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Trustees To Seek Board Restructure

By RALPH SIMPSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The College will make its third attempt in four years to restructure its Board of Trustees, if the General Board of the Baptist State Convention agrees Monday to schedule a specially called convention this spring.

The trustees voted overwhelmingly yesterday to ask for a Convention vote on allowing non-Baptist and out-of-staters to serve on the Board.

The trustee proposal, if taken to the special convention, will ask that up to one third, or 12 members, of the 36-man Board be permitted to come from out of state, and that one half or 6, of these 12 be permitted to be non-Baptist.

College officials are asking for the convention to be in either May or July. Decision of definite time and place is in the hands of the General Board.

When Trustee Board president G. Maurice Hill drives down to Raleigh Monday to ask the 120 member General Board to approve the special trustee convention, he will be carrying the College's future in his hands, according to two men with opposing opinions.

Hill, speaking for the Board, said, "We honestly believe our proposal will strengthen, rather than weaken the relationship between the College and the Convention."

Another Baptist, who was instrumental in the defeat of similar proposals in 1963 and 1964, said, "This proposal will lead to the separation of Wake Forest from the Convention."

Three Baptist ministers who emotionally led messengers to defeat the other two proposals in 1963 in Wilmington and in 1964 at Greensboro predicted last night that North Carolina Baptists would again prevent any attempt to make the trustee base "less Baptist."

DEFEAT AGAIN

The Rev. Tom Freeman, of Dunn, who was the Moses of 2,247 anti-proposal Baptists in 1964, said last night that messengers would again overwhelmingly defeat any proposal.

"I feel the same way today that I did in the past," the voice of North Carolina Baptist conservatism said in a telephone interview.

"It's a mistake to change the structure of the Board of Trustees," he said, "Wake Forest College has accomplished tremendous things without changing the basic structure," he continued.

"Wake Forest is owned by the State Baptist Convention, and it should be operated by the State Baptist Convention," Freeman explained.

The Eastern North Carolina preacher said he had no present plans to again lead opposition, "but I don't know what I'll do."

The Rev. Wendell Davis, minister of Midwood Baptist Church in Charlotte, was more harsh in his attack on the predicted proposal.

"It's very regrettable that somebody is asking for another conflict," the outspoken minister said yesterday.

The Charlotte pastor, who has been active in numerous College-Convention skirmishes, predicted a major conflict when messengers meet this spring.

"Baptists of North Carolina have already expressed themselves on this matter," he said, "and their action was so recent that it is divisive and disturbing to bring the matter up again."

"If Wake Forest feels that its relationship to the Baptist State Convention is a hindrance to what Wake Forest wants to do, then it would be far better for the College to be separated from the Convention," Davis continued.

NO PREDICTIONS

The mastermind of Baptist conservatism in North Carolina, the Rev. H. L. Ferguson, also of Charlotte, was hesitant to make any predictions about the special session.

He said he hasn't changed his position. "I still favor Baptist trustees all the way," he said.

Ferguson said last night that he doesn't "object to a special called convention, I am also in favor of full information and full discussion."

Board President Hill indicated after the trustee meeting that if the new proposal were

defeated, the College simply would try again.

"This is an issue," he said, "that must be decided either this year, next year, or the next."

Friday The 13th & All is Well?

It was Friday the 13th and it was 1:15 p.m. and the Old Gold staff was disseminated into the far corners of the college campus.

Forty-five minutes, three phone calls, and one trip to Humanities later found the staff gathered in 225 Reynolds in a conference as high-level as that on the other end of the hall. The plan of attack began immediately with a phone call to printer Tom Wilson, who had been luxuriating in a surprise vacation. The staff had taken off for a rehabilitation week before exams.

Bostic, Simpson, Levi and Hawkins were dispatched with notebooks and pencils as Business Manager Gordon picked up the hot line to the advertisers. The race was on.

The phone rang. Then the second phone rang. And soon the calls had to be shortened to pick up a call on the other line. After 57 phone calls were made, the staff was ready to report on the reaction to the Action.

It was Friday the 13th as the staff chunked aside term papers and exam preparation for the reporter's dream - an Old Gold and Black extra.

It was Friday the 13th. And not a sign of a black cat anywhere.



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POST-CONFERENCE COMMENTS... of the Trustees after their history-making meeting yesterday are recorded by staffmembers Linda Levi and Susanne Bennett. President Tribble confers with Alumni

Director Garrity as Levi (foreground) talks with James B. Turner. Discussing the announcement with Bennett is Dewey Hobbs.

