

# RUMORS

WWW.GUILFORDIAN.COM/NEWS

## Greenleaf's move into oak tree prompts war

BY VANESSA MADONNA  
PRO-SQUIRREL CAMPAIGN MANAGER

The Greenleaf has had to overcome many obstacles, like renovations in Mary Hobbs and in Milner. Now, and quite possibly the worst of all, it's a community of angry squirrels.

As of April 1, the employees of the Greenleaf decided it was time to move their temporary stand in Founders and find a new home. It was a difficult decision: they voted between a beech tree and an oak tree in the Guilford woods.

"The beech tree was beautiful and extremely sturdy," said first-year Tina Tea. "However many of us believed the oak tree was closer to the campus and already had a swing attached to it."

After an unanimous decision, the oak tree won.

Students began moving coffee mugs, coffee, tea and pastries at once. In no time, the grand opening was ready to go, although prices would jump

too in order to pay for the space.

"A lot students will be annoyed that prices will be increasing," said junior Lana Latte. "It's just something that has to be done in order to keep the Greenleaf open."

Students are not the only ones unhappy about the change. While prices skyrocket, the community of squirrels living in the oak tree has demonstrated their displeasure over the new tenants. For generations, squirrels have been living in oaks in the peaceful woods.

With the help of expert squirrel whisperer and Friends Center Director Max Carter, The Guilfordian was able to understand the squirrels.

"I have been living in this tree since I was a baby, and for these kids to come in and bring their coffee and noise is ridiculous," said Lady Nut.

Many of the squirrels are petitioning against the shared home in oaks community, but there are some that support the Greenleaf.

"Sharing a home with the campus coffee shop isn't bad at all," said Keanu Trees. "I can't wait to buy some coffee. Once I get money that is."

As squirrels were debating about the new tenants, so are Guilford College students. Many that want the Greenleaf open are pro-shared oaks, while others are pro-squirrel only and wish for oaks to stay a community for squirrels.

"It's unfair to force the squirrels to share their community," said sophomore Joe Schmo. "They've been living in that tree their whole life. Nature comes first."

Though some students are aiding squirrels in protests, the Greenleaf refuses to budge. They intend to set up and open within the next month. However, the community of squirrels keeps knocking down everything the Greenleaf puts up and dumping their coffee in the lake.

It is as if the Boston Tea Party is happening all over again.

"We've put so much work into trying to set the Greenleaf up again," said senior Frankie Frapp. "It may be unfair to relocate to an oak tree inhabited by a community of squirrels, but it's our school."

The past couple of days have been tense and fraught with protests and arguments.

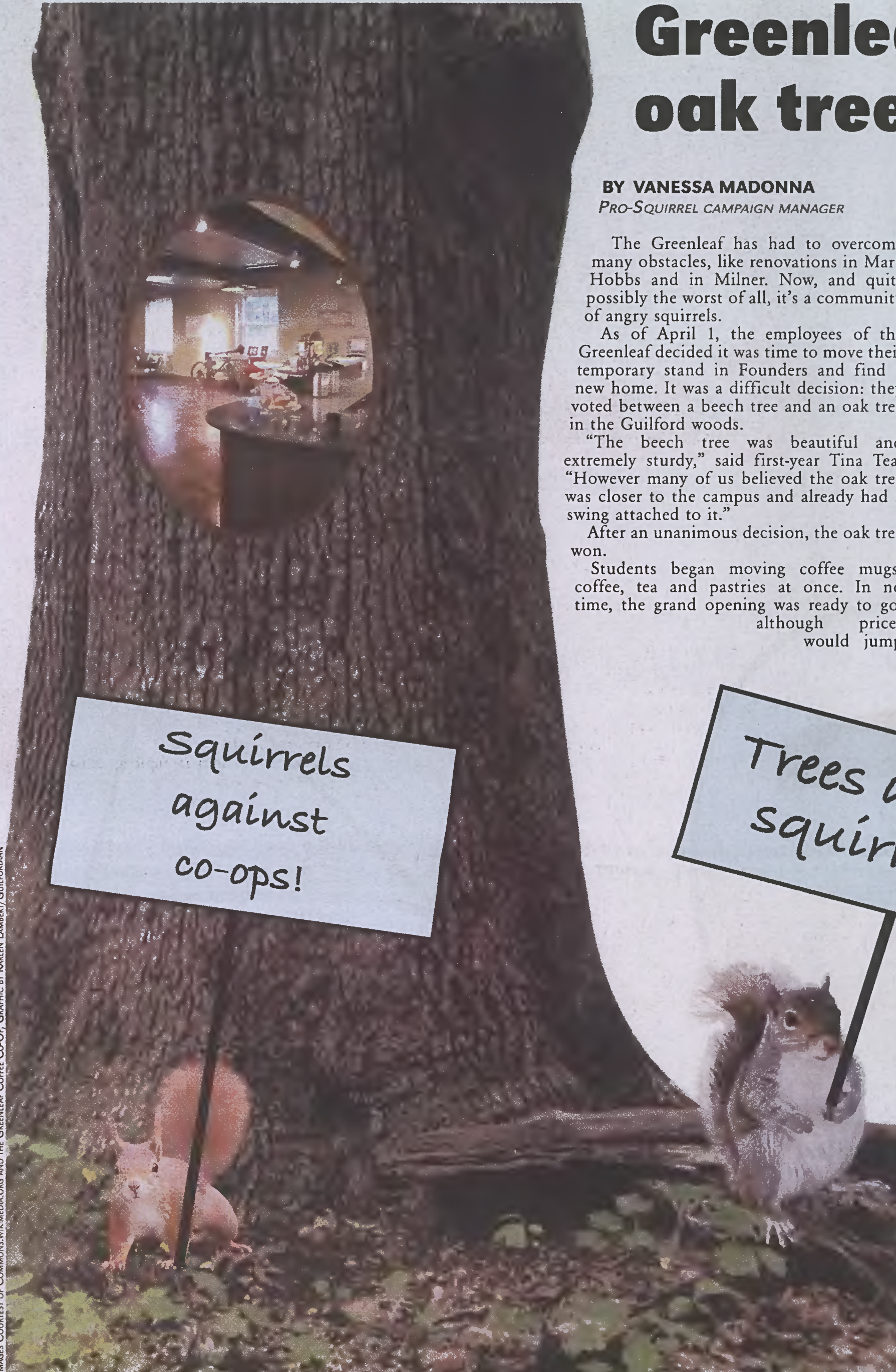
With the help of pro-squirrel-only students, squirrels were able to march in front of founders with 'Greenleaf leave oaks' posters. Public Safety officers had to step in, removing the squirrels from the front of the building.

