

## Guilford's new schedule: A change long overdue?

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Guilford is gearing up to unveil its new class schedule in the fall of 2005.

The idea was initially proposed in 1996 while Don McNemar was college president of the and Martha Cooley the academic dean. Adrienne Israel, Vice President and Academic Dean, brought the proposal to the fore front again in the fall of 2003.

Dean Israel charged Steve Shapiro, Associate Academic Dean, Norma Middleton, Registrar, and Lynn Moseley from the Math and Natural Sciences division with designing a new daily schedule and analyzing survey results.

Brian Turgeon, Webmaster, and Teresa Sanford and Charlie White of IT & A helped create the online survey and get the mock schedule on-line.

"I was finally able to do what I like to do," said Shapiro. "I wanted to advise students on what they wanted in their schedules not what fit in their schedules." He added that he was happy that he got to do what he likes to do, which is play with

ideas and put them together to make something that works. "I'm intrigued by it. I like puzzles and I like to make things," Shapiro said.

Class days and times will be the most noticeable change in the new schedule next fall.

For example, in the past Fridays have been under-utilized and the majority of classes have been held between late morning and late afternoon, which left a lot of unused time.

Now, some classes will meet three times per week for 50 minutes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays or Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Others will meet Monday through Friday for 50 minutes per day.

Options will also include one-day-per-week 150-minute classes, two-day-per-week 75-minute classes, two-day-per-week 110-minute classes, and three-day-per-day 75-minute classes.

With the new schedule the classes are spread throughout the day to give students more common free time for community activities such as student-club-sponsored events.

In the past, athletes were not able to participate in

some of the campus-wide events due to either their class schedule or practice schedule. The change is intended to allow them more time to commune with the rest of campus.

The schedule change will give different time lengths for classes and over time, minimize scheduling conflicts, allow more community time, lessen the overlapping of classes that are needed for majors, and make better use of the work week.

With any new change comes the opportunity for improvement and those improvements can't really be made until they are identified, Shapiro said. This schedule change is not set in stone.

He, along with the other administrators involved, declare themselves eager to make the necessary changes that will allow the schedule to be successful for many students.

Shapiro acknowledged that when making decisions such as these, it is a given that everyone will not be happy with the change. "Hopefully the needs of many faculty and students will be met, he said.

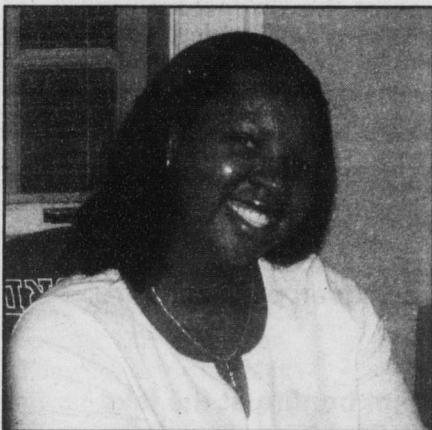
"Guilford is not a place where one size fits all." ❧

A mock registration, where students and faculty were allowed to register for classes using the proposed schedule, was held Sept. 30 thru Oct. 12 in the lobby of Founders, survey results were as follows:

- 16% of faculty and 12% of students favored classes being held three times per week for 50 minutes
- 42% of faculty and 65 % of students favored classes held two times per week for 75 minutes
- 27% of faculty and 18% of students favored classes held twice per week for more than 150 minutes per week and 15% of faculty and 5% of students favored classes held at other times.

## Craig adjusts to Guilford culture, traditions

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Adrienne Craig began as the new coordinator of student involvement and leadership on July 1.

budgets. "I knew that I wanted to come to a smaller school this year," she said.

Craig, who is single and has no pets, is a member of the adult staff and lives on campus. "Life for me is still getting acclimated to the area," she said.

Her position, created in the summer of 2003, was last held by Rebecca Saunders, who no longer works at the college. Controversy surrounded Saunders' leaving, some calling it an instance of institutional racism.

Liz Nemitz, who worked at the Information Desk last year as well as this year, was a member of the group who interviewed Craig last year. This summer when Craig arrived on campus, Nemitz helped show her the ropes.

"When Craig arrived, she brought with her a lot of ideas for changing the way the information desk is run. I warned her that a lot of people were going to be resistant to them because she came in at a difficult time," said Nemitz.

Because of the moment in time, few changes have been made thus far, but Craig is optimistic.

"It takes time to adjust to the culture and traditions of a new place," said Craig. "It's quite the learning experience."

"Craig's style is very similar to the rest of Campus Life," said Nemitz, who is also a member of Senate. "She's super organized, prompt, and very on top of things."

Vice President of Pagan Mysticism and Information Desk worker Chris

Imms said, "Craig has been doing a pretty good job for our club. She also told all of the Info Desk employees that we could call on her at anytime since she lives on campus."

Lundquist said, "Craig is a no-nonsense person with high expectations: she energetic, motivated and dedicated."

Students often visit Craig to help them solve a problem, whether it is with requisitioning budgets, getting keys, or fixing a broken computer.

"So far I've seen a few of the same students again and again," said Craig. "But I would love for anyone to come in, whether they need help or just to talk."

Craig's office is located on the main floor of Founder's hall behind the information desk. ❧