

Internship/Volunteer fair celebrates its ten-year anniversary

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Guilford students' efforts in volunteer activities have branched into criminal justice, animal care, and helping local Greensboro youths.

The Volunteer Fair celebrated its ten-year anniversary this year. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, in Sternberger Auditorium, students were offered the opportunity to explore 37 local Greensboro organizations.

This year's focus was on the freshmen class. "This is the time to be thinking of internships for next semester, next year, or even over the summer," said James Shields, Director of Community Learning.

The fair offered a diverse collection of volunteer opportunities including mentoring with programs such as Big Brother, Big Sister, help



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African Coalition booth at the Internship/Volunteer Fair

with the elderly, environmental conservancy and tutoring. "Guilford students have prevented at-risk students from failing with their tutoring efforts," said Cassandra Thompson of the Black Child Development Institute of Greensboro.

Many of the organizations have a long history with Guilford College. All of the volunteer sites, except the YMCA, have been present on Guilford's campus for 5

years or more. Twelve of the 37 organizations are student-led. One example is the weekly discussion with inmates at the McLeansville prison. "Students get to have open discussions with inmates," said Guilford senior Sunny Matthews.

Students can also help with programs that benefit animals at the

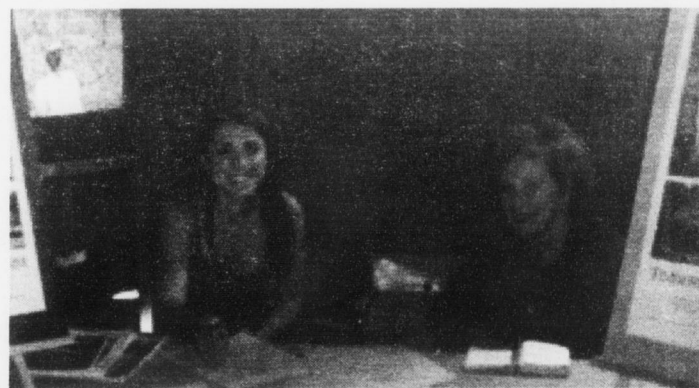
Humane Society of Guilford County. "Students walk dogs, two or three times a week. They form bonds with the shyer animals, help bring them out," said Humane Society representative and Guilford alum Mary Joyce.

Unfortunately, many first-years fight the time constraints. "I don't have the free time to volunteer," said first-year

Brice Tarleton.

Though many students face obstacles in volunteering such as transportation and busy schedules, these programs are beneficial to the community.

"It gives students something valuable to do in their spare time, something that enriches them and their surroundings," said senior Chaos/Avanti leader Angela Hunnewell.



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Environmental booth at the Internship/Volunteer fair

WQFS is the only alternative

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a daily basis. "It is really great for the community. There is a lot of music out there that no one hears on the regular stations. WQFS plays this type of music."

WQFS's variety of programming includes bluegrass, lounge-swing, world, ska, punk, industrial, urban, NC artists, and electronica. This selection of genres allows for a diverse society at Guilford.

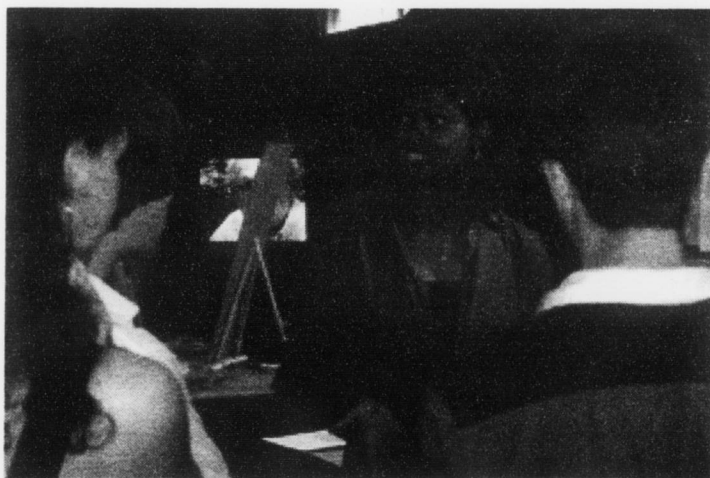
The college environment is