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The Proximity hotel will be the second Gold Certified environmentally friendly hotel in North America



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Solar panels on the roof of the Proximity hotel are just one of a number of environmentally friendly features.

GREENSBORO

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Greensboro is about to get greener with the opening of the Proximity hotel. Scheduled to open on Nov. 1, the hotel, which is located near Friendly Center, will be one of the most environmentally friendly buildings in North America.

"It's time to build green. It's not only our responsibility to the environment, but it makes good business sense," said Mark File, marketing director for the hotel. The owner of the Proximity also owns the O'Henry hotel a block away.

The architects of the building followed the guidelines of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's (LEED) Green Building Rating System, a nationally accepted benchmark for green buildings. Proximity Hotel has been given a Gold LEED rating.

"There are only a few LEED certified hotels in the country today, and only one other Gold Certified; there are currently are 100+ being built," said File.

Seventy-five percent of the construction waste will be recycled and it will use about 40

percent less of the electricity and natural gas of a normal hotel by using more efficient materials and systems. Water usage will be cut by 35 percent by using high-efficiency fixtures.

"Construction costs are about 30 percent more. However, we will recoup the extra expenses in about five years because of the energy savings," said File.

The hotel will have the first Otis Gen2 elevator in North America, which will actually generate electricity as it descends. There are also 100 solar panels located on the roof of the building to heat hot water. One of the main goals of Proximity will be to serve as an education center to teach people about sustainability practices.

"We will have a display on our sustainable practices, information on our web site, tours of the building and printed materials to share," said File.

News of the hotel is causing a stir amongst the more environmentally conscious people on campus.

"It's another piece of a really good plan that seems to be

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NATIONAL NEWS

Parts of Patriot Act overturned

By Landry Haarmann
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Americans can once again send their e-mails without worry: a New York judge ruled sections of the recently revised Patriot Act illegal.

Judge Victor Marrero of the Federal District Court in Manhattan decided that the section of the Patriot Act giving the FBI power to seize telephone and Internet records and forbidding the companies from telling their customers conflicted with the First Amendment.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Maria Rosales thinks that the ruling was fair given the nature of the American Constitution.

"The Patriot Act is a huge overstepping of government boundaries," said Rosales. "Parts of it are certainly unconstitutional, and I am behind wiretapping when there's strong probable cause but for the most part I feel like the Patriot Act merely picks on people."

Like Rosales, junior Seth Congdon feels the Patriot Act follows inaccurate or biased leads.

"I viewed a documentary about the

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CAMPUS

Sept. 11 remembered with candlelight vigil

By Elysa Polovin
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Students with tear-filled eyes and sorrowful glances walked through campus last Wednesday, the sixth anniversary of Sept. 11. The sounds of drums broke the silence as the candle fires flickered in the wind. Most students came to remember loved ones or simply recall that tragic day.

"Let's take a moment as a community now to speak the names and hold them in a light," said Max Carter, director of the Friends Center and campus ministry coordinator. Students gathered in front of Founders Hall for a moment of silence and a few opening words. They continued to walk slowly through campus trying desperately to keep the fires bright despite the breeze. It became a night filled with remembrance and hope for a better future.

"A number of people are here as a commitment to end violence, and find peace," said Carter.

Most students were quiet but it was the fact that they came that mattered to Brittany

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Former bookstore manager reflects on Follett

After recent success, future uncertain for bookstore

By Deena Zaru
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Guilford's contract with Follett expired in April of this year. It has not yet been decided whether the college will send out bids to other companies or continue with Follett.

According to Gerald Boothby, vice president for finance and administration, who is in charge of the contract, Guilford has been working with Follett since 1999, when the college began outsourcing its previously independently run bookstore.

The bookstore has had two managers since switching to Follett, including Matt Walker, who was hired in fall 2004. Walker left the

position this past August.

According to Boothby, until Follett hires a new manager, Shamone Washington, an intern on loan from Ivy Tech Community College, will be in charge for three weeks.

"One thing that Follett left with the campus is that I was terminated, which is false information," said Walker.

The regional manager with Follett Higher Education group, Jim Cope, who oversees the Guilford bookstore was contacted through e-mail and phone but has not replied.

"I can't comment names-wise but a situation did arise that caused a conflict of interest between me and Follett," said Walker. "Because of their status as a corporate entity they feel that there was a problem, I was the manager, so automatically it's my fault."

According to Walker, some

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A bookstore employee stocks sweatshirts.