

Sparks fly  
in smoking  
policy  
discussion

See Page 7

VOLUME 98, ISSUE 5 // SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

# THE GUILFORDIAN

GUILFORD COLLEGE // WWW.GUILFORDIAN.COM // GREENSBORO, NC

## NEWS

### White Street Landfill to remain closed for now

By David Pferdekamper  
NEWS EDITOR

On Sept. 20, Gate City Waste Management, the company the Greensboro city council chose to manage the White Street Landfill, withdrew from negotiations on a contract a few hours before a public hearing was scheduled to take place on the matter.

"As a lifelong resident and businessman in this community, I had sincerely hoped to do something positive for the White Street Landfill neighborhoods and the people of Greensboro," wrote Gate City partner D.H. Griffin Sr. in a letter to the city, according to the News & Record. "Those actions no longer appear possible"

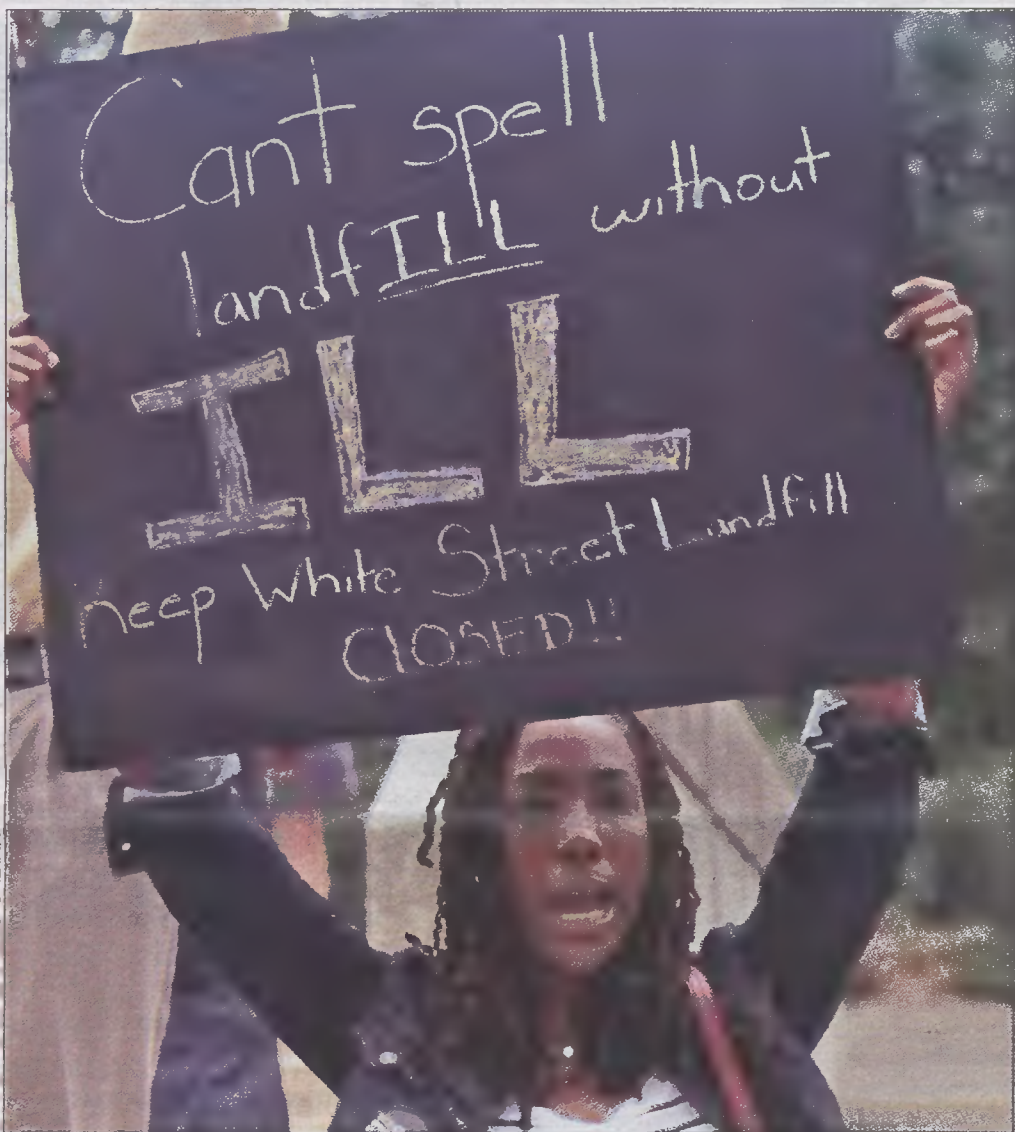
Whether the landfill would be reopened has been a controversial issue since the city council first began considering it more than three years ago. The city currently ships its trash to Montgomery County. The idea of reopening the landfill was put forth to save the city money.

