

# Hobbs candidacy becoming more

## Campaign Surges



When secret service men supplied by the government turned out to be "not very friendly," Hobbs took security into his own hands. The result was Bobby and Roy McAllister, previously important figures in the Stop Nudity on Radio Movement [SNORM], who have brought wit and humor to candidate protection.

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They called 1976 the year of "Jimmy Who?", when an unknown candidate from Georgia ended up with the presidency of the United States. This election year has not yet revealed a candidate with the ability to win either the Republican or Democratic presidential nomination.

Or has it?

Many dedicated Republicans firmly believe that 1980 will be the year of "What-ya-ma-call-it Hobbs," a fresh new force in the stagnating G.O.P.

Early last December, Dr. Grimsley T. Hobbs, president of Guilford College, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the U.S. presidency. Since that time, Hobbs has received the support of many noted Republicans, including former president Gerald Ford.

With this support, Hobbs has rolled up at least the fourth highest delegate count of any Republican contender, without entering a primary. His campaign has, so far, limited itself to picking up stray uncommitted delegates or delegates pledged to candidates who have already pulled out of the race.

For example, when Philip Crane dropped out of the race early last week, Hobbs supporters immediately began a phoning campaign that bagged three of the four Crane delegates for Hobbs.

Despite the lack of a visible

campaign and the total lack of press coverage, the Hobbs strategy seems to be working. In fact, conservative estimates place the Hobbs delegate count at at least 36 delegates, placing Hobbs fourth in the field behind Reagan, Bush and Anderson.

Other estimates give Hobbs as many as 71 delegates, setting Hobbs second only to Reagan in the crowded Republican race. More realistic counts, however, put the number of Hobbs' delegates somewhere between 50 and 60.

According to his latest press release, Hobbs' candidacy will hinge on the upcoming Wisconsin primary.

"Although we are not on the ballot (in Wisconsin), we have organized a strong write-in vote that will bring us at least 30% of the vote. From this popular mandate, we will move on to win the hearts and minds of America."

Hobbs is not expected to have enough delegates to win the Republican nomination on the first ballot, however, with Ford's inability for decisive action, Hobbs has become the favorite of moderate Republicans as a Reagan "spoiler" at the convention this summer.

Of course, presidential elections are always hard to call until the actual vote, but the political winds seem to be blowing in the favor of an unknown college president from North Carolina.



It has been a long four months since Hobbs' U.S. presidency, but there is still a long way to go.



In early November Hobbs had this picture made with his financial supporters. Catherine Frazier [to Hobbs' left, second row] has recently resigned to take the helm of Hobbs' election committee.

### Current Delegates

- Reagan
- Bush
- Anderson
- Hobbs\*
- Other

\* Guilfordian estimate

### Official Guilfordian

1. If there were a Republican primary at Guilford College, which of the major candidates would you support?

- Candidate**
- Reagan
  - Bush
  - Anderson
  - Hobbs
  - Undecided

2. If Hobbs were to be the Republican nominee, against Ted Kennedy, who would you support?

- Candidate**
- Kennedy
  - Hobbs
  - Undecided

3. If Hobbs were to be the Republican nominee, against Jimmy Carter, who would you support?

- Candidate**
- Carter
  - Hobbs
  - Undecided