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Board of Trustees approves changes

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Kent Chabotar paces. The board of trustees meeting runs an hour late. This is the executive meeting. They are talking about him. He asks, "Will they give me two or three weeks notice?"

He cracks a grin.

Chabotar knows he has nothing to worry about. As his eyes gaze across the food table, the meeting adjourns and the trustees meander out like free-range cows.

One trustee stops and speaks with Chabotar, telling him how pleased the board is with his performance and their decision to make him the president of Guilford College.

"He's doing a great job," said newly appointed chair of the board Joseph M. Bryan Jr. "There's unanimity there."

But appointing a new president is about the only exciting thing the board of trustees does at Guilford College. "There are no surprises," said Ty Buckner, Director of College Relations.

"So much of it has been played out on the campus already," said Buckner. "The only thing left is for things to become a reality."

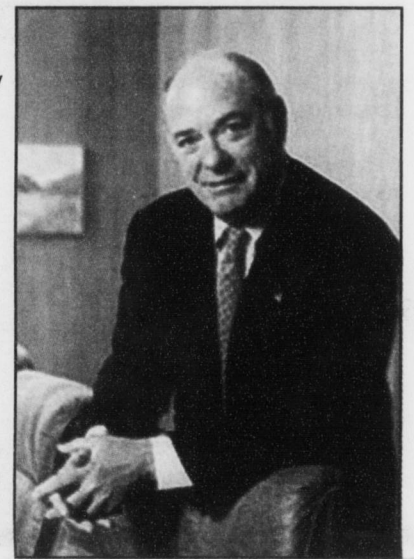
During the Oct. 8 and 9 meetings, the board approved the following:

- Construction of new apartment housing
- Construction of a community center
- Strategic Long Range Plan
- New board chair Joseph M. Bryan Jr.
- Six new active board members

Capstone Development Corp. won the contract for the community center and new apartments. According to Buckner, outside contracting has become popular, and 74% of college building projects are now done this way. Among other advantages, this route

will not add to the college's debt.

Chabotar's new strategic plan includes an increased enroll-



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New board chair Joseph M. Bryan, Jr.

ment of 3,300 students, \$27 million in construction and renovations, and required commu-

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"Except for the fact that I want a dance floor, everything else is up for discussion."

~Guilford President Kent Chabotar

Former Soviet President Gorbachev speaks

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"History is not preordained; in any situation there is always room for choice, for acting and deciding. It is this kind of initiative and this kind of approach that we need today in order to work together to build a new democratic world order."

So began Mikhail Gorbachev's speech to nearly 2,400 people, which included members of the Guilford and

Greensboro communities, in Greensboro's War Memorial Auditorium on Oct. 6.

This year Gorbachev was the keynote speaker of the Bryan Lecture Series. Keynote speakers in years past have included Ralph Nader, Sydney Poitier and Madeleine Albright.

Gorbachev's speech focused on challenges facing global development in the modern world.

"However complex the problems we face today, we have to be confident that those problems can be solved," he said. "We need to be active. We need to take a stand."

Gorbachev also repeatedly stressed the importance of leaders. "These are people

who are capable of understanding the meaning of events and they are capable of doing something unexpected and sometimes extraordinary, taking extraordinary steps to change archaic policies."

Gorbachev even spoke briefly about the US pre-emptive strike on Iraq.

"The emphasis on the use of force, ignoring international law, ignoring diplomacy and political and economic ways of solving international problems jeopardizes international law and it jeopardizes and undermines international organizations, particularly the UN," he said.

He then added, "When alliances and partnerships break down, this makes the world situation increasingly unstable and unpredictable."

Gorbachev also noted that poverty spawns terrorism and that a war on poverty would be more effective than a war on terror. "The zones of poverty and despair are the most dangerous things to the

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Students attend second Town Hall Meeting

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Coming out Ball approaches

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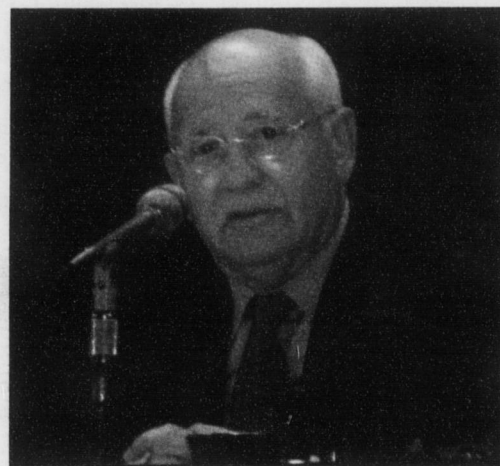
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