"If there are decisions we've made in our past and they are costing taxpayers millions of dollars, we've got to revisit that," said former Councilman Mike Barber in 2008, according to the News & Record.

Still, others objected to the idea.

"Who wants to live across the street from a waste dump?" said senior Hannah Early in an email interview. "That alone sends a message to those people. 'We don't care about you or your health and wellness. You're disposable citizens.'"

The White Street Landfill is also located in a predominately black neighborhood. The possibility of reopening it has been



A city resident protests the reopening of the White Street Landfill at an Ignite Greensboro march on Sept. 20. Students from local colleges attended.

SEE "LANDFILL" ON PAGE 2

## NEWS

### Student's swift response leads to flasher's arrest

FEMALE STUDENT REPORTS  
FLASHER AFTER CATCHING  
LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OF  
SUSPICIOUS MINI VAN

By Victor Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 25, police arrested Ryne Scott Nichols on misdemeanor charges of indecent exposure after being reported to Public Safety by a female student who Nichols had just "flashed" while sitting in his minivan, according to Greensboro Police Department records.

The student, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Guilfordian that she was crossing the road while on the phone with her mother and noticed a suspicious man in a mini-van that matched a description of the person who had been "flashing" students on campus recently.

The student was able to catch the license plate and immediately contacted Public Safety.

Public Safety Officer John Matthews quickly responded and immediately coordinated with the Greensboro Police Department.

"When I told the police what happened, they did not take me seriously," said the student. "I was told that these things happen all the time — the officer wasn't even going to take a report of the incident."

The student told The Guilfordian that once Ron Stowe, director of Public Safety, became aware he insisted the police check into the matter, which led to Nichols' arrest.

Stowe told The Guilfordian that Nichols is thought to be the same individual involved in most of the previous cases of indecent exposure on campus and that identifying this suspect was the direct result of the victimized student's swift response.

## WORLD & NATION

### Buffett tax sheds light on America's income concentration

By Haley Hawkins  
STAFF WRITER

With President Barack Obama facing re-election and the economy facing an all-too-familiar recession, Obama's latest economic policy proposal, the "Buffett Rule" tax, has ignited a polarizing debate in an already divided Congress.

Named for billionaire investor Warren E. Buffett, this policy would create a baseline required tax rate for those with incomes over \$1 million a year, according to White House administration officials.

"My friends and I have been coddled long enough by a billionaire-friendly Congress," said Buffett to The New York Times. "It's time for our government to get serious about shared sacrifice."

This shared sacrifice, this equality between the classes in terms of taxes paid, indeed, remains Obama's steadfast goal with his introduction of this new tax "rule," as he calls it. After all, for decades now, it has been overwhelmingly common for millionaires to pay less of a tax

SEE "BUFFETT TAX" ON PAGE 6



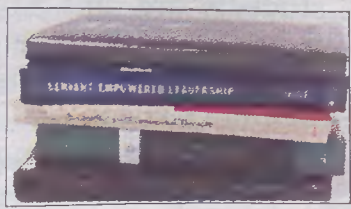
Warren Buffett and President Barack Obama confer on the proposed Buffett tax. The tax intends to create baselines for required tax rates for America's wealthiest citizens..

## This week online

### VIDEOS



GNN with Millie Carter & Ashley Lynch



Books written by professors by Millie Carter

### STORIES

You are not Troy Davis: a student's response to the execution of the Georgia inmate

By Catherine Schurz

Examining the future of the special term and its possible implications

By Sarah Welch

Scientists may have to rethink their theories on dark matter

By Karen Turner

U.S. secretly expands drone efforts into East Africa & Arabian Peninsula

By Rory Molloda

WWW.GUILFORDIAN.COM

Check  
online for  
these Web-  
exclusive  
stories and  
videos!