said first-year student Jennifer Toth during CHAOS. "I've only been here for a few days, but I like the food."

The dedicated Marriott-Sodexo staff deserves the credit for leading more and more students to feel this way.

With an impressive resumé in the food industry, Marty Woodward arrived on the scene last April as Guilford's new General Manager of Dining Services.

With him came the birth of the "carte: blanc" plan, also known as "continuous feeding."

For the first time, the dining hall now stays open all day until 9:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday. This flexible plan makes things easier for all students.

"The fact that they changed their hours schedule makes it 100 percent better for me," said junior Jason Wynn. He explained that his two back-to-back after-

noon classes would have made it impossible for him to eat lunch -- if not for continuous feeding.

Wynn, a member of the tennis team, believes the improved hours will benefit athletes, who have tight schedules between classes and practice.

Despite the many positive reactions, there are criticisms floating around. Junior Ty Pender supports continuous feeding, but feels "it would be better if there was more selection during non-peak hours."

Sophomore Jason Hidalgo added, "I come here, and there's only one thing to eat."

Woodward acknowledges this. "We're not where we want to be," he admits.

"We have to find out what works -- that's our big thing." He expects to learn what students want by listening to their ideas, questions, and concerns.

He already has more plans in the works such as expanding late-night options, implementing a hot dog program, and reorganizing the beverage area to ease customer flow.

Doug Gilmer, the production manager, maintains that continuous feeding is the biggest change he has seen in his 38 years with Guilford Dining Services and, like Woodward, feels



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Guilford makes wired colleges list

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Yahoo! Internet Life magazine ranked Guilford College 51st on its annual list of the nation's 100 most wired colleges.

Rob Whitnell, Director of Information Technology and Services, sees the recognition as a culmination of three years' worth of investment the college has dedicated to network systems.

The publicity is particularly valuable now, with the college's focus on increased enrollment. "Undergraduates are as interested in a college's Net resources as in its curriculum or social life," according to Yahoo!

Dean of Enrollment Randy Doss added the honor to the list of flattering college guide entries he hands out to prospective students. "We have known Guilford's computer capabilities for a long time. It is good to see others recognize our resources and commitment," he said.

Yahoo! has conducted the "Most Wired Colleges" survey for three years, each year increasing the survey pool and refining the criteria. Nearly 1,300 schools par-

ticipated in the 2000 survey, more than triple the 1999 participation rate. The current survey ranks universities and research schools separately from colleges and baccalaureate schools to allow for comparison between similar institutions.

The survey judges over 40 criteria that fall into four categories: access and infrastructure, administrative services, general resources, and student support. Guilford scored 80% in the "recent computer buys" criterion. This factor rates the percentage of computers purchased for use in student public spaces in the past two years.

Whitnell says the high rating in this category stems from the college policy of ensuring that students always see the newest computers on campus.

Junior David Kaplan, a user of the computer labs, enjoys the benefits. "I think they're great. I think [IT&S] keeps them up to date," he said.

Since the magazine highlights only the top 50 colleges in

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