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President Hobbs resigns

The Board of Trustees of Guilford College announced Feb. 24 that it had accepted Dr. Grimsley T. Hobbs' request to retire as president at the end of the academic year 1979-80. Looking back on his 14-year administration, Dr. Hobbs stated: "Most of what I hoped to do at Guilford has been accomplished, and it seems an ideal time for me to return to teaching, something I have long planned to do." Following his retirement as president, Dr. Hobbs expects to spend

a year in postdoctoral study and research before returning to the classroom as a professor.

Rufus White, Chairman of the Guilford College Board of Trustees, expressed the Board's appreciation for the remarkable development of the college during President Hobbs' administration. "The rise in the quality of the faculty and the educational experience offered at Guilford has been nothing short of astonishing," Mr. White said. "During the past ten years alone,"

he added "the number of faculty members with earned doctorates has risen by 140 per cent, and now represents more than 70 per cent of the entire faculty." The college enrollment continues at the maximum level approved by the Board of Trustees. At the same time, the college has operated on a balanced budget while carrying out an extensive program of building and renovation. Currently under construction is a new physical education center which represents the last major building project in the foreseeable future.

Other notable accomplishments during President Hobbs' administration include practically doubling the size of the college's library holdings; the development of an active Board of Visitors representing prominent leaders in business and community affairs, who have given outstanding support to the institution; and playing a leading role in the development and continued success of the Greensboro Regional Consortium, which makes available the special resources of the five Greensboro colleges to their combined student population.

Dr. Hobbs comes from a distinguished North Carolina Quaker family that has played a leading role in Guilford College history for more than a hundred years. After receiving his B.A. degree at Guilford in 1947 he was awarded a T. Wistar Brown Fellowship at Haverford College, a Quaker institution in Pennsylvania, where he



President Hobbs in 1969

earned an M.A. degree in philosophy. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy at Duke University in 1955. In 1951 he joined faculty of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and served as chairman of its philosophy department for the last eight years prior to his appointment as president of Guilford. He is married to the former Lois Ann Hunkele, who is also a Guilford alumna. They have six children and reside in Ragsdale House on the Guilford campus.

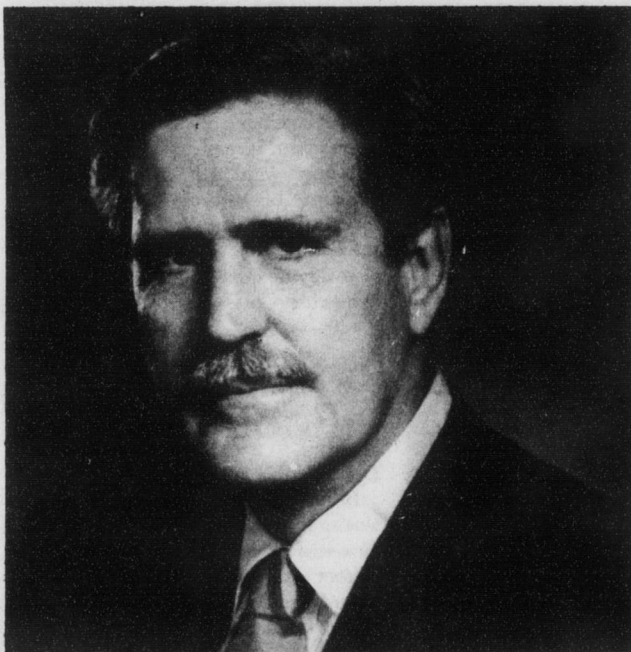
Mr. White announced that arrangements are now underway for the appointment of a search committee to seek a successor to Dr. Hobbs as president of Guilford.

The *Guilfordian* has learned that there were some complications involving the resignation of the

President. There was not enough time for the *Guilfordian* to confirm the various stories before this issue but it plans to have a full investigative report in the upcoming issue after Spring Break.

Initial reports have indicated that the Board of Trustees has been considering asking Hobbs to resign for a period of more than six months. There are also some concerns being raised by faculty members as to whether or not the solution reached by the Board on Saturday will be in the best interest of the College.

There has been a definite lack of communication between the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and the students. In the next issue the *Guilfordian* hopes to clear up some of the possible misunderstandings which have occurred.



Grimsley Hobbs resigns as President of Guilford

WQFS: up to 1000 watts?

By LIZ COLLIER

The "Voice of Guilford College" may someday become the "Voice of Greensboro." Officially known as WQFS, the college radio station is attempting to get a power increase to 1000 watts. Their license with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has expired and WQFS has until January 1, 1980 to have a proposal for a power increase to at least 100 watts approved by the FCC.

Last J the FCC decided that ten watt stations would have to increase their power or suffer the consequences. For WQFS those consequences could mean having to change frequencies because some larger wattage station liked the station's frequency.

They could also suffer a loss of listening audience because of moves; record companies would most likely

cease to send the few albums they do because WQFS would barely be able to compete with the other stations in Greensboro.

If this increase does not take place, according to station manager Gary Strobel, "no one will take us seriously as a radio station, except the people who work here, not the community, the record companies, nor, least of all the FCC. As a second class station, they already laugh about our ten watts; think what will happen when we're the only ten watt station in Greensboro. High Point College is increasing; UNC-G is going to 5000 watts; we've got to increase," commented Strobel.

The triad area is one of the most congested listening areas in North Carolina. It is impossible to get approval for an increase to over 10,000 watts now, so time is of the essence.

The station has been tentatively talking with Tom Anderson, of Anderson Associates in Charlotte, concerning engineering paperwork for the new license. He is currently working to increase the A&T station to 10,000 watts. If he agrees to work for Guilford, he would coordinate the efforts on the application and deal with the lawyers in Washington, D.C., who present applications to the FCC.

The application basically consists of declaring what wattage a station wants to increase to, the broadcast content, the height of antenna proposed, and what equipment will be used. WQFS would like to go to 1000 watts and increase antenna height from 100 to 200 feet.

If they go to 1000 watts WQFS will become a class A station, well protected by the law (they could not

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Tune in to WQFS and experience Guilford