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PRESIDENT OBAMA

Illinois senator defeats McCain in historic election

STORY BY WILL CORNELIUS

On Nov. 4, voters elected Senator Barack Obama the 44th President of the United States.

"If there is anyone out there who still doubts if America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dreams of our founders are alive in our time,

who still question the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," Obama said in his acceptance speech.

Shortly before midnight, John McCain conceded the presidency to Obama, bringing an end to an election that will be forever remembered in our history.

Obama's road to the White

House was certainly not paved with gold. Fierce opposition and formidable opponents plagued his campaign from day one. And despite hundreds of years of racial division, Obama broke the presidency's color barrier to become the first African-American elected Commander-in-Chief.

Early in his campaign, Obama

established himself as a voice of change, reason, and hope. He promised to be the face of a new America, and vowed to remain progressive in a time where progress is needed more than ever.

He targeted southern states like North Carolina and Virginia as essential battleground states necessary for a Democratic victory.

Obama preached economic expansion through jobs, and promised a path to a better economy, the number one issue for over 60% of voters, according to exit polls.

"The road ahead will be long," said Obama, "Our climb will be

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Kay Hagan unseats Republican incumbent Dole in U.S. senate race

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After months of TV and radio ads, the North Carolina race for the Senate has ended. Kay Hagan (D) has taken the

seat of Elizabeth Dole (R), a feat that many thought impossible due to her status as one of the best-known figures in the U.S. Senate.

"A little over a year ago when I got into this race,"

said Hagan during her acceptance speech, "the press, the pundits, other politicians and all were ready to write this race off and hand Elizabeth Dole the keys to her office for another

six years."

For many, Hagan's victory signals a new era for Southern Democrats.

"It's amazing to see Hagan win," said former Guilford student and NC resident

Ryan Jarrell. "Dole's been there since 2002 doing God-knows-what and to be honest with you I didn't even think her leaving was an option."

Dole, like many Republican incumbents

during the 2008 election, had to put up a considerable fight against this year's political climate — which has turned somewhat hostile towards

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(RIGHT) GRACE BOYLE/GUILFORDIAN (OTHERS) MAX KOCHINKE/GUILFORDIAN

Proposed Climate Action Plan changes to reduce emissions

By Tristan Dewar
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On Oct. 29, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Jim Dees presented an outline of Guilford's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the upcoming years by 2.5 percent.

The presentation is among the first available forum for faculty, staff and students to respond to the evolving Climate Action Plan

(CAP).

Electricity, transportation, and on-campus use of propane and natural gas comprise over 95% of Guilford's greenhouse gas emissions. Ideas for eventual carbon neutrality range from purchasing "green energy" to banning first-year vehicles on campus. Improving building efficiency and habits such as turning off lights are also mentioned in the CAP.

Transportation

The proposal to ban first-year vehicles is probably the most controversial solution on the table.

"It is commonly done at other schools, but we're not sure how

much that will really effect greenhouse gas emissions here at Guilford," said Angela Moore, assistant professor of geology and earth sciences and member of the

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Guilford installed solar panels on the roof of Shore Hall (Right) and an energy efficient air conditioning unit for the newly renovated Archdale Hall (Middle). Public Safety now drives an electric golf cart and new proposals for the Climate Action Plan include priority parking for hybrid cars (Left).

Google blocks drunk e-mails

By Esta Broderick
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I have heard the term drunk-dialing, but drunk-e-mailing? Apparently, it is a great danger to many, and like a loyal St. Bernard bearing a keg, Google has come to the rescue.

Has this ever happened to you? I once sent an e-mail to my boss at three o'clock in the morning after a night of bar hopping. It explained: I will not be at work because I am snowed in. The problem: the forecast was wrong, it didn't snow. Where was Mail Goggles when I needed them?

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