News Ticker

Radio Station Off the Air

WQFS this week was asked by the Theatre Department to cease its broadcasts from 7:30-11:30 p.m. on five evenings last week so as not to interfere with the department's production of *Measure for Measure*. Due to the proximity of the station's transmitter, the WQFS signal interrupted the sound equipment being used in the Shakespeare production, and therefore the station was asked to discontinue broadcasting from Wednesday-Sunday.

WQFS recently returned from a two-week hiatus caused by mechanical problems.

1991 Commencement Schedule

Rehearsal for the Baccalaureate Service will be May 3 at 2 p.m. in the Ragan-Brown Fieldhouse. The actual ceremony will follow at 5:30 in Dana Auditorium. Graduation festivities continue May 4 as a continental breakfast is slated for seniors and their families at 8:30 a.m. on the Founders Hall lawn.

After breakfast, seniors should congregate in front of Founders Hall to begin preparing for the processional. The commencement service will start at 10:30 a.m. in the Founders Quadrangle. Following the ceremony will be a reception hosted by Bill and Bev Rogers at the Ragsdale House.

Campus Roads

The main loop road around the campus is due to be finished by graduation of this year. The loop will have a line protection and water supply loop running beneathe it.

Arcadia Drive, which used to run between the Bauman Telecommunications Center and Bryan Hall, has been removed and will be modified into a pedestrian walkway.

The Board of Trustees approved \$400,000 to be used to modify all of Guilford's road system.

New Guilfordian

Congratulations to Director of Student Activities Joanna Iwata and her husband Bill Kawashima on the birth of their daughter Noelani. She was born March 22 and weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz.

Forced to Raise Work Study Pay

Guilford Rates Still Trail Larger Institutions

Michael Tobkes Staff Writer

As of last April 1, 1990, the federal minimum wage increased from \$3.35 to \$3.80 per hour. As ordered by Congress, the rate has now jumped again to \$4.25, starting April 1, 1991. Guilford College must now pay \$4.25 instead of the previous standard \$4 per hour for institutional and federal work-study jobs on campus.

Guilford, as a private institution, is regulated by the Federal Division of Labor. Approximately 30 percent of Guilford's students receive financial aid, according to the Office of Admission. Admission Director Larry West estimates that at least 300 of the 1,700 main campus and CCE students fill work-study positions in different departments.

Among similar-size schools in the area, \$4.25 seems to be the going rate for work-study jobs. This is the case at Greensboro and High Point Colleges. Elon also pays \$4.25 for most jobs, except security, lifeguard and late-night positions, which pay up to \$5. According to one Guilford security officer, the college had been starting first-year security guards at the standard \$4, with increases to \$4.40 and \$4.65 after second and third years, respectively.

State universities far surpass Guilford and other private institutions in the work-

study arena. North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro pays its students \$5 an hour. According to William Barber, the assistant director of financial affairs at A&T, "We see work-study as a form of self-help. We also like to reward good skills." With a total tuition of roughly \$1,200 per year, 85 percent of A&T's students receive some sort of financial aid.

UNCCH starts students at \$4.50 with steady increases with seniority. It's not uncommon for graduate students to make \$6.50 or more per hour. These students can work in the department of their major and be rewarded fiscally, as well as educated in their field.

Despite a budget crunch in the state university system, there have been no drastic cuts in their work-study programs. "Our jobs pay more so that we can be competitive with local employers," said Doug Crutchfield, a financial aid officer at UNCCH.

The Federal Work-Study program (formerly known as College Work Study Program, CWSQ) subsidizes all institutions which participate, usually by 25 or 30 percent. This means that a Guilford student earning \$4 an hour actually receives \$1 from College Work Study (the federal government), and the other \$3 from his or her employing department. At Carolina, a student who makes \$5 an hour is paid

\$1.50 from College Work Study and \$3.50 from the campus department.

With the enormous cuts being made in all departments, Guilford may not be able to increase its student wages beyond the new minimum wage for some time. The Budget and Planning Committee will look at the possibility of higher wages next fall, according to committee member and Business Manager Dick Coe.

However, increasing the rate is just not high on the list of priorities, he said. "It's an operating expense just like housekeeping supplies, copier paper and lights are."

Economics professor Robert G. Williams is also a member of the Budget and Planning Committee. He said he has not been able to look at this issue yet, but agrees with committee members Coe and Larry West that under the circumstances, it cannot be made a priority.

Janice Smith, who works with the departing Jim Keith in Student Employment Services, is responsible for placing the 300 students, who, according to payroll clerk Linda Clark together earn roughly \$30,000 a month.

Smith believes that students might like to earn more, but must often settle for oncampus jobs, which don't require transportation, and are convenient if nothing else. "If you're earning over \$5 an hour, you're extremely lucky," she said.

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