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## \$4.5 million endowment ensures future of Bonner Program at Guilford

BY ASHLEY HARDIMAN | STAFF WRITER

The Bonner Scholarship Program received a \$4.5 million endowment from the Bonner Foundation this year, the largest endowment in Guilford's history.

"The Bonner Scholars Program has provided significant financial aid to approximately 400 of our students and allowed many to be the first persons in their family to be college educated," said President Kent Chabotar in an Aug. 15 press release. "The program's emphasis on service fits perfectly with our Quaker heritage and our institutional and individual commitments to make a difference in the world."

The Bonner Scholarship Program is a service-based scholarship that sponsors students who are committed to community service. Guilford's 60 Bonner scholars perform more than 24,000 hours of community service each year as part of

their involvement in the program.

"The decision to endow the Bonner Scholarship Program represented a commitment not just to the individual students in the program, but to the campus and community as well," said Wayne Meisel, President of the Bonner Foundation, on bonner.org. "Our goal is to foster and strengthen an ongoing culture of service where everybody everyday encounters the challenge and joy of service."

To be eligible for the endowment, Guilford's Bonner Program had to meet strict criteria. Guilford was chosen based on its financial support to low-income students, its involvement in the community and its desire to work closely with many other colleges and universities that also value service on their campuses.

Guilford had to raise \$2 million in addition to meeting the above criteria in order to receive the endowment.

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REYNALDO DIAZ '06, KENYONA MATTHEWS '05, ELIZABETH MAILLIE '07 AND DON TEODORO AT THE THE BONNER WORK TRIP TO NICARAGUA IN SPRING 2006.

## Acid rain falls on heavily-polluted China

BY ADRA COOPER | STAFF WRITER

Chinese cities are among the most polluted in the world. After its recent drought, one-third of China has been doused with acid rain. Certain regions of the country have even been experiencing 100 percent acid rain.

As one of the fastest-developing nations in the world, China has been rapidly growing both technologically and industrially. However, in recent weeks, the country has begun to see the environmental backlash of its advancements.

"Acid rain happens when you burn fossil fuels with sulphur," said Angela Moore, assistant pro-

fessor of geology and earth science. "Sulphur dissolves into rainwater, which becomes diluted sulphuric acid."

The coal industry is one of China's biggest economic resources, and burning that coal releases sulfur dioxides into the atmosphere. Being one of the most plentiful Chinese products, many are reluctant to reduce the amount of coal burning for fear of economic losses.

"It is especially worrying that most local governments base economic growth on energy-consuming industries, disregarding the environment's capacity to sustain industrial expansion," reported

Shen Huaren, member of a standing committee in parliament, to the BBC.

To sustain its large population, China needs vast amounts of electricity, which mostly comes from burning coal. The continued use of coal could negatively affect China economically and environmentally in the future.

"China's economy is moving faster than the environment can handle it," said Andry  
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ACID RAIN SERIOUSLY HARMS FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS AND HAS DESTROYED MANY TREES.



PHOTO BY KATE TALBOT

REYNALDO DIAZ ('06), KENYONA MATTHEWS ('05), ELIZABETH MAILLIE ('07), AND DON TEODORO, AT THE BONNER WORK TRIP TO NICARAGUA IN SPRING ('06)

## Ultimate Frisbee team needs recruits to mediate fast turnover

BY JAKE BLUMGART | STAFF WRITER

It is a bright, sunny day at Guilford College and Frisbees are flying all over the place. Yelling and friendly cat-calls alert everyone within a one-mile radius that the dedicated men and women of the Ultimate team are at it again.

Ultimate is a fast-paced, non-contact game played on a field 70 yards long by 40 yards wide. There is an offense and a defense, and a team scores when their offense completes a pass into the opposing team's end zone. In Ultimate, there are no referees

and no umpires; instead, players are responsible for themselves.

Biohazard, Guilford's team, is ready to make a fresh start this year with two new captains. The turnover rate has been high according to junior Kathrin Gilbert: "We don't have as many returnees because lots of people graduated. We need to work hard because we are used to having really solid, older players around. But everyone is stepping up."

Junior Daniel Katzman, one of the team's new captains, is excited about the new sea-

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## Mexican Elections

Mexican election officials finally declare Felipe Calderon President, defeating Lopez Obrador in a hotly contested election. See Page 4 for full story.

## Ugandans reach cease-fire

The Ugandan government and the LRA agreed to peace talks that could end 21 years of violent conflict. See Page 3 for full story.

## ClaySure water filters

Guilford alumni work to provide potable water for impoverished people around the world. See page 6 for full story.

## Geezer basketball game

Guilford faculty and staff, who meet the over-40 age limit, stay fit and young by playing pick-up basketball. See page 8 for full story.

## Ethical Purchasing

The newly drafted ethical purchasing and procurement policy is too idealistic, and does not recognize the necessity of balancing finances with morals. See Page 7 for full Forum piece.