GUTTENTAG NAMED DIRECTOR OF DUKE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

IP5DURHAM, N.C. -- The Duke University Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Christoph O. Guttentag to the position of director of undergraduate admissions. Guttentag comes to Duke from the position of associate dean and director of recruitment planning at the University of Pennsylvania. His appointment is effective July 1. Guttentag will replace Richard Steele, who left Duke last March to become dean of admissions at Bowdoin College in Maine. Steele had served as director of undergraduate admissions at Duke since 1986.

A national search for a new director was conducted following Steele's departure. Harold Wingood, currently serving as acting director of undergraduate admissions, has accepted the position of dean of undergraduate admissions at Washington University in St. Louis, effective July 1.

"Christoph Guttentag is a person of great ability and energy who is well-equipped to lead our very fine admissions team," Duke Provost Thomas Langford said. "An experienced admissions professional, he brings to this position thorough knowledge of recruitment and the challenges of a selective admissions process. He resonates with the values of this university and already shows great enthusiasm for Duke." Guttentag said he is prepared to direct the university's admissions team and is looking forward to coming to Duke.

"I am particularly enthusiastic about leading the recruitment, planning, and selection process for a college with the special characteristics of Duke. I feel that my administrative experiences at Penn have helped prepare me for the challenges of representing and helping lead Duke in the coming years," he said. "I'm looking forward to learning more about the particular qualities that make Duke one of the premier institutions in the country and communicating those to students, parents and counselors."

Guttentag maintains responsibility as regional director of admissions in addition to his senior administrative role at the University of Pennsylvania. He has also served as associate dean and director of the recruitment staff and as director of the alumni secondary school committee network at the University of Pennsylvania.

He holds a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he graduated summa cum laude, and received his M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.(END)