

An on-campus help for hunger

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About a year ago, a small group of students had an idea to benefit their peers in need. They decided to create a food pantry on campus, which, after much planning, had its grand opening on Monday, Sept. 3.

"The idea was brought up to us by a CCE student who witnessed her friends kind of struggling, and wondered if Guilford could do something about this," said junior Helen Mandalinic, food pantry co-founder.

"It seemed really weird for us not to address hunger here on campus," said sophomore Noelle Lane, food pantry co-founder. "Caring for your community should just be something that happens anyway. There was an on-campus issue, and nothing was really being done to publicize it or anything like that."

When it was clear that students needed the support, the planning began.

Their main issue was finding a place for the food pantry, but the program eventually found a location in



the Bonner Center for Community Learning, located just past Dana Auditorium. The house holds non-perishable foods in a large closet, giving the food to any student who needs it. It is open from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

"(The food pantry is) also for staff members, because we're aware that there are staff members that get here early in the morning, have three or four jobs, (and) have family at home," said senior Chelsey Wilson, Bonner Center hunger fellow and food pantry co-founder. "So if there's someone who missed that week of groceries, we are here for them, and we're here for the students."

The program also aims to offer fresh produce.

"We have the farmers' market (to provide food), which just started this summer, that takes food from different farms," Mandalinic said. "(It's) just the Guilford Farm right now but it's going to grow ... Students can get (produce) cheap, but it's still organic."

Since the program is just beginning, the founders hope to gain support to sustain the food pantry for years to come.

"Of course we don't want hunger to be a problem, but we want (the food pantry) to be here for a student or staff member in need," Wilson said. "Even if just two people use it, those two people might now have food."

"A person shouldn't have to choose between food and education," Lane said. "Having to make that decision is just too much for one person."

The coordinators hope that the food pantry will reduce the issue of hunger on campus and establish a sense of community, carrying on the tradition of social awareness on campus.

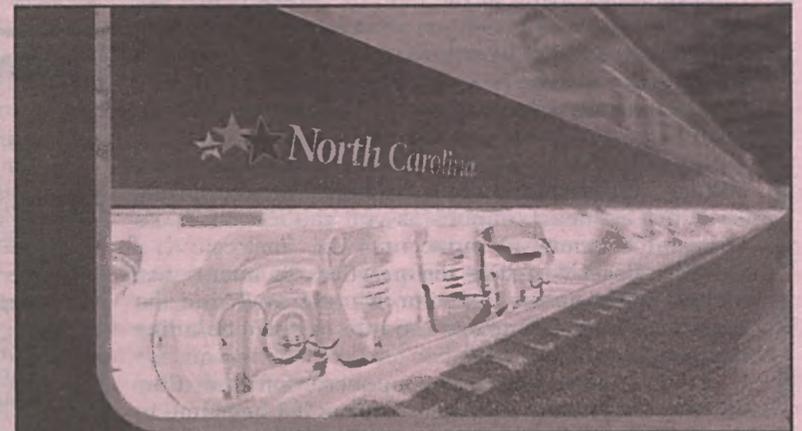
"I think Guilford is a great opportunity to try out things you want to do in the real world, and basically we're sitting here creating businesses the one time that we have," said Mandalinic. "A lot of resources are available to us here, and when you graduate, you might lose some of those resources. So it's a really good time to get other students involved ... and I think it's really important that we are active and start our education and jobs now, not wait until we graduate."

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Modified Grill and Quakeria hours call for community forum

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Guilford's administration recently modified the dining facilities' hours of operation due to the recent budgetary shortfall.

Shortened hours are now in effect for all on-campus dining options during the week, and the Quakeria and the Grill are completely closed on Saturdays. This means that on Saturdays, the only on-campus food option for students is a sit-down meal at the caf, since taking meals "to-go" is prohibited.

"Saturdays typically have a very low usage number, and Fridays as well," said Jon Varnell, vice president for administration, in regards to the Grill and Quakeria traffic. "We attempted to make adjustments that least affected the student body."

"I want to be able to eat when I want to eat, no restrictions," said sophomore India Good-Prochaska. "Saturday is the main day I want to stop by and eat at the Grill."

The altered hours have had major effects on students with strict schedules.

"The hours last semester were perfect for me," said second semester first-year Ambure Edwards. "They allowed me to take my medicines on time. Because of the new hours I can't take my medicines on time, so that messes up my day. That throws me off majorly."

Students are also irritated that they only

heard of these changes by word of mouth instead of an official college announcement.

"I first heard of the hours through a friend who expressed frustration," senior Kim Kleimeier said. "Give the students more opportunities to eat. The caf can get really crowded a lot of times and most of the food is gone, and it's frustrating because I only have certain times I can eat and I'm trying to save money."

The new hours were posted on the Guilford dining website as well as at the front desk of the dining hall. Still, a number of students discovered the brand new hours when they went in search of a late-night meal and came away empty-handed.

"I walked over to the Grill at 11:30 p.m. last Wednesday and it was closed," said sophomore Niki Gaines. "So I returned home hungry and pissed off."

"Kids will never go back to their dorms hungry," said Snehal Desmukh, director of dining services. "We don't want to burden our students and families with additional meal cost prices other than the minimal increase that happens every year."

Before the fall semester started, administrators nominated two students to serve on a dining committee that helps determine future decisions.

"It's funny — when decisions are made here, the first reaction is 'Man, you guys did this to us on purpose,'" said Aaron Fetrow,

vice president for student affairs and dean of students. "Not at all — we are just trying to help and keep costs down for students and parents."

"I'd like some sort of discussion between the students who share this frustration and the people who implemented the new hours," Kleimeier said. "I'd like to know their thoughts on making this decision."

Guilford Dining Services held an open

forum on Tuesday, Sept. 4, where several students voiced their concerns on the new dining hours. Community Senate also touched on the subject during their meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Whether these concerns will bring about change remains to be seen.

"If we change the hours, that's where it will be changed, through the forums," said Leisman. "Whatever the students want is possible."



Quakeria and Grill workers continue to prepare food for everyone during the facilities' new hours.