

## HOBBS

# Proposed renovations for Mary Hobbs met with mixed reactions

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is also LEED-certified, making the renovations that much more complicated. LEED-certified means that the building is built with sustainability, efficiency and energy conservation in mind.

"With Hobbs being a historical renovation, it takes time to make sure flooring isn't injured and certain pieces are saved," said Associate Dean for Campus Life Jen Agor. "It's more time-consuming to go in and work around pieces than it is to just level them."

The combination of safety concerns, time-consuming historical renovations and a new influx of funds made administrators want to act immediately and start the renovations as soon as possible in order to finish by fall.

### Where is the money coming from?

The renovations will cost an estimated \$1.9-2.2 million, but that number can change as the process moves forward. Plans for an open staircase and several parlors are some of the renovations being considered that could increase the cost.

The renovation is funded through a combination of individual donations and money from the capital campaign.

Some alumni and former residents of Hobbs who donated want to see the building return to the co-op format it had in the past. They hope the space will be a place where women can eat and cook together. The basement kitchen will be renovated in pursuit of this goal, and the space now occupied by The Greenleaf may be turned into a dining room of sorts.

"I thought it was great when I heard that Hobbs was going to be geared towards getting the residents back together," said junior Molly Day Cooney. "I just think administration needs to be careful about where they place their residents."

### Where will the students go?

Students can relocate anywhere but English Hall, and they will have first choice for Hobbs next year. They will not be put into first-year dorms unless they specifically request it.

Students will have to pay the difference if they decide to move into an apartment on campus. However, final decisions on compensation are still being made.

As of now, students will be compensated with either a \$100 check or \$125 in Quaker Cash.

During the second of two meetings, residents expressed their concerns about the move to Fetrow and Agor.

"I feel like we should have been warned," said sophomore Catherine McCarthy. "If it's been something that has been

trying to happen, it should have been known. It's like it's been pulled over our heads."

"I feel as if we made a decision for Bryan and Shore," said sophomore Gloria Hoover. "I'm going to feel awkward and uncomfortable that we have forced them to live uncomfortably just like you have forced us."

Even though the administration is providing two moving dates, Jan. 25 and March 15, with assistance, some residents remain uneasy about the sudden move.

"It's kind of irritating especially for me because I just moved in here, and now I'm going to have to move back out," said sophomore Kali Conover. "I don't know where I'm going to live, and I don't want it to be a crappy place."

"I am not concerned about the renovations themselves, as I believe the end product will be a more accessible, energy efficient and beautiful Hobbs," said senior Resident Adviser Bonnie Hardie.

Sophomore R.A Brianna Halliwell is happy about the renovations and has a positive outlook on the moving process.

"My initial reaction to news of the renovation, and even the prospect of moving out early, was excitement," said Halliwell. "I've known that Mary Hobbs needed to be renovated for a long time now, and I am very excited that it will happen while I am still at Guilford."

Hobbs also houses many students with disabilities, ranging from anxiety and sleeping disorders to other medical conditions, who require single rooms. There are several rooms on campus that are designated ADA spaces, and the administration is working hard to make sure they accommodate everyone's needs.

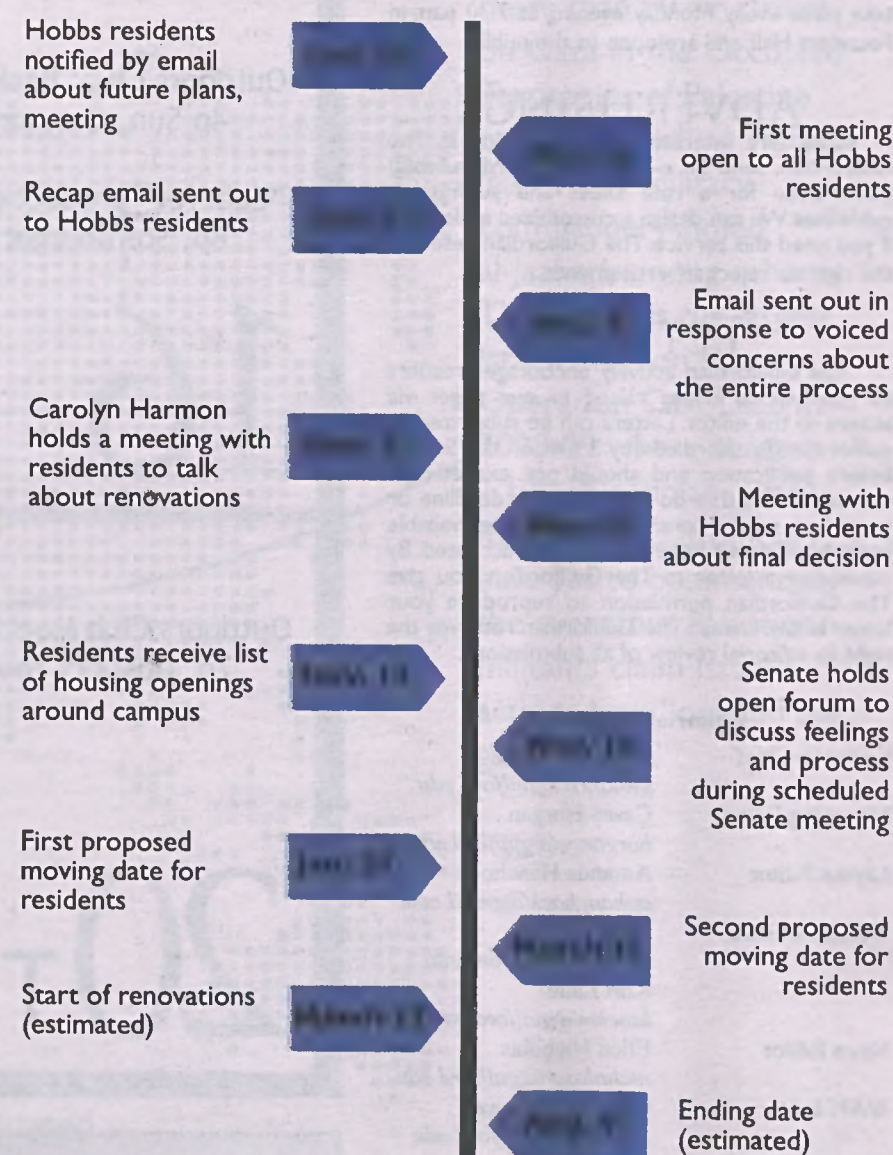
"If students are included in the process, if it's explained well, executed well and campus life is mindful of the students, they should be fine," said Disabilities Services Coordinator Kim Burke.