Officials Comment

Trustees Set Sept. 1968 As Deadline For Construction Of Football Stadium

By HENRY BOSTIC
MANAGING EDITOR

The College's Board of Trustees resolved yesterday that the proposed new football stadium be open and ready for play by September 1968.

The Trustees instructed the Stadium Development Committee "to raise the necessary funds to complete the construction of the stadium by whatever means may be required."

In the strongly worded three-point resolution the Board also directed the Stadium Building

Committee to "re-examine the plans and specifications for the stadium, to study the advisability of asking for new bids or, in its judgment, to re-negotiate the construction contract with or without new bids, but in any event to let contracts for construction which will be completed prior to September 1968."

The drive for the new 30,000-seat stadium was begun early in 1966. At that time architects had estimated the cost of the stadium at \$2 mil-

lion, but when the bids came in they ranged from \$3.6 million to nearly \$5 million. The lowest of these bids was almost \$1 million over what the College had estimated even when the estimates were padded by \$500,000.

At the time when the bids were revealed, College officials had expressed the hope that if \$400,000 could be raised within the next month, stadium construction could begin in the spring of 1967 for completion mid-season the same year.

But the \$400,000 goal was not realized even though 12 members of the Committee of 40, charged with the major fund raising for the stadium, had pledged \$250,000 with qualifications toward the fund.

At the November meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the Trustees of the College were given the authority to borrow \$2 million toward the stadium. But yesterday the Board made no mention of borrowing the money in its resolution. It simply says the stadium must be completed.

Several trustees stated during the Board meeting that they thought yesterday's action would bring "new and perhaps substantial gifts" for the stadium. M. Henry Garrity, the College's director of development and alumni activities, also reiterated this possibility.

He said that "the new concrete goal--that of pouring concrete in the near future--would breathe new life in the fund raising campaign."

G. Maurice Hill, president of the Board of Trustees of Drexel, said after the meeting that he thought the stadium was "an essential part of the overall campaign for \$72 million. We must proceed with that to be successful in other phases of the campaign for new buildings and endowment. I do believe this action will contribute substantially to the stadium campaign and the \$72 million drive."

Garrity said after the meeting that the Committee of 40 would meet within the next two weeks in order to make definite plans for the rejuvenated campaign.

He said that "1,162,178 has been raised in cash and pledges since the campaign's beginning. But this does not include the \$250,000 pledged by 12 members of the Committee of 40 which pushes the total to \$1,-

412,178.

This means that the College must still raise \$2 million more in order to pay for the construction of the new stadium.

"Each day we get \$500 to \$2,000 of new money for the stadium," he said, "but this is not enough. We have got to get more. We are going out to get the big money with some pretty good prospects in mind."

As for possible new campaign strategy, Garrity had this to say, "All areas will be re-worked, especially two areas. Those who have made pledges and have already met them, and those who were approached in the beginning who might give now that the Trustees have taken such strong action."

OVERALL RESPONSE

Of the success of the drive thus far, Garrity said that he was "disappointed in the overall response to the drive, but on the other hand it is the best support in five of ten years."

"We have received 3,300 gifts to date," he continued, "out of 16,000 alumni. This is a problem. And also we have not gotten any big money. Fifteen thousand dollars is the largest single donation so far."

Change Represents Advance In Status

By PAM HAWKINS
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Wake Forest College will change its nomenclature to Wake Forest University it was decided yesterday in a unanimous vote by the College's Board of Trustees. The university status will become effective "before the 1967 fall term," according to G. Maurice Hill, president of the board.

Diplomas of the graduating seniors this spring will still read Wake Forest College, because they have already been printed, but all subsequent classes will graduate from the University. Hill expressed the possibility of the College officially becoming a university in the days immediately following spring graduation so that Dr. Harold Tribble will retire as president of Wake Forest University.

The motion to change the name of the college was preceded by a long preamble citing progress made by the institution and noting a convention "mandate in 1964 and again in 1955 to move as rapidly as possible to advance...to the status of university."

The name change "re-emphasizes the necessity of this institution pressing its \$72 million campaign to implement the move to university status," Hill said following the four hour board meeting.

The approved proposal in actuality is required to pass a second vote at the board's next meeting because it involves a change in the by-laws. In light of the unanimous acceptance of the motion yesterday, the subsequent vote will only be a formality, in compliance with required procedure.

