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Guilford seeks president

When the announcement of President Grimsley Hobbs' resignation was received last spring, efforts were immediately undertaken to begin the search for a replacement. Following is a report on these efforts.

by Joel Richon
Staff Writer

The Search Committee, after being formed last spring to find a new president to replace Dr. Grimsley Hobbs, has narrowed the field from two hundred and fifty to three candidates for on-campus interviews. These interviews are the last step before names are submitted to the trustees as possible replacement for the president.

The three candidates are: Hillbur Wolbome Jr., who is presently President of Coker College, formerly Vice-President of Academic Affairs at the College of Charleston, and was

a member of the Classics Family at Duke; Allan Pfnifter, who is executive Vice-Chancellor at the University of Denver,



Photo by Steve Lowe

The search continues for a new president when Dr. Grimsley Hobbs leaves this May.

and formerly Dean and Provost of Wittenburg College; and Ross Jones, who has been Vice-President of Institutional Affairs at Johns Hopkins for eighteen years.

The Search Committee has not discontinued its search for a new president, and still plans to interview more people off campus. Some are Quaker. It is perceived that a non-Quaker

He also stated that he, personally, was looking for a president with a "Quakerly attitude": one that would take an active role with the Society of Friends and have an understanding of the Quaker process. If these conditions are met, he feels that there would be little chance of the College becoming non-Quaker.

This concern over the lack of

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president will alter the campus.

Elwood Parker, member of the committee, does not share this opinion. Speaking for himself only, he told this reporter that even if the new president was not affiliated with the Society of Friends, the campus would remain Quaker.

a Quaker candidate led to an active search in which at least fifty Quakers were contacted to find more Quaker candidates. From these efforts, at least two more people shall receive preliminary interviews.

One charge that has been leveled by some against the

Search Committee is that one or more members of the committee being dominated by other members. This accusation was denied by the Committee. The rumor probably arose from the fact that so much has been accomplished by the Committee, which is run by consensus.

Reaching consensus can be a long, tedious process; for the Search Committee, it has not been. Their progress has been attributed to the fact that none of the members have taken an unyielding position on any subject, but have instead been willing to discuss all topics.

There are twelve members on the board. Alumni, trustees, faculty, and students are represented on the Committee. The student representative is Jan Earl and two of the teacher representatives are Jerry Goddard and Elwood Parker.

The Search Committee is a new phenomenon on college campuses, where the selection of a new president is usually left in the hands of the trustees.

Captive audience hears Rubin

By Stephen Harvey
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Despite a small group of portesters outside Dana Auditorium, more than 300 Guilford college students and staff heard 60's political activist Jerry Rubin speak for four hours last Thursday evening.

Before the speech covering his activities during the 60's and 70's, and his projections for the next decade, students outside the auditorium protested Rubin's appearance, insisting he had "sold out". They carried signs demanding that he donate his fee to Cambodian relief programs.

Inside the auditorium, until Eric Johnson of the College Union introduced the activist, the audience watched Rubin sip tonic water to the strains of pre-saved Bob Dylan.

Rubin first spoke of his activities during the 1960's. He explained his own move into political activism along with the massive development of social consciousness by students in that decade.

Highlights of the talk included Rubin's version of his testi-

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mony before the House Un-American Activities Committee (where he dressed as a revolutionary soldier and passed out copies of the Declaration of Independence) and the antics of the defendants in the Chicago 7 conspiracy trial.

Occasionally Rubin would stray from his reminiscences of the 60's to alternately rage against nuclear power, speak for men's liberation, condemn the use of the word "asshole" as derogatory term, or assert his belief in a black female God with a great sense of humor.

Rubin then denied that the 70's has been a time of apathy, insisting that students in the 60's had done so much that

those of the 70's were simply overwhelmed.

After his speech, Rubin answered questions and took statements from the audience, making good his promise to offend everyone at least once during the course of the evening. Questions ranged from such diverse subjects as the dangers of nuclear energy and his analysis of presidential candidates to the brand name of his down jacket.

Despite the fact, that most every member of the audience disagreed with something Rubin said, most of the crowd was impressed with his talk and in the words of one student, "He made me really think about some important issues I hadn't thought about before."



Photo by Steve Lowe

Jerry Rubin, 60's political activist, speaks in Dana Auditorium on his experiences of that decade and his projections for the next decade in a Guilford College Union sponsored talk.