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WORLD & NATION

Hurricane Irene sparks climate change debate

THE INCREASING HEAT OF THE ATMOSPHERE MAY CAUSE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND FREQUENT STORMS

By Charlotte Hudson
STAFF WRITER

The 2011 hurricane season kicked off with its first major hurricane on Aug. 20, causing widespread damage throughout the Caribbean and the Atlantic Coast, reaching up to eastern Canada.

Hurricane Irene started as a category three hurricane, first hitting the Bahamas on Aug. 24 and moving northward throughout the East Coast and beyond, reaching up to New York and Vermont.

According to The New York Times, 55 million people were affected, and transit systems in New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. were shut down. Having left at least 44 people dead in thirteen states, Irene is the most serious hurricane to have occurred so far this year.

"Mother nature takes no prisoners," Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Robert Duncan said.

The severity of Irene has raised a hotly debated question; was Irene caused by global warming?

"It's hard to say," said Associate Professor of Geology David Dobson in an email interview. "In the simplest terms, heat is the fuel that drives hurricanes, so having more heat in the atmosphere and ocean means we'll likely get either more frequent or more intense storms (or both). Global warming has affected and will continue to affect hurricanes, but it is impossible to assign an individual storm to global warming."

However, the debate rages on as those

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FEATURES

SLRP II to improve study abroad at Guilford



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Marissa Dungan '12, Lauren Schloss '12, Ruby Doherty-Dilworth '12, and Justin Kirchner '12 smile and pose in Northern Ghana last spring.

SECOND STRATEGIC LONG RANGE PLAN WILL EMPHASIZE INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

By Meg Holden & Adrienne Mattson-Perdue
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Some want to study animals in their native habitats. Some want to practice a foreign language. Some just want to get out of Greensboro for a semester.

Whatever their motivations, Guilford students love taking advantage of the study abroad options available through the school. Most students who have studied abroad praise the experience as both intellectually and culturally stimulating.

"Being able to live in community with another group of people who were not from America helped me to grow as a person," said senior Kieran Brackbill, who studied abroad in London, in an online interview. "It forced me to get outside of my American customs a bit and learn new ways of seeing the world."

For others, the experience of studying abroad was valuable but could have been improved.

"My experience studying with nine Guilford students and no native Germans seriously limited my ability to integrate into German society," said senior Ryan Sanders, who went to Munich with a Guilford-led program. "I think it would be great if we had a program in Germany through a university so we could experience a German education and form friendships with Germans our age."

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NEWS

House and Senate bills may prohibit same sex marriage

By David Pferdekamper & James Williamson
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The North Carolina legislature will convene on Monday, Sept. 12 to consider Senate Bill 106 and House Bill 777. The bills would make a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, an issue on the ballot for the 2012 general election, in addition to an amendment to only legally recognize opposite-sex unions.

"It's an issue for everybody and will directly affect LGBTQA, civil

unions, and common law marriage," said Justin Shreve '11, a hall director and co-advisor of Pride. "North Carolinians, regardless of identity and sexual orientation, need to stand up and fight for basic human rights."

Opponents say that this legislation will perpetuate inequality and prolong regressive Southern policies.

"Part of Southern hospitality is to live and let live and that social contract is being broken," said Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology

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North Carolina residents in Charlotte ignore the rain to protest the bills that are being reviewed in Senate and the House.

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