MORE WORK

President Tribble said after the meeting, "While I'm delighted with the action of the trustees to go ahead, all of us must realize that there is still a lot of work to be done."

"I hope the convention will give Wake Forest College the kind of support that will be needed in order to achieve in the full sense of the word university status."

Tribble continued, "I am not thinking primarily of financial support, but of enabling the trustees to do more for Wake Forest in a university program."

For a school to be eligible for university status, it must offer graduate work in at least most of its departments and have adequate library facilities for advanced work. The college presently offers graduate work at the master's level in seven departments in the School of Arts and Sciences, and M.A. as well as Ph.D. work at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. This past fall, the Sociology and Anthropology departments began to offer graduate work at the M.A. level.

Tribble said last year that the college had all of the essential components of a university, including the social and athletic programs.

James C. McDonald, associate professor of biology said in an interview last year, "I believe that the essential point is can we become an 'excellent university' or at least similar in status to what we have achieved as an 'excellent under-

graduate college'. I do not believe we will be able to rank with other fine universities just because we offer a Ph.D. We need too many items."

INCREASED FUNDS

Several professors commented that the university ranking would attract "good professors" in the graduate programs, (especially in the sciences). It was also speculated that just the university nomenclature would provide an increased pool of funds which is needed to achieve the status in reality.

Dr. David A. Hills, professor of psychology, commented recently, "The change of name from 'college' to 'university' in and of itself is of no special consequence. The concerns about the future of Wake Forest University revolve around the assumption that concomitant with the change in the name will be a change in the goals of dear old Wake Forest."

But as one professor commented, "Progress of necessity eliminates part of the past to make a clear path for the achievements expected of the future."

PLAN OUTLINE

President Tribble, in his inaugural speech Nov. 29, 1950 outlined his plans for the future of Wake Forest emphasizing his desires to develop the college into a "Christian University."

Seventeen years ago, it was a promise. Yesterday, the dream became a reality. And Dr. Tribble, who came to Wake Forest College vowing that he would work for this change, will retire seeing his work come to a tangible fruition.

Blackout

The celebration of the new name was quiet. Exams on the way. But after 12:20 a.m. there was no more light shed on any subject.

Two-thirds of the campus experienced a taste of power failure, but by some quirk of fate or a modern miracle, the lights in Reynolds Hall remained burning brightly. If the newspaper office had not had electricity, no doubt the student body, in relation to its knowledge of the Friday announcement, would have remained in the dark.

