

Students' overall well-being a priority of CCE student government

CCE SGA WORKS ON CREATING EVENTS THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF CCE STUDENTS. THE UPCOMING HEALTHFAIR IS ONE PLANNED EVENT THAT AIMS TO MEET THE SERIOUS NEEDS OF STUDENTS.

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The Center for Continuing Education Student Government Association (CCE SGA) has officially kick-started its semester.

"CCE SGA is a student government body that tries to meet the specific needs of the adult degree students," said CCE SGA Activities Director and sophomore Lesia Lancaster. "We try to plan activities and to incorporate families, and just bring up the comfort level of being back in school for the adult students."

One of the challenges of the CCE SGA is creating a sense of community amid these already-busy commuter students.

"A lot of the time, students do this thing of going to school, coming back home," said Julius Ross, sophomore and CCE SGA vice president. "We put on events to break up that monotony."

Some of their popular programs include "Night on the Patio" and "Spring Fling," among other events that encourage CCE students to congregate and even bring their families.

This upcoming year looks a bit different.

"We don't want the SGA to be just a party-type group of people," said Ross.

The HealthFair is one of the more serious events in the works. At the fair, which will take place Nov. 18-19 in and around Hendricks Hall, a smattering of health-related organizations will be represented, ranging from the Red Cross to Guilford County Mental Health. UNCG nurses will be available to check blood pressure and diabetes and to test glucose.

These attractions were chosen to meet the unique needs of CCE students. For example, Weight Watchers was chosen as an important feature because, according to Lancaster, "going back to school, we find ourselves sitting a lot and gaining weight."

One of the main attractions will be the HealthFair bus.

"(The HealthFair bus) will offer basic procedures to give a person their overall wellness perspective for five years," said Lancaster. "We'll see probably 85 students that particular day and it will be free of charge to the students."

This fair will be especially applicable this year because of the drastic rise of health insurance cost for CCE students.

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"We have a lot of students whose insurance last year was about 300 dollars," said Ross. "Since then, it has increased to 3,000 dollars."

One of the aims of the fair is to encourage preventative measures, since so much is monetarily at stake for students if their health slips.

"We have also invited the school's health care to come and talk about why our insurance has gone up so much this year and to also address health care reform issues with the stu-



Jean Kelley (2nd from the left) and Yvette Bailey (M) and the rest of the CCE SGA body gather at a convention. The SGA is creating connections between traditional and CCE students.

dents," said Lancaster.

Ross admits that he does not expect to see many traditional students at the HealthFair, even though one of the fair's key objectives is prevention, something younger students can gain the most from.

In the coming season, the CCE SGA hopes to bridge the gap between the two groups of students in other ways. For example, the CCE SGA is planning on contributing to this spring's upcoming Serendipity.

"They are just as much a part of the community as we are," said junior and Serendipity Co-Chair Grace Chafin.

Collaboration can increase the overall budget for events, but the benefits extend far beyond funding.

"We can really learn from each other," said Ross. "We're old school."

Community Senate Update

stuff we did

Learned about the campus farm and its public farming hours (from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Fridays). Had a great discussion about sustainability, food service, and safety.

Having conversations with campus life and facilities about improvements to our campus.

stuff we're doing

stuff we're gonna do

Have an open forum with our food service provider in the next two weeks to provide student input on the quality of food and service.

Have an idea, input, or fantastic story from Guilford life? Contact senate@guilford.edu

Full Senate Meets at 7 p.m. in Boren on Wednesdays

Student Budget Committee meets at 8 p.m. in Boren on Mondays

stuff you wanna see done

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SAFETY

Students and staff discuss awareness, responsibility

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sexually suggestive way is indicative of a person who could do more harm.

"Many times, people who exhibit these behaviors are testing their boundaries," said Stowe. "Those behaviors sometimes graduate from 'flashing' to rape."

According to a report from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 25 percent of college women will be victims of rape or attempted rape before they graduate.

The report also said that women between the ages of 16 to 24 are most likely to be sexually assaulted.

Director of Student Judicial Affairs Sandy Bowles told The Guilfordian that in most assault cases, aspects other than the assault itself play a role in whether the act gets reported.

"Usually, in most of the cases seen at Guilford, sexual assaults are mixed up in a blanket of drugs and alcohol," said Bowles. "Students don't want to come forward for fear these additional factors may come into play."

In a Guilfordian survey, where 52 community members were polled over a two-day period and asked if they would report a sexual assault, 50 percent said they would, 9.6 percent said no because it would be embarrassing, 7.7 percent said they would not because no one would believe them, 21.2 percent said they do not know the right channels to report such activity, and 11.5 percent said flat-out no.

First-year Aviva Dintenfass said that in spite of the recent incidents on campus, she still feels pretty secure.

"Having attended other colleges, I know that I feel much safer in the Guilford community than I did in any of those institutions," said Dintenfass.

Some, however, say that the college has a responsibility to protect its members. Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Julie Winterich told The Guilfordian that it is not up to students to create a safe community — it is up to the institution.

"I think that Guilford has an opportunity both to improve its services for assault victims and to provide training for all members of the community about what assault and consent are so that we can better create and sustain a safe community," said Winterich.

A sophomore who wished to remain anonymous told The Guilfordian that she wondered about the aftermath of these crimes.

"I feel safe, but I do not trust the Guilford community and administration to have the means to deal with the after-effects of sexual assault on campus," she said.

Currently, Public Safety is urging all members of the community to be extremely vigilant and cautious of their surroundings.

"If anything seems out of the ordinary, students are encouraged to report suspicious activity to Public Safety or Greensboro Police Department immediately," said Stowe.