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NEWS

Protests get local with Occupy Greensboro

DEMONSTRATORS OCCUPIED DOWNTOWN GREENSBORO AS PART OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT

By Travis Linville & James Williamson
STAFF WRITERS

Thunderous drums in front of the government plaza accompanied signs such as "Our money, our planet, our future." Monitored by the Greensboro Police Department, the March for Solidarity sparked the two-day Occupy Greensboro (OG) demonstration on Oct. 15 and 16.

The strident drumbeats echoed downtown as the group of 600-plus individuals convened on the lawn of Festival Park. After the facilitators of OG spoke, the crowd slowly assembled itself into discussion groups. Others converged on the soon-to-be booths of various services ranging from a first-aid table to a library showcasing books like "Civil Disobedience."

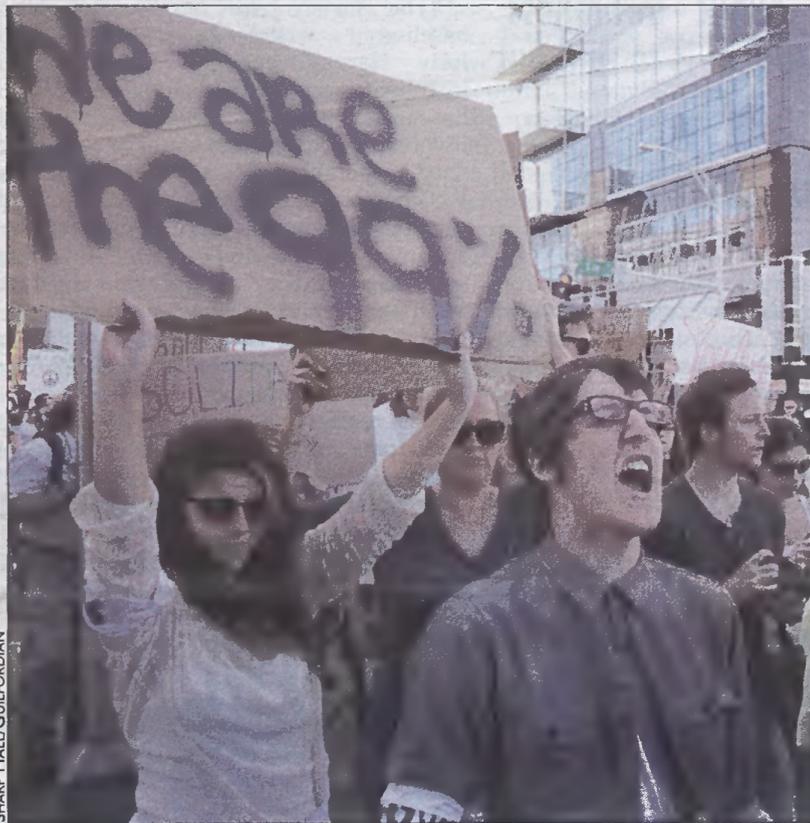
"The great thing about (OG) is that it's creating a space to have this discussion about what's wrong with our economic system and what we should do about it," said junior Tim Leisman.

"What brings me here?" said Leisman. "Well, I think that there's a lot of energy behind these various Occupy movements right now."

According to OccupyWallStreet.org, over 100 U.S. cities across the nation experienced occupations on Oct. 15 and 16.

Not everyone agrees with the Occupy protests, however; Dave Clark of the News & Record wrote an article responding

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Protestors voice their discontent with current socioeconomic standards in the U.S. Occupy Greensboro is part of the nationwide Occupy movement.

WORLD & NATION

Gaddafi's end means a new beginning for the Libyan people

THE NATION LOOKS TO THE FUTURE AS IT WAVES GOODBYE TO A LEGACY OF OPPRESSION.

By Becca Heller & Charlotte Hudson
WORLD & NATION EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 20 the Libyan National Transitional Council reported that recently ousted dictator Muammar Gaddafi had been killed in a firefight. This news was released after the rebel forces brought the lengthy Libyan civil war to a close with the capture of Sirte, Gaddafi's hometown and his loyalists' last stronghold, The Guardian Reports.

"Gaddafi is dead, absolutely dead," the NTC spokesman in Misrata, Abdullah Berrassali, told Sky News. "He was shot in both legs and (had) a bullet in the head. The body will be arriving in Misrata any minute now."

Prior to the civil war, Gaddafi had been dictator of Libya for over 30 years. While under his control, Libya suffered arguably the most brutal censorship and oppression of any country in the Middle East. His authoritarian rule, however, was challenged last February, when a bloody crackdown on protestors went awry, sparking a nationwide uprising and culminating in full-out civil war.

In August, the tide turned for the rebels with their capture of Libyan capital Tripoli, and Gaddafi fled into hiding. It wasn't until Oct. 20 that the rebels finally achieved what they had been fighting for — the civil war ended with their capture of Sirte and the death of Gaddafi.

In the initial statement from the NTC, it was announced that Gaddafi was killed in a cross-fire. However, according to the Washington Post, the photographs and videos which spread over the Internet show otherwise, giving evidence that Gaddafi was attacked and shot at

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FEATURES

Homecoming events bring alumni, friends together

By Eleanor Coleman & Sarah Welch
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Homecoming 2011 was packed full of exciting events that ranged from a performing arts show to a planetarium exhibit and from a folk concert to a pep rally.

Clearly, there were a lot of things going on at Guilford. If you missed any of these events, or just want to relive them, The Guilfordian has you covered.

Stop Hunger Now! Packing party
The Stop Hunger Now! food packing party to help with world hunger was a

huge success.

The event was scheduled to span a few hours, but ended up lasting only an hour because the packers ran out of food.

Chelsey Wilson, a Bonner Hunger Fellow member, explained that despite the flurry of work, a positive atmosphere filled the second floor of Founders Hall.

"All the volunteers had smiles on their faces and were singing along to the music," said Wilson. "Even the clean up was fun."

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Volunteers pack boxes for the Stop Hunger Now! Packing Party during Homecoming week 2011. The organization donates boxes to schools in poverty-stricken countries.

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By Chassidy Crump & Tim Leisman



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By Ryan Gordy



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By Ellen Nicholas



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By Rory Molloda

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