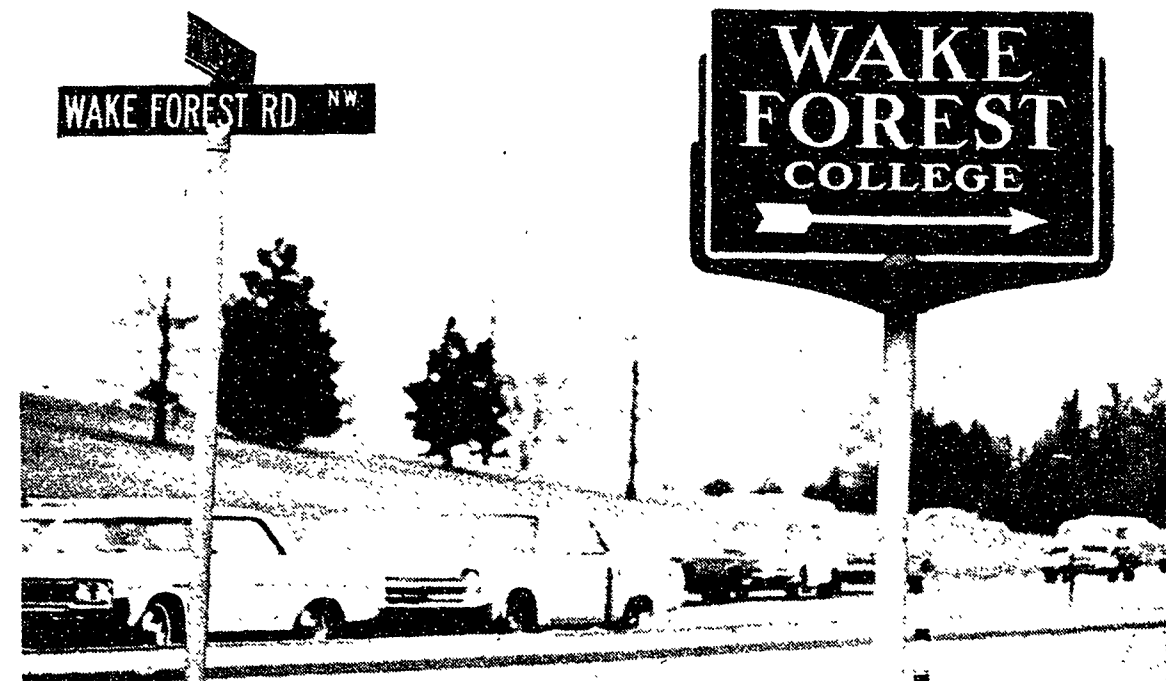
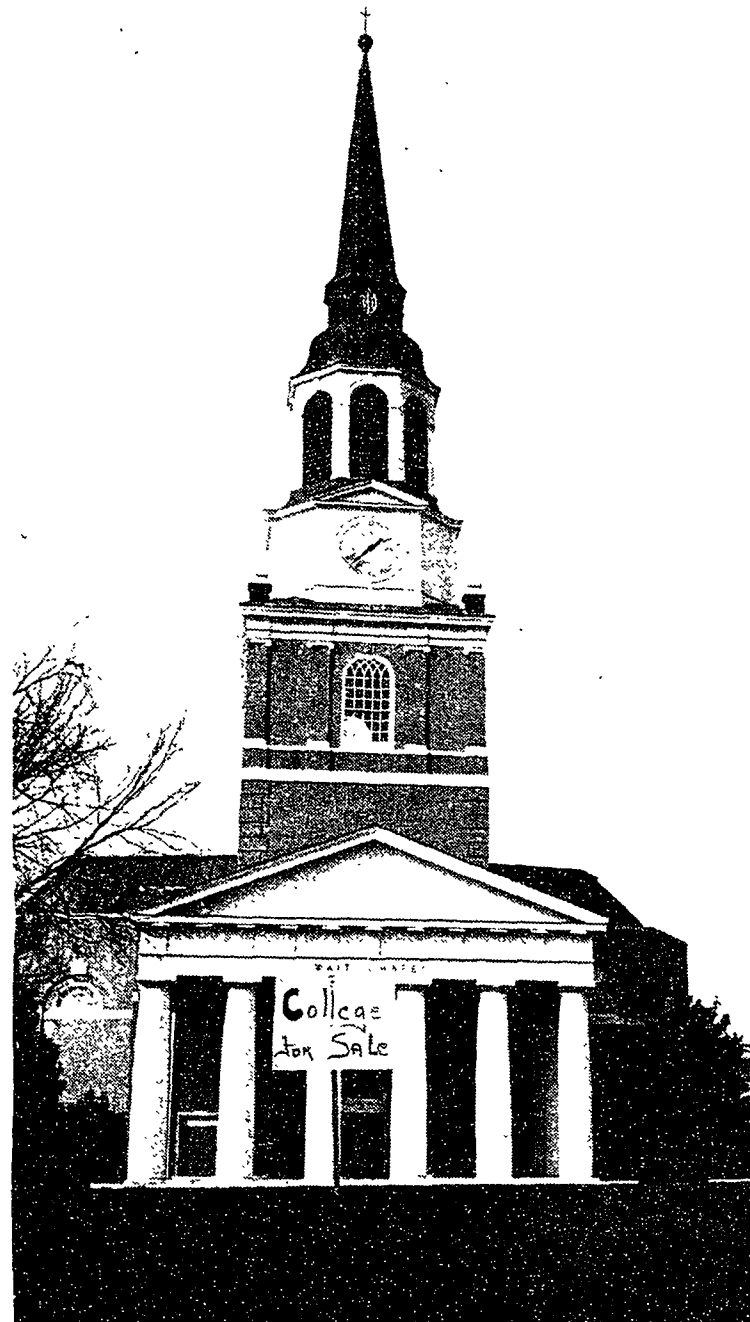


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SIGN OF THE TIMES... is the marker pointing the way to Wake Forest College. Car drivers tuned in to Winston radio stations yesterday learned that the sign may be outdated within six months.



HANGING A HEAD IN DESPAIR... was the method of protest for a campus fraternity who took it upon themselves, in November 1964, to raise an indignant cry against the 1106 Baptists whose negative votes defeated the Trustee Proposal.



A SIGN OF DISSATISFACTION... was staked on the Wake Forest plaza after the Baptist State Convention of 1963. Its author-turned cynic, disheartened by the defeat of the Trustee Proposal, resorted to protest by putting the institution on the open market.

