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Subway to open soon in Underground

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All is quiet in the Underground. Soon, however, a Subway will be installed.

No, this is not an attempt to improve Guilford College transportation unless, of course, you plan to hitch a ride on a ham and cheese.

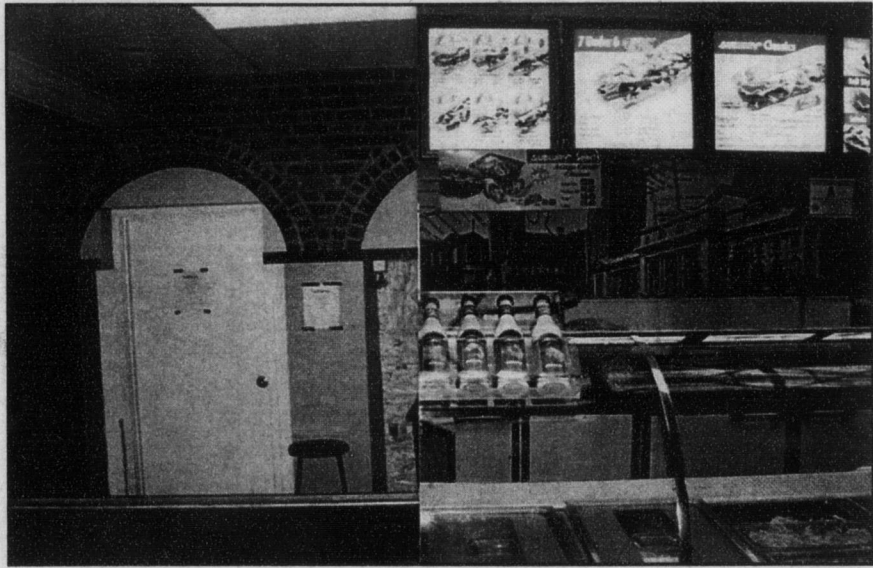
In reality, the popular hoagie chain will open for business on campus.

Plans to renovate the Underground have been in the works since spring when Sodexo-Marriot announced it had no intentions of further operating it.

"We couldn't have [the Underground] empty," said Dawn Watkins, Associate Dean for Community Activities. "You can't just let a whole portion of your student center die."

Watkins worked with various other administrators over the summer to secure the future of the Underground. By late June, however, arrangements with both Quizno's Classic Subs and Papa John's Pizza had failed.

Watkins then began consulting with Chris Bullin, manager of Subway on West Market Street. After much deliberation, the final contracts were signed in the beginning of August. "We finally came to a point," Watkins stated,



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Didn't you know that most Subways are Underground?

"when everyone said, 'Okay. This is a good agreement. This will work.'"

Subway and Guilford College have projected opening day for September 15th.

As part of their agreement with Guilford, Subway has agreed to a contracted minimum operation hours of six o'clock to midnight Monday through Saturday, which could be extended based on student demand. Subway has also agreed to hire primarily student workers, a stipulation in their contract with the college that Watkins enthusiastically supported. Watkins hopes both these steps will pro-

mote business and restore the social draw of the Underground.

"Most people have been thrilled," Watkins said of student reaction. As a part of the decision-making process this summer, Watkins and other Student Life workers sought student input and opinion. "I don't feel like the decision was made in isolation," Watkins remarked.

In addition, Guilford's student government has been asking for a new restaurant in the Underground for a number of years.

Ari Betof, a junior on campus this

summer working as a CHAOS Team Leader and Avanti Coordinator, was one of the many students -- who Betof felt constituted "a good representation of the student body" -- to consult with Watkins this summer. "[Watkins] got a lot of feedback from us repeatedly," Betof noted. "The decision adhered well to the core ideals of the Quaker process."

Watkins, however, acknowledged the possibility of a negative student reaction. "One of the things I was worried about," she said, "[was] are there going to be people who say we don't want more corporate presence on campus? I am sure there are going to be some folks who are not happy about [Subway]."

Kristina Millhiser, a sophomore at Guilford, is one such person. "I am upset that I could not voice my opinion," she said. "I think the big reason we were not told about [Subway] is because they were afraid bookstore-related protests would arise again. I think they are probably right."

Watkins emphasized the fact that the outsourcing of the Underground is nothing new; Sodexo-Marriot is an outside corporation.

A Subway is coming, good news for those people who think it is "the way a sandwich should be." Some people wonder, though, if the Subway decision adheres with the way this college should be..

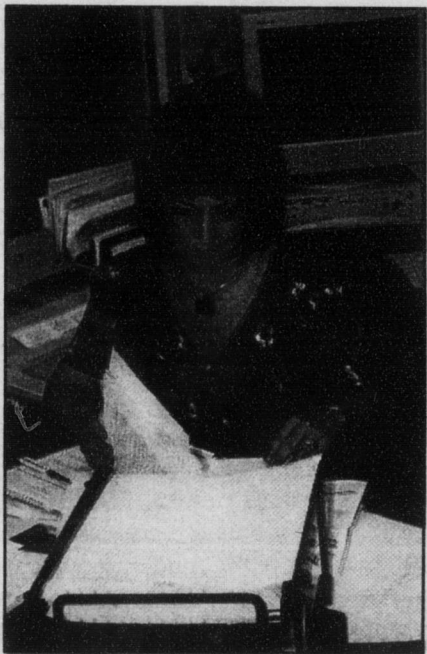
Cadre to continue despite rumors

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Any rumors of the Cadre Program being discontinued are just that, rumors.

"No final decisions have been made yet on the program," said Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer Jackie Ostasiewski. "There are just recommendations being made by the Strategic Planning Task Force to be presented at the September 21-23 meeting of the Board of Trustees."

This past summer the Strategic Planning Task Force met to discuss what



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Jackie Ostasiewski hard at work

impact programs like Cadre have on the college, but no formal decisions have yet been made to discontinue any of them.

In 1997, Cadre was formed with the hope of helping both the college itself and the students it serves. The school needed work to be done on the campus and was looking for a way to use the resources it already had on its campus: students.

Students are invited to stay on campus with free room and board, and have the option to take up to two classes of-

fered by the summer school program, and are required to work for

the school. The students are paid minimum wage for a 30-hour work week.

If the program was cut at all "the students would react extremely negatively," said junior Ari Betof, a participant in the Cadre program. "And students would wonder why the school would get rid of such a great program."

Ostasiewski explained the situation. "The Cadre Program is not in serious jeopardy," she said. "The Strategic Planning Task Force is looking at every program, from CCE, summer school, as well

as the Cadre Program." They are looking to see what impact each has on the school's revenues and expenditures, and whether the impact is negative or positive.

Those programs are financed through the operations cost of the school and the Task Force is looking for a way to save that money. In September, it will give its report to the Board of Trustees for evaluation and then some programs may be studied further.

As for the rumors about the Cadre Program, there have been no final decisions made on it or any other program at school.

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