"The squirrels have gone mad," said Director of Public Safety Ron Stowe.

With all of the chaos going on, some of faculty believes that something must be done at once.

"I believe what we need is an agreement," said Carter. "We need a way in which the squirrels can live peacefully and the students can get their coffee."

After seeing the trouble it was causing, President Jane Fernandes decided it was time to do something. After setting up her cage fight with Kent Chabotar, Fernandes thought it would be a fantastic idea to have a Quaker duel for the tree.



IMAGES COURTESY OF COMMONS.WIENEDIA.ORG AND THE GREENLEAF COFFEE CO-OP. GRAPHIC BY KARLEN LAMBERT/GUILFORDIAN

BY NICOLE ZELNIKER  
OVERACHIEVER  
NEWS BEYOND BELIEF

The South, Y'all	Squirrel Nation	Inside the Bubble	Hendricks Underground Lair
<p>It's official. Governor Pat McCrory has decided that North Carolina cannot handle two inches of snow yearly. The only logical thing to do is to permanently shut down the whole state. Much of the backlash, mostly from curmudgeonly northerners, revolves around the fact that the two days it snows in North Carolina do not matter when you look at the other 363 days of the year. Though now-former-North Carolinians feel betrayed, you can rest easy knowing that we have allies at Sweet Briar who are feeling the same way.</p>	<p>Staff and students alike were upset when the report came out stating that fat pay bonuses were given to select administrators in spite of the budget crisis. The solution according current president Jane Fernandez is to replace the entire administration with squirrels. Wait, it actually does make sense. According to Kent Chabotar, squirrels like acorns. Guilford, an eco-friendly school, has lots of trees. Trees grow acorns. Acorns are cheaper than cash. Therefore, if an administrator gets a bonus, no one has to worry about the budget crisis. The only problem we will have is firing the plethora of current administrators.</p>	<p>The newest Guilford College production, the Penis Monologues, has been set in motion by Guilford's newest club Girls, Really? Only Semen Succeed. GROSS was formed as a response to Feminism Redefined and Allied in Multicultural Experiences. According to sophomore GROSS founder Joe Doosh, women can talk about their experiences only as long as men can talk about their privilege and, above all, their penises. The production, scheduled to premier next year, will include stories from Rand Paul and Richard Nixon as well as Russell Crowe. All the proceeds will go to axe hairspray for Doosh and the founding members of GROSS.</p>	<p>We have all seen the Girl Scouts in Founders, but they may not be as innocent as they seem. That's right: the Girl Scouts have a secret plot to take over Hendricks Hall, but do not panic. According to one mother of a Girl Scout, the plot to take over Hendricks ultimately ends with the Girl Scouts giving the building back to the Center for Continuing Education. Due to recent budget cuts, Fernandes plans to make Hendricks her headquarters for translating squirrel language. One CCE student and Girl Scout mom decided to take the building back, and the Girl Scouts are here to help.</p>