

CAB organizes Valentine's themed events

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With Valentines just days away, the Campus Activity Board (CAB) has planned events to make sure that students get in the romantic mood just before the big day.

Jabali Afrika filled Dunham Auditorium with traditional African style music on Monday at 9 p.m. Perhaps the most anticipated event on campus was the Bear 2 Build event that took place on Tuesday.

Many students gathered in the Underground of Coltrane Commons to assemble their very own stuffed bear. The event took place on Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Students could come home with a stuffed bear, either for themselves or their valentines. Also, there were other animals like dogs, cats and even elephants available.

As well as stuffing bears, students could also send out candy grams to their valentines during the week. "It's a pretty cool event that all of us in CAB were excited about," executive member of CAB Amanda McBriar said.

Today, Feb. 10, CAB and the Literary Society are collaboratively hosting a Romantic Poetry open mic night at the Coffeeshop. The event will take place from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

"People could read poems they wrote, or they could read poems written by other authors," President of BC Literary Society, Elizabeth Kitchens said. Students could also dedicate poems to their Valentines.

Other events happening this week include: decorating sugar cookies in Myer's Dining hall during lunch on Thursday and Friday and a romantic movie marathon that will be playing during lunch in Myers. The week will finish off with the "Crimes of the Heart" production that will be taking place from February 11-14 in the Porter Center for Performing Arts.

With all of these events happening this week, it's hard not to get in the Valentine's mood.



BC students Molly Riddle and Julie Kroll attended the event dedicated to local food at UNC-Chapel Hill

Students push for local food

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Students from surrounding universities and colleges in North Carolina gathered at UNC – Chapel Hill from Feb. 5-7 to learn about local food, at an event hosted by the organization known as Real Food Challenge.

This event taught attending students who to contact at school and how to go about getting local food in the college and university cafeterias.

BC students Molly Riddle and Julie Kroll attended the event, bringing back with them knowledge and determination to have more students get informed.

"I heard about the event through a friend at NC State, and thought it was something worth checking out," Riddle said, "The organization is helping students get the tools to get local food and now it's up to the students to use them."

BC Greens, the environmental club on campus, has picked up the campaign and backs Riddle and Kroll. "Right now we're in the beginning stages, where we're working on meeting with Sarj (Director of Dining Services) and David Joyce (President of BC) to get the ball rolling," Kroll said. The whole weekend was dedicated to introducing the steps students needed to take in order to get local food, beginning with finding student interest and taking it to the president of the school.

"Here it's much easier than the other big schools. We have a lot of student interest and it's easy to contact people," Riddle said, "I emailed David Joyce and he responded in 10 minutes. That doesn't happen at the big schools." While the initial process has been expedited, the campaign is still in the beginning stages.

Riddle and Kroll said the Real Food Chal-

lenge organization gave a lot of information on how to get in touch with the right people but there was little information on what to do after that. Kroll said several contacts were given out, and a representative for the organization is based in Asheville, which the two plan to utilize frequently.

Riddle and Kroll hopes to spread the word on campus now to get more students involved with the project of getting local food in the cafeteria. "I mean for one, hey freshmen, you don't have to get the Freshmen 15," Kroll said, "But really, it does affect everyone and it's an issue we should all get behind."

Riddle's goal to have more student interest is to host cookouts and allow students to taste-test local food versus the food that has been shipped across the country to be served in the cafeteria. Riddle said a taste-testing event would allow people to really notice a difference and it would allow advertisement for local farmers and businesses.

"I think we preach and preach and preach at our school about being connected with our community and having local food being served at meals, I mean, how much more connected can you get than that?" Riddle said, "We want to campaign with where our money is going. Right now, instead of putting money back into our community, we're paying these massive industries and that is not a sustainable world that we should be investing in. I just think we can get better food, we can support the community, support our farmers and really make a difference."

For more information on the Real Food Challenge organization, visit <http://www.realfoodchallenge.org> and for more information on how BC is taking action, BC Greens meets Thursday nights on campus.