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Developer chosen to build new dorms

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An outside contractor will build four apartment buildings and a community center on Guilford campus by the beginning of the 2005 school year, pending the Board of Trustee's approval.

The new dorm selection committee proposed building the new units adjacent to Ragsdale House, President Chabotar's residence, in the wooded lot north of Milner.

The dorm would house 140 students. Residents would live in two-story, suite-style arrangements featuring four singles, two baths, a common room, and a kitchenette.

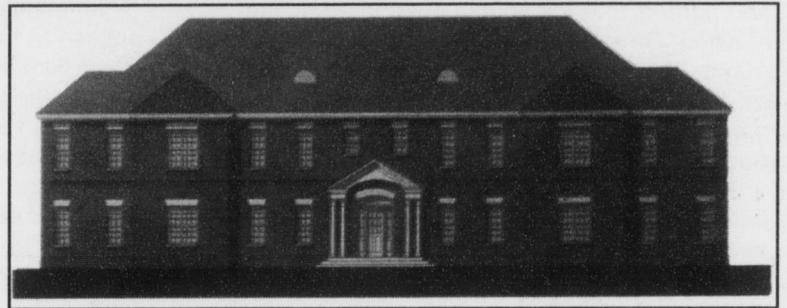
The apartments are being built to accommodate the influx of students Guilford anticipates in the next five years. The

administration envisions enrollment growing from 1,250 to 1,446 traditional students.

"We want to have as many [students] as we can on-campus," said Vice President of Enrollment Randy Doss on Sept. 24. Doss also cited major renovations in the near future as another reason for building new housing, suggesting that students may be shifted into the new apartments to facilitate dorm renovations.

To finance the estimated \$6.5 million project, Guilford has accepted a bid from Birmingham-based developer Capstone Building Corp. Capstone will finance all construction costs. In return they will own the new housing and collect money from students who live there, though Campus Life will manage it.

The committee that selected



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Facade for the proposed new dorms

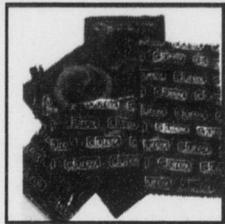
the developer included Director of Facilities and Campus Services Jon Varnell, Vice President for Finance & Administration Jerry Boothby, Director of Alumni Relations Jerry Harrelson, Director of Information Technology and Services Leah Kraus, Dean of Campus Life Anne Lundquist, and Doss.

"The college would much rather build it ourselves, but our

debt-structure won't allow it," said Doss.

Lundquist explained the contract with a developer as a lease on Guilford's land; it is a way to convert land into money. "We're land-rich and money poor," said Lundquist. The school could buy the housing from Capstone within 30 years, she added.

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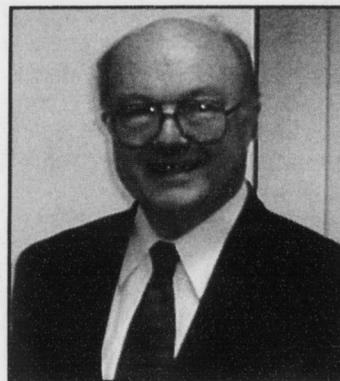
Former ambassador speaks on Cold War

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"The Cold War ended before the Soviet Union collapsed," said Jack Matlock Jr., a Greensboro native and previous U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, during his speech on Reagan and Gorbachev on Sept. 23.

In his speech, Matlock focused on the connection between Reagan and Gorbachev, explaining how the relationship between the two leaders led to the end of the Cold War.

He began the speech by saying that "I consider [Gorbachev] to be one of the greatest statesmen of the 20th Century." He also spoke of the differences between the two leaders. Gorbachev, he said, was a student of law, considered "safe from the system that created him." In speaking of Reagan, Matlock talked of how he was more a leader of the people, an actor elected as leader of the U.S. Despite the differences between the two leaders, both vied



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Jack Matlock Jr.

for peace, said Matlock.

Matlock also said that the goal of the United States under Reagan was to change the behavior of the Soviet Union, not break it up.

After 1985

the stance between the two nations changed with the advancing relationship between the two leaders. Reagan and Gorbachev were trying to calm the situation down, looking for peace. It took four years, but eventually both came to agree that "no war is permissible", a stance that both Reagan and Gorbachev consider their greatest achievement, Matlock said.

Despite sound problems with his microphone, Matlock went on to describe how Gorbachev and Reagan changed after they visited each other's countries. When Gorbachev came to the United States, he was overwhelmed with the freedom of the people and the difference between the America he saw and the America the Soviet Union depicted. Gorbachev commented later at a conference with Reagan, "Mr. President, I will never look at your country the way I used to."

Matlock also talked about the collapse of the Soviet Union, and how it was "the communist leader himself that put down communist power within the Soviet Union."

Matlock ended his speech by talking about how people can learn from the relationship between Reagan and Gorbachev and apply that understanding today.

Will Ginn, a first year, said, "it was good hearing another perspective on some very convoluted times."

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