

Hobbs' Depart for Europe

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On the occasion of my 10th anniversary as President of Guilford, the Board of Trustees has granted me a leave of absence for the current semester. Lois Ann and I will spend the first few weeks of that leave in Europe. We look forward to the exciting prospect of visiting a dozen or more countries, though we regret missing the opportunity to share fully in the start of this vital and

dynamic new year.

We wish all of you great success in this semester and look forward to sharing the excitement of our travels with you when we return home to Guilford. During our trip the Guilfordian has asked that I send back accounts of our travels, which I shall do from time to time.

Upon my return from Europe, it is my plan to be here for Homecoming on October 28, the fall meeting of

the Board of Trustees on November 1, and the rededication of Founders Hall and the dedication of the Sigmund Sternberger Auditorium on November 8.

Beyond my travel abroad I plan to visit a number of prominent colleges and universities in the United States. I will be seeking heightened vision of the role of higher education in the coming decade. My hope is that I will encounter many imaginative

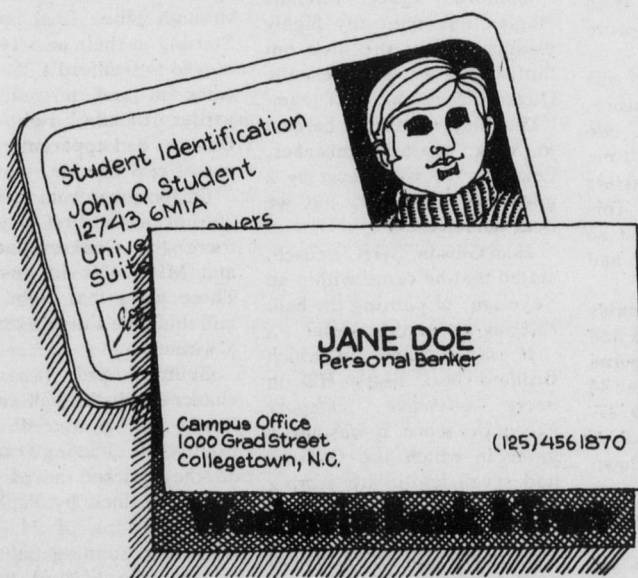
ideas which may eventually feed into the future of Guilford College.

As I begin this leave it is with great confidence in the stability of the College as it faces this new academic year. Guilford is strong in its student body, its faculty, its academic resources and its physical facilities. The number and quality of students are high. The quality of teaching and the scholarly productivity of the faculty are good and

continue to grow. Our library, computer and media resources are stronger than at any point in Guilford's history, and the completion of the new student center should create an increased sense of community which will enable us to continue to build together for an even stronger future.

I look forward to my return and to the renewal of my work with you in shaping the future community, scholarship and service of Guilford College.

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