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SPORTS

## Biohazard players thrive on fun, competition

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The Guilford Ultimate Frisbee team, deemed Biohazard, is truly a unique group. Upon approaching the field, I was enthralled by upbeat music, impeccable attitude, and an overall sense of comfort and enjoyment on the field.

For sophomore and Treasurer Ivey Long, who has played on many organized team sports, Biohazard is much more than just the team.

"This is my favorite (sport) because I feel more comfortable with myself out here," said Long. "Biohazard is one of the reasons I'm staying at Guilford."

This distinct atmosphere, while competitive, is made possible by eager players and productive leadership.

Captains Rory Smyth and Molly Gibbs

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NEWS

## Town hall addresses LGBT rights

LOCAL SUCCESSES,  
NATIONAL STRUGGLES  
OF LGBT ORGANIZATIONS  
SPARK COMMUNITY  
DISCUSSION

By Omar Hamad  
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"I am thankful to be able to work every day and not fear being open about who I am," said Guilford County teacher Tony Philpott, as he addressed a crowd of 60 people gathered in the International Civil Rights Museum.

Philpott was one of five panel speakers at a town hall meeting held on Sept. 16, sponsored by Equality N.C. and the Human Rights Council (HRC). The two groups focused on the advancement of civil rights for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community.

The LGBT community's efforts to achieve full equality and acceptance in society are now at the forefront of

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The International Civil Rights Center and Museum hosted a town hall meeting on Sept. 17 co-sponsored by the Equality NC Foundation and the Human Rights Campaign. Over 60 people joined panel members to discuss legal discrimination against LGBT citizens and steps to gain equal rights.

WORLD & NATION

## Microsoft gives blanket computer license to NGOs

By Alex Minkin  
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Russia has confiscated non-governmental organizations' (NGO) computers for three years until a recent story caught the eyes of The New York Times. Microsoft responded by giving a blanket license to NGOs all over the world.

Imagine if every college student accused of illegally downloading music was forced to hand over their computers to the government. The country would collectively let loose a shrill whine until the authorities

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2,000 protesters and advocates gather in Irkutsk to rally for protection of Lake Baikal.

FEATURES

## Events initiate dialogue about Middle East

By Amanda Dahill-Moore  
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It is difficult to discuss the Middle East without acknowledging the political disturbances that threaten to shake the bedrock of some societies. But while political upheaval takes on a historical context in the eyes of outsiders, there are human beings whose lives are defined by these conflicts.

The first-ever Middle East Emphasis Week, organized by the Friends Center, took place from Sept. 11 through Sept. 17 and sought to address some of these issues.

The hope was to "highlight the global opportunities available to the Guilford community and give voice to those for whom issues in the Middle East are very important," said Max Carter, director of the friends center and campus ministry coordinator.

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Julia Hurley, of the American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights, spoke on Sept. 15. The gathering at New Garden Friends Meeting was part of Guilford's Middle East Emphasis Week.

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