

## "Greensboro Hunger Cleanup" Joined by Guilford

For the first time Guilford College will participate in Hunger Cleanup, a national project organized by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger. Together with UNCG, A&T and Greensboro College, Guilford is calling the project "Greensboro Hunger Cleanup."

The philosophy behind Hunger Cleanup is that students are able to benefit their community doubly, in cleaning up areas of the community and in financially aiding a local service agency which deals with hunger. In this way, the effort is somewhat more beneficial than a walk-a-thon, a bike-a-thon, or most other types of fund-raisers, because the sweat put

toward the good cause is sweat benefiting not only the participant, but the community at large as well.

UNCG is the driving force behind the Cleanup. Guilford, like A & T and Greensboro College, joined in somewhat late in the game, so Guilford students will be placed in work sites chosen by the UNCG group. These work sites include: 1) Greensboro Urban Ministry Night Shelter; 2) Pathways Family Shelter; and 3) an area behind Forum VI Mall (a site provided by Greensboro Parks and Recreation). UNCG will also include its own campus as a work site.

Cleanup participants will work

from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 15th at one of these sites. They will be given a sponsor sheet before the event. The projected pledge goal for each participant is \$10.

Participants collect their pledges before Cleanup day. The total collected monies for the Greensboro project will go in part to a local service agency and in part to the National

Student Campaign Against Hunger. Fifty percent of the collected monies will go to Greensboro Urban Ministry food projects, and the other fifty percent to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger. Of the latter, half has been targeted to fund hand-dug well operations in Ethiopia.

Students are encouraged to become involved in the Cleanup, monetarily

if not physically. There will be a booth set up in Founders Lobby on most days during lunch and dinner, until the Friday before the Cleanup. At this booth, sponsor sheets can be picked up and pledges made. For more information, call Laurel Nesbitt at 292-5565.

Laurel Nesbitt

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## Let's Continue to Affirm a Community

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify the context in which my name appears in a recent letter to the editor submitted by a concerned group of students regarding the "Legs Contest." While I cannot recall being asked to formally endorse the letter, I do support the basic principle which respects the rights of others and finding common ground to address issues directly with each other as a community. I do want to highlight certain dimensions of the "Legs Contest" issue which came forth as a result of the student editorial and the cancellation of the event.

In my discussions with two of the students who composed last week's letter to the editor, their intent was not focused on having the "Legs Contest" cancelled but to outline their concerns of a coed activity where men parody women and women are depicted in a dehumanizing manner fashioned around their body parts. The manner in which they chose to express their concerns via a public forum did not come without human costs for everyone who was closely

involved and impacted by the airing of these issues.

This example illustrates the equal and important lesson of a "give and take" process which not only allows the concerned groups to air their grievances but also respects the right of response from other groups whose decisions were contended: the off-campus representatives on SRC, Milner Hall Council and the Union Serendipity Committee.

In a recent meeting of the Senate, time was appropriated to address student concerns raised by the "Legs Contest." This was the first time all of the groups involved with the issue met expressing their intentions, clarifying their concerns and sharing diverse points of views on the matter. A substantive and illuminating exchange occurred but not without provoking the anger of some groups who felt they never had an opportunity to respond to the women's concerns initially or the cancellation of the event.

I believe that as a community we do share common ground, common

concerns and ideas related to improving the quality of campus life and programs for everyone. Issues such as sexism and racism will continue to challenge us, and how we respond to each other in finding the common ground we share in our connections both inside and outside of the classroom. Being a community dedicated to responding to the diverse needs of our members, let us remind ourselves to be clear with each other first. Let us also not lose sight of the importance of process as a means towards clarity - clarity in our interactions with each other and in understanding the diverse perspectives and values which makes our community unique. Let us continue to affirm the notion of compassion in all that we do, for through compassion, we acknowledge and take responsibility for our own actions while living and working within the context of the Guilford College community.

Joanna M. Iwata

## Surveys Say Marriott Food Improving

by Laura Seel

Were you one of the lucky few to participate in Marriott's springtime "how are we doing?" survey? If so, applaud yourself, for you contributed to a very worthy cause. You surveyees were an optimistic bunch; the cafeteria's food service was rated higher this semester than in previous years.

The survey was handed out to cafeteria-goers on March 16. Marriott traditionally surveys the students once a semester to assess the positive and negative aspects of dining meal-plan style.

Those surveyed rated all facets of Marriott service on a scale from 1 (poor) to 7 (excellent). If the average rating of a category falls below 3, Marriott considers it a problem area. "Taste and flavor of food" scored lowest this semester (2.8). Tim Tyree,

Food Service Manager, has discussed this with the cooks and hopefully improvements will be made. (I know what some of you are saying — there's nowhere to go but up!)

The next lowest was "overall value" (3.07). For some reason, students don't feel that they are getting what they pay for. Tyree says that the lack of meal plan options is a major factor in student dissatisfaction. A solution is on the way, however; Tyree says that options should be available by next fall.

The highest rating achieved was in the area of "appearance of service personnel" (4.8), and "appearance of serving area" (4.73) was not far behind. Particularly gratifying to the cafeteria staff were the 4.47 rating for "courtesy and helpfulness of staff" and 4.43 for "friendliness of staff".

"These were focus areas for last semester," says Tyree, and apparently students appreciate the effort. All responses related to the staff were well above 4. This may have something to do with more students working in the cafeteria, but we mustn't overlook those friendly faces we've seen behind the counter year after year — the regular staff.

The overall rating was 3.96, the highest total Marriott has achieved at Guilford. The comments and numerical results will be further evaluated by Marriott's District Manager when he pops in for a visit next week. Though fewer students returned surveys this year, the feeling in "the caf" these days is overwhelmingly positive. It's a hopeful sign for the future of Quaker cuisine.