Calm Campus

Students Applaud Decisions

By SUSANNE BENNETT
and J. D. WILSON
STAFF WRITERS

"Nearly a thousand angry students gathered on the plaza in front of Reynolda Hall...to cheer, chant, and dance in defiance..."

It was November, 1964. The North Carolina Baptist State Convention had just defeated the 1964 trustee and federal aid proposal.

Reporters were everywhere. Television cameras scanned the campus. Photographers snapped their photos. And students demonstrated with signs and burning crosses.

They were disappointed, for their dreams of Wake Forest University were once again postponed.

It was a cold Friday the thirteenth and the campus was calm. The year was 1967. The Wake Forest College Trustees had just passed a three-point plan to realize their long-awaited dreams.

Wake Forest College was dead, and Wake Forest University was a realization, no noise--6409B

But there were no demonstrations. There were no T.V. cameras recording student reaction. There were no crosses. Or noise.

From gaping looks and disbelief to excitement and rejoicing...Perhaps it was student uncertainty concerning what had happened. Perhaps it was not a surprise. Perhaps it was exams pending. Regardless, student reaction was varied, differing from student to student.

"My first reaction," said Julie Davis, sophomore of Nashville, Tenn., "was Wake Forest University? Wow!"

"That sounds so much bigger and better than College," others said.

Butch Pate, President of the student body spoke on behalf of his constituents, saying, "We appreciate the work of the Trustees and all those involved who have made this possible. This is something we have been waiting and working for for a long time. Everyone in the administration, the Board of Trustees, the Alumni and all the friends of Wake Forest have done an outstanding job."

MORE SUPPORT

Questioned about the Convention's reaction, Pate said, "We hope the Convention will see fit to adopt some sort of trustee proposal that will be in accordance with university status. We definitely need a broader basis of support--both of state and non-Baptist. We almost have to have this to be an effective university. I don't think the relation now will facilitate a university."

"The whole concept of a university is that it serves neither church nor state. I just don't think the connection between Wake Forest and the Convention in the past will be workable in a university, the student leader said.

Chip Cooper, Vice-president

of the student body, expressed similar sentiment over the trustee action.

"This was very well-timed," said Cooper. "We'll be getting a new president and he'll come in when we've already achieved university status. His job will be to improve Wake Forest University--rather than to start out fighting to be a university."

Asked if he felt this would destroy the small college atmosphere,

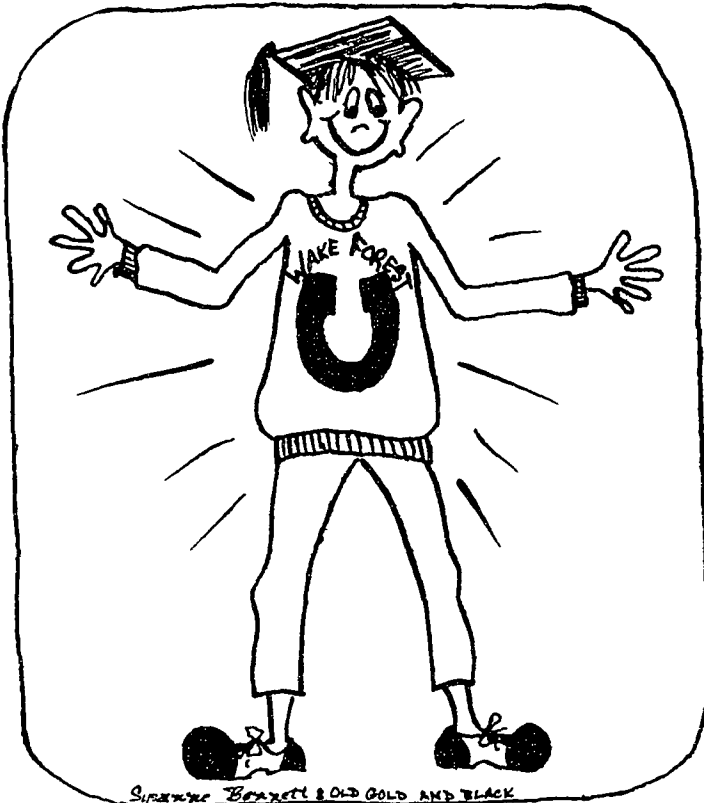
some of the rules change, too."

"What?"

