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**FEATURES** 

## Renovations transform campus spaces



Renovations on campus include a new serving line in the dining hall, transformation of the community center and an upgraded welcome desk, pictured here.

SUMMER USHERS IN NEW CHANGES THAT ARE BOTH FUNCTIONAL AND ATTRACTIVE

By Renee Leach
STAFF WRITER

Returning students whose workloads have already demanded a trip to the library might have been met with a pleasant surprise.

The front lobby of Hege Library emerged from this past summer with a refreshing facelift. After visitors and staff are whisked through the pair of ethereal automatic sliding doors, they are greeted by a seating area and renovated front desk made all the more inviting by the soothing color theme

· "(It's a) fresh, more current, updated look, and certainly a better usage of space," said Anna Ray of Access Services.

"Fresh" and "better usage of space" were both recurring motifs in the many changes that have occurred on campus since last spring. Some of the most dramatic changes are noticeable in Hege Library, the offices and Alumni Gym of the P.E. Center, the dining hall, and the new Community Centec concert space.

Jonathan Varnell, vice president for administration, played a key role in many of the recent projects. He described two of the most important objectives of any campus construction project to be furthering the "goal of the building" and "code and stylistics." He provided the cafeteria's new set-up as an example, where changes were

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WORLD & NATION

## Historic famine crisis hits East Africa

By Travis Linville
STAFF WRITER

It has been called a crisis, an emergency, and a catastrophe. Whatever it is called, the hunger and food shortage in several East African countries — including Somalia, Djibouti, Kenya, and Ethiopia — is affecting 12 million people.

The United Nations officially declared parts of southern Somalia to be in famine in July. The United States estimates that 29,000 children have died in Somalia as a result of famine

conditions. With 640,000 Somali children malnourished, more deaths are expected, according to the UN.

The Huffington Post reports seven deaths per 10,000 refugees daily in Ethiopia's Dolo Ado area. Women and children are especially at risk, according to the UN News Centre.

The UN reports over 860,000 refugees from Somalia have fled to neighboring countries. Dadaab, home to a series of refugee camps in Kenya, holds 440,000 people, according to

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Women and children await aid in overcrowded refugee camps after being driven from their homes by famine.

NEWS

## Auditing team aims to reduce energy and cost

GRANT GIVES GUILFORD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A SNAPSHOT OF THE ENERGY USED ON CAMPUS

By Charlotte Cloyd
STAFF WRITER

With the beginning of a new school year, the administration has implemented new tactics to investigate how Guilford College can become a more sustainable and cost-conscious institution.

The new implementation has taken the form of an audit team made up of energy team support services assistant David Munro '09, energy data specialists Damien Markiewicz and Dustin Scott, and energy team intern and senior Alexis Goldman, who are all supervised by project manager Brett Hacker.

"The energy audit is a review of our current electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems," said Hacker. "We make recommendations to better the efficiency of any of those systems."

The auditing team has the daunting task of observing every building on campus and documenting the energy output for each building. The team has completed the auditing process for 13 of the 47 buildings.

"The process takes about one to two weeks to complete depending on the complexity of the energy systems of the buildings," said Hacker.

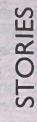
Guilford received a grant from the state funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act after Jonathan Varnell, vice president for administration, wrote the grant proposal during the 2010-11 school year in conjunction with the Office of Advancement. The grant provides the

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## This week online



New faculty members by Millie Carter





South Sudan becomes Africa's newest country

By Becca Heller



Artic melting gives makes new ground accessible

By Chassidy Crump

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