

Quake Talks:

Bringing together alumni & students for homecoming

FEATURES

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Homecoming, the week-long series of campus-wide events, will bring Guilford grads from all over the country back to the community that once fostered their eager minds in their undergraduate education.

This year, the Career Development Center and the Alumni Relations Office are collaborating to bring Quake Talks to homecoming weekend. According to the Guilford College website, "(it is) a new series offering an innovative opportunity for alumni to share stories, knowledge, experiences and post-college navigation through short presentations on various topics."

From corporate executives and authors to political activists and film producers, Quake Talks will bring together graduates from countless academic disciplines and professions.

"The folks who are speaking at Quake Talks have been there, and they have done that. They have been in the students' shoes and now ... they're living their lives outside of Guilford," said Megan Walters, assistant director for internships in the Career Development Center. "They have been through interviews, they have had to go to work, they have had to deal with supervisors and they have taken their Quaker values to work."

Departments across campus have held similar alumni reunions, but this is the first time that alumni will come together across majors and professions.

"It's really a celebration of the liberal arts," said Karrie Jo Manson '82, senior director of Alumni Relations.

"We all know that we have to continue to get better about helping students make the connection between liberal arts and the next steps. That's a nuanced conversation, and that is what this is really about."

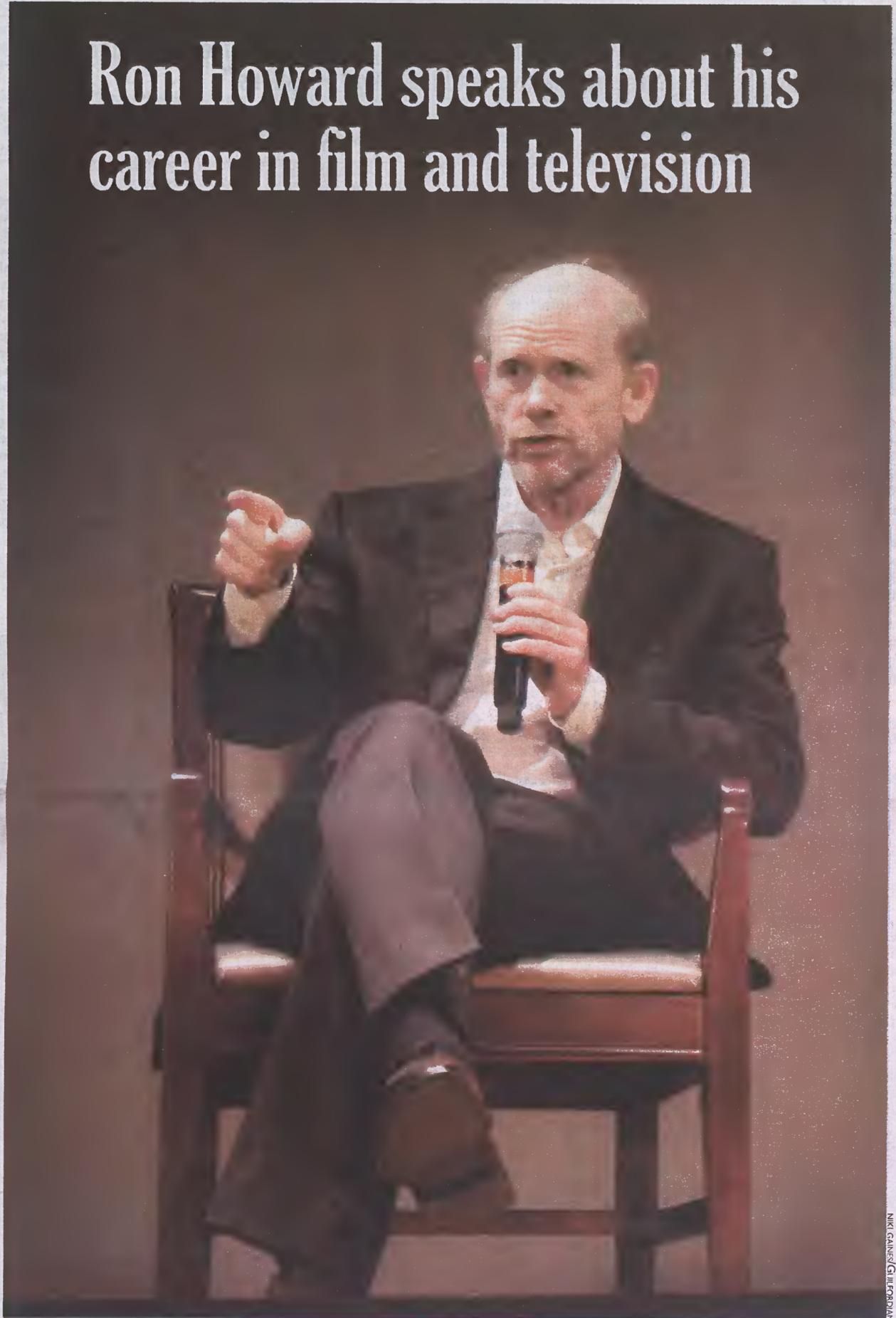
This shared Guilford experience brings alumni together in discussing the nonlinear career path that a multifaceted liberal arts degree offers.

Since alumni will be presenting throughout the day on Friday and Saturday in the Gilmer Room, students will be able to come in and out as is convenient for their schedule.

"All of us are going to be learning a lot, but they're also going to be inspiring," said Miriam Biber '02, assistant director of

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Ron Howard speaks about his career in film and television



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"Have you ever had to call your parent and tell them you had to cut them out of your movie?" asked Ron Howard, an award-winning director and former child star. "That happened (to me) twice."

Ron Howard played the role of Opie Taylor on "The Andy Griffith Show," which was set in North Carolina. On Oct. 23, he returned to have a conversation with distinguished film critic, historian and author Leonard Maltin for Guilford College's Bryan Series.

The event was held in Greensboro Coliseum from 7:30

p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Of the 3,000 people who attended the event, most enjoyed it.

"I normally feel like I cannot really connect with the speakers, but I was absolutely hooked as soon as (Howard) started singing 'The Music Man,'" said junior Lee Sisson.

Many liked the event for Howard's authenticity. "It didn't seem forced, and it felt real," said Anne Baumgartner, a Greensboro citizen. "He was here just to talk about his career, and he wasn't here to sell anything like many past Bryan Series speakers. I appreciated that."

Manager of Prospect Research Gertrude Beal shared a

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