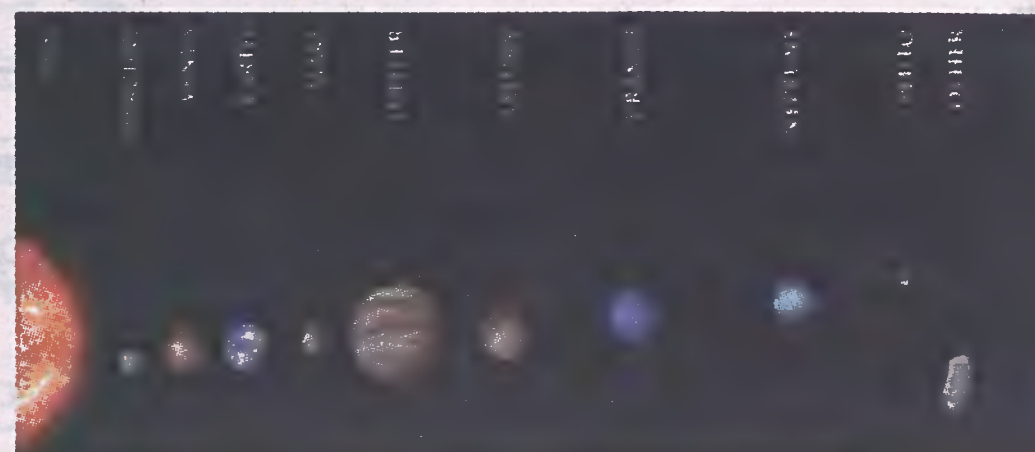


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Guilford continues growth, renovations with gusto

BY NASIMEH EASTON | STAFF WRITER

Guilford College has seen major changes on campus over the past few years, and this year is no exception.

Some parts of Guilford had a summer face-lift. King Hall underwent a \$1.8 million renovation that created office spaces and classrooms and added a fresh layer of paint to the walls. \$1.1 million of donated money was put into building a new press box, a scoreboard and two brick patios.

"We now really have the best

facility in our athletic field," said Randy Doss, vice president for Enrollment and Campus Life.

"It's a big step up from last year," said sophomore Alex Parker, a member of the football team. "We hope the new press box will bring more people out to the games."

One of the biggest changes this year isn't from renovations — it's the first-year class. Though only the second-biggest class in the last three years, they boast both the lowest acceptance rate (56 percent) and highest average SAT score (1175) of any class in

Guilford history.

"Academically, they are certainly a strong class," Doss said. "Whether they choose to use their above-average background in the classroom remains to be seen."

In order to help the new students reach their academic potential, there is a greater focus on the academic tools available at Guilford, such as The Learning Commons. This focus began with CHAOS, when students were getting oriented to the campus.

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Students begin their elusive, expensive quest in pursuit of enlightenment

BY PETE MCGUIRE | STAFF WRITER

So your summer was great, but now it's time to get down to the real-life experience that college brings you for the bargain price of \$29,000 per year. If you're just beginning your college adventure, here are a few words of wisdom that you may want to mull over as you wander aimlessly through the world of academia:

First and foremost, it is important to remember that the average student only ever uses about one-third of his or her brain cells. Be sure to burn rapidly through your other two-thirds during your first few weeks of school.

You'll be able to tell that your grey matter surplus is running low by using this simple three-step method: 1) say the word "hippopotamus" three times fast while contemplating your navel, 2) crush an empty beer can against your forehead, and 3) ask yourself the following question: "Ohhhhhhhhhhm?"

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Growing Pains



FIRST-YEAR EMMA SHEW WAITS IN LINE WITH MOST OF THE CLASS OF 2010, WHICH HERDED TO THE CAFETERIA AFTER TAKING A CLASS PHOTO ON AUG. 18. THIS LUNCH LINE, WHICH EXTENDED FAR OUTSIDE FOUNDERS HALL, IS ONE OF THE FIRST APPARENT CONSEQUENCES OF GUILFORD'S SECOND-LARGEST FIRST-YEAR CLASS. BY JEREMY BANTE.

Housing crunch forces residents into lounges



FIRST-YEAR MATT TABOR CHATS WITH HIS ROOMMATE IN THEIR QUAD ROOM IN BINFORD HALL. BY JEREMY BANTE.

BY BEN DEDMAN | STAFF WRITER

Currently, 1100 students live on campus. There are only 1077 spaces to put them.

Thirty-seven students are forced to share 11 triple or quad rooms this fall. Many of the triple rooms were designed to house only two students and, due to limited space, were furnished with bunk beds and only two desks.

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The Learning Commons

The Learning Commons, formerly named the Academic Skills Center, has changed some labels and attitudes to better suit students needs. Page 3.

AIDS Conference

Scientists from around the world met last month to share advances in HIV prevention and treatment, but access to medicine is still a problem for the poor. Page 4.

Officer refuses Iraq service

Army 1st Lt. Ehren Watada believes the Iraq war is illegal and unethical. Others see Watada's action as a violation of his duty, and shameful to Japanese-Americans. Page 4.

New column: Shrink Rap

Maria, Kym and Erin lead a funkacious journey into the phat-nasty world of advice. Get out more, take advantage of the new cafeteria services, and don't stress. Page 6.

New cross country coach

Jamie LaFollette was hired to nurture the young cross country team to better standing in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and regional competition. Page 8.

Football team, stadium equipped to compete

BY STEVEN TUTTEROW | STAFF WRITER

The Guilford football team is set to kick off its 2006 season in the newly renovated Armfield Athletic Center. Much like construction of their new home field, the Quakers also hope to build on a hard-working and confident mentality that they've maintained throughout the off season.

"I thought it (Armfield Athletic Center) was going to be a well-done, appropriate renovation, said Head Football Coach Kevin Kiesel about the additions to the stadium. "It is. It has a lot of class, and it represents our school in the right way."

These additions cost \$1.1 million, and include a two-story press box with restrooms, new stadium seating and bleachers, a new scoreboard, and new play clocks.

When asked about the new renovations, team captain and linebacker Mario Paylor, a senior, said, "I love it; it's like we're really playing college football now." Pre-season Division III All-American

quarterback Josh Vogelbach added, "It is definitely going to make us look more respectable to other teams that come in, and should bring more fans."

Student support for the Quakers has been lacking in recent years. Vogelbach said, "I think certain people don't give us a chance; we are over stereotyped." Paylor added, "I feel like we get a bad name and people don't understand how hard we work."

Indeed, the Quakers did work very hard in the off-season. After the new renovations and a strenuous off-season training schedule that started in January and continued throughout the entire summer, the Quakers' football program appears revitalized. "The players did a good job of committing to the program," Kiesel said. "We are a much faster, stronger and quicker team."

After finishing tied for 2nd in the ODAC in the 2005 season with a 4-2 conference record and 5-5 overall record, the Quakers are

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