"That was the first thing I said when I heard about it," admitted Judy White, junior of Winston-Salem. "I had no idea it was coming up. It was quite a surprise. I think it was totally unexpected by the student body."

BETTER DAYS

Asked about the future, she said, "Now people are looking toward the prestige that a uni-



sphere, he said, "This is not going to destroy the fact that we'll still have our college family. Wake Forest is a small school. This is one of the reasons I came here. I feel assured that the faculty and students are not going to lose sight of these things that the College has so valued."

He explained the lack of student enthusiasm over the trustee announcement yesterday by saying that "the students don't really understand. They are very happy, but as far as the implications this latest announcement carries, I'm sure they will be pleased."

Julie Davis had more to say than her initial, "Wow."

"I think it's good," she said. "I think the point about the stadium is good. I don't think they should have started the drive without finishing it. The stadium will bring in money and raise the stature of the school."

Hopefully thinking toward the future, she admitted, "I want to cheer in the new stadium. Anyway, I'm tired of Bowman Gray."

"I think the proposal to have trustees from out of state and non-Baptist is great, she said, because the alumni aren't all North Carolina Baptists. You've got to have different people to grow as a university."

"The whole thing," she confessed, "is great. We'll expand, the things we need will come true enabling us to become a better school and more well-rounded."

Finally, she said, "I hope

versity name will carry, but later they will see more tangible reasons for the trustee action."

"Bigger and better days are ahead for Wake Forest," she said. "University status will probably help to get accreditations."

"Dr. Tribble is a man of firm convictions who is not afraid to take a stand regardless of the opposition," she remarked. "Without him we could never have come as far as we have."

Repeating Julie Davis's wish, she said, "The rules and organizations need revamping--maybe this will come about."

What did she think about being in the first graduating class of Wake Forest University?

"How wonderful it will be for us--the Class of '68--to be the first to graduate."

For the people who were saying, "So what?" Judy had an explanation. "They are expressing that attitude," she said, "for one of two reasons--either they expected it or they don't understand it."

Jimmy Broadway, junior of Raleigh and a member of the varsity basketball team, was concerned about what this would mean for athletics. "Being a university and the prestige that goes along with it," he said, "will help with the recruitment of better athletes, thus increasing the effectiveness of our athletic program."

Representative of the calm reception the announcement received from most of the male students was the statement of

Jeter Walker, junior of Morganton. "I'm not surprised it happened this year," he said, "however, I was surprised when there was no action taken during the Convention."

"Actually," he continued, "we haven't been a college, as such, for quite a while. I think that the change from a college to a university is simply a formalization of what has been a fact."

In an optimistic tone, he said, "I'm not expecting as much trouble--if any--from the Convention as we've had in years past concerning whatever changes some sort of a trustee proposal might have, owing to the quietness that has typified administration-convention relations this year."

Numerous students expressed the desire that Wake Forest not lose its identity as a good small school. One such student was Sandy Sanders, a sophomore of Charlotte, who said, "I'm happy that Wake Forest has become a university, but I'm in hopes that it will remain a small school because of the close relationship between the students and the faculty which is lost in larger universities."

"I feel sure that this will greatly improve the quality of higher education at Wake Forest."

STILL UNDECIDED

A bit hesitant about commenting was Mel Oliver, a junior of Smithfield, who remarked, "I'm really undecided as to what I feel about the change."

After a few minutes of contemplation he said, "The name 'university' doesn't connote the true image of Wake Forest as a person sees it. It's still on the small college scale--operationally and by the number of students."

Expressing similar opinion to the remarks of the previous students concerning retaining the small college image, he said, "If the changing of status to a university means that Wake Forest will no longer be a good small school, but rather a mediocre university, I can't see any point for the change."

Steve Burns, senior of Charlotte, expressed the same sort of idea. "I think and hope that President Tribble's ideas of a small school will stay intact for a good while," he stated, "but I realize that it will eventually expand."

NO CHANGE

Commenting further on this remark, he said, "I don't think the students will be able to tell anything is changed for the next ten years. It will still be Wake Forest College, except for the new name."

Giving his opinion as to why the action was taken to change the name to university, he said, "I think the Trustees realize that they had to change the name of the school to give some reason for expanding the graduate program."

His over-all opinion of the name change: "I'm for it," he said, "Progress."



A NEW BEATITUDE... was proclaimed yesterday as the girls of Johnson Dorm welcomed the news of the trustee decision. The tissue-draped balcony was the only visible evidence of student reaction.



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