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Guilford Loses 'Two of Its Best'

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Members of the Guilford College community were both shocked and saddened during the week of November 19 over the sudden, unexpected deaths of Dr. Grimsley T. Hobbs and John C. Grice.

Both Hobbs and Grice died of apparent heart attacks.

Dr. Hobbs, who was currently a professor of philosophy at Guilford, died in a single car accident near Pittsboro, North Carolina, on November 19 after suffering an apparent heart attack at the wheel of his vehicle.

Hobbs had been a member of the Guilford community since 1964. He also served as the fifth president of the college from 1964

to 1979.

During his tenure as president, Hobbs was credited with improving the physical facilities on campus, expanding the Board of Trustees by including non-Quakers, increasing faculty salaries, increasing new faculty appointments, and improving the college curriculum.

Hobbs was a native of Greensboro and graduated from Guilford in 1947. He received his master's degree in philosophy from Haverford College in 1948 and a doctorate at Duke University in 1955. He also served on the faculty at Earlham College before returning to Guilford in 1964.

Grice, who was currently an associate professor of justice and policies studies, died on the morning of November 21 after



Grimsley Hobbs



John Grice

suffering a heart attack at his residence. He was due for heart bypass surgery on

December 3. Grice was 53.

Grice had been a member of the Guilford faculty since 1966 and was known for his teaching ability. He received the Excellence in Teaching Award of the Board of Visitors twice in his tenure at Guilford. He received his undergraduate degree in 1962 from Wittenberg University and his master's degree from the Graduate School of International Relations at the University of Denver in 1976.

Memorial services were held last week at Guilford for the two distinguished professors.

Plans Being Considered for Co-ed Milner

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In the Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the Jewish village of Anatevka is held together by a single bond, also the name of one of the play's songs. Webster's defines it as "a custom so long continued that it has almost become a force of law."

What is it? Tradition.

For the second time in two years there is serious discussion pertaining to making Milner a co-ed residence hall. To many this would destroy the tradition and memories behind the all-male Milner, the male bonding, the guys' games of foosball, the comraderie, the fraternity-like atmosphere at a college which forbids fraternities.

At press time a closed meeting of the Quality of Residential Life (QRL) task force was being held to decide whether there will be a forum or survey to listen to and evaluate student's reactions to the talk some time next week.

Plans to make Milner coeducational were first proposed last year by Richard Ford, director of Residential Life, following the allocation of \$1.8 million in bond revenue for the now-famous Milner renovation. At the time it was understood that the other residence halls would all be renovated after Milner, which was considered the most wanting. However, plans for im-

proving Binford were put on hold indefinitely after the Milner project was completed some \$400,000 over-budget. Bearing this in mind, it was felt that female Binford residents should be allowed an equal opportunity at living in a "new" hall, in a co-educational setting, as their male counterparts.

According to Ford, incoming freshmen are, by and large, indicating a preference for co-ed housing on their request forms, which are sent in along with their housing deposits. The percentage of co-ed requests is between 50 and 60 percent. Ford also feels that males should be allowed more options, like living among men and women.

At present there are 130 co-ed spaces for men on campus in Binford (albeit predominantly freshmen space) and Bryan halls. There are 300 single-sex spaces available between Milner and English halls, as well as some of the alternative housing.

If the current plans are indeed executed there will be 75 to 80 men, who currently reside in the second floor of Milner, displaced. If the new apartments are constructed on time and are ready for next fall, half of the 94 spaces created will be given to men. Presumably many of those men will be leaving Milner to make way for the new women residents.

Ironically, a number of students—both Milner and Binford residents—are indifferent as to the ultimate decision. Several

men from Milner said that they would simply "not mind" having women in their hall, while others were wholeheartedly supportive of it. Still, they questioned whether women would in fact want to live there, given Milner's reputation as an all-male hall. Of some dozen female Binford residents questioned, few opposed Milner going co-ed, yet none were interested in living there. Perhaps more ironically, the only females found wishing to live in Milner were residents of the all-female Mary Hobbs.

Generally, the strongest opponents are upperclass Milner residents and residential life staff members. Hall Director Troy Closson is vehemently against having women in Milner, where he has lived for the past three years. When the proposal was first discussed last year Closson recalls a "lynch mob in the lounge."

He points to the quarter-century tradition of an all-male Milner and feels that Hobbs, for example, would never be co-ed. He feels that making English, a hall with 24-hour quiet hours, the only all-male building on campus would be unfair.

Assistant Director of Residential Life Helen Mulhern, who lives in one of the two Milner apartments, remains non-committal, awaiting the results of the upcoming

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