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Rogers announces retirement

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Guilford students congregated around a single letter this weekend. It was a letter, blown up to poster size and placed at the entrance of Founders hall, which personally informed them of its author's imminent retirement. The author is their president.

Bill Rogers, the sixth president of Guilford College, has announced his retirement effective June, 1996.

He made the announcement at the Board of Trustees meeting January 28. Students were in-

formed of his decision, through the open letter, before it was publicized.

"Bev [Rogers] and I feel particularly close to the students here," he explains. "[Their] well being is the most important thing we are working for."

Rogers, who came to Guilford from Harvard in 1980, will continue to work over the next 18 months of his tenure to complete the college's current reaccreditation process and to increase the college's endowment.

During Roger's presidency, Guilford's endowment has grown 600 percent, and annual giving has

grown by more than 500 percent. He also secured the college's first \$5 million gift for endowed scholarship funds.

In a look toward the future, Rogers comments, "For Guilford, there are important challenges to face. Perhaps the greatest is that of balancing affordable high quality programs with the provision for well-structured financial aid programs to meet demonstrated student needs." Funds available for financial aid have also grown more than 500 percent during his presidency.

Charles F. Milner, Jr., chairman

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Bernie Carpenter

Rogers

Budget increases expenses 4.9%

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The Board of Trustees affected a bit of Guilford's future during its January 28-29 meetings. The weekend was marked by the approval of the budget for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the announcement of President Roger's retirement.

The Board met to discuss a search process for a replacement for Dr. Rogers, which should begin this spring.

A partial report from the meetings follows:

The **Budget, Audit, and Investment Committee** approved the budget for the 1995-96 fiscal year.

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Theft at WQFS

Equipment stolen; DJ suspected

Rob Mirchin

Staff Writer

WQFS, Guilford's radio station, had approximately \$1000 worth of equipment stolen from its production room over winter break. The theft of two CD players, two transmission tubes, one tape deck, a security camera, and a monitor was apparently committed by a WQFS DJ.

The theft occurred over break when there were not as many WQFS managers and security guards standing guard over the equipment. According to WQFS manager Becky Browning, "Things were kinda loose. There wasn't anybody around to make sure that rules were being followed."

Browning is pretty sure that a D.J. committed the theft because "nobody else would have known how to get into the prod room." Two anonymous D.J.'s have also accused the same person.

The theft has been reported to WQFS's insurance company and the police. According to Browning, WQFS will not prosecute if the person comes forward. However, if the person chooses not to come forward and is discovered, WQFS will prosecute.

As a result, the D.J.'s cannot use the production room without special permission, and Browning is left wondering about a D.J. staff that she once trusted implicitly. In her words, "It is a privilege to work at WQFS, and it makes me so mad that a D.J. would do that kind of stuff."

Union revolution

Student group seeks involvement

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The Guilford College Student Union seeks a new name for itself.

On an obvious level, the entertainment organization is soliciting ideas for a new title. Participants in its Tuesday night meetings, however, know that Union is undergoing a structural revolution.

"[Union's] job is to provide fun events for students," Vice-President Andy Swanson explains. Union should not be considered an "exclusive" group, he emphasizes—meetings are open to everyone who wants to participate and bring new ideas for activities. "Our goal is to find more creative ways to involve students in organizing our events," he says.

Currently, Union is comprised of eight committees which work together to plan for the success of activities. The committees have

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On Union's move to be more inclusive...

"We want to show how accessible we are... by paying student fees, students automatically become members of Union."

Too often, we are seen as people who plan entertainment for students instead of people who work with them to do what they want. We want to change this image."

--Cara Skeat

“The one word that comes to my mind about Union today is CHANGE.”

--ANDY SWANSON

Serendipity

The spring celebration is the last weekend in March! Planning meetings are Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Nobel Laureate in Physics to visit

Staff Report

Joseph Hooton Taylor, Jr., 1993 Nobel Laureate in Physics, will visit Guilford February 14-16 as the 1995 J.M. Ward Distinguished Quaker Visitor. Taylor is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of Physics at Princeton University.

During his three-day visit to campus, he will deliver a public address focusing on his reflections

of spirituality and his work as a scientist. The lecture will be on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. at New Garden Friends Meeting on New Garden Road.

The following days on campus will be spent in meetings with students, faculty and Guilford's Quaker Leadership Scholars.

He and co-researcher Russell Hulse received the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physics in recognition of their research with pulsar gravity

waves. Their research helped to confirm the veracity of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.

Until they provided the necessary evidence in the mid-1970's, Einstein's theory, although widely accepted, predicted what had never been observed. Taylor and Hulse supplied proof in 1974 when they discovered the first binary pulsar and later observed evidence of the

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