### Wait, what about the Greenleaf?

The Greenleaf currently resides in the basement of Mary Hobbs. It will be moved before the renovations, but will remain on campus. As of now, there are no permanent plans for The Greenleaf, but options include the Community Center and the small brick building near Bryan Hall.

Members of The Greenleaf are apprehensive about where they will be relocated but are keeping an optimistic outlook on the new move.

"I am more excited than I am concerned," said Greenleaf co-op member and junior Martha Adams-Cooper. "I think it's



going to be a really good opportunity to get out of the basement and be more accessible to people who are off campus."

"Within the community, it is stressful and scary," said Greenleaf co-op member and junior Kate Schwab. "We just hope administration thinks about us while they do this and helps us figure out what this means for The Greenleaf as we move forward."

Final decisions about the coffee co-op are still in the works, as are most of the final plans for the renovation.

"I'm excited about what the women of Hobbs are going to get next year," said Fetrow. "It will continue to have the community that Hobbs has and maybe even an enhanced feel of community."

# Title IX self-study examines gender equality in sports

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PREDICTS STUDY RESULTS WILL BE GATHERED BY SPRING SEMESTER

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Is gender equality as prominent at Guilford as it seems? A study is looking further into the issue to see if change is necessary.

In 1972, Title IX of the Educational Amendments called for complete gender equality in any educational program or activity.

Athletics caused the most controversy with the enforcement of this act.

Last year, Guilford started a self-study, evaluating how well we are abiding by

Title IX in our athletics department. The study will look at whether or not men and women have equal opportunities in sports.

When approached with such issues, the Athletic Department started by studying the Equity in Athletics Disclosure database, which consists of annually submitted athletics data.

Robert Malekoff, associate professor of sports studies, then began compiling information for a survey, which will question students and coaches on the athletics program at Guilford.

"I would say that the goal is not only to determine whether or not there is compliance with Title IX and a healthy level of 'gender equity' in the intercollegiate athletic program and, of course, ultimately to endeavor to address any inequities that might be discovered but also to see if there are things the college can do to enhance the educational value of the intercollegiate experience for female athletes," said Malekoff in an email interview.

The survey will also examine student perceptions on different aspects of the athletic program.

It will include questions about their personal experience with Guilford athletics, the support they have received from the college and athletic department, and attitudes on female intercollegiate athletes on campus.

"The purpose will be to compile both quantitative and qualitative data until the college sees it, and then they'll act in response," Malekoff said.

It will be distributed for athletes and coaches to fill out early next semester. The athletic department will then discuss the results and decide how to react to any discovered issues.

"I think that the college shouldn't go in expecting anything," said Malekoff. "That would kind of skew the data."

According to Sports Information Director David Walters, Guilford sponsors 20 teams, 10 for men and 10 for women,

ranging from football to lacrosse.

Most sports have both men and women's teams.

"(When) asked if men and women have equal opportunities, I believe for the most part, they do," said Walters in an email interview.

Only four teams stand out as single gendered. The all-male teams are football and golf, while volleyball and swimming are only for women.

"I've heard we're on an all-girls swim team because we need an equal number of girls and boys sports teams, and I haven't noticed any specific gender issues," said Sydney Hawkins, a first-year swimmer.

Though the study is moving slower than anticipated, the athletic department is anticipating that the results will be read by spring semester.

"I want to find out what the perceptions are, what they think," Malekoff said. "What happens then will depend on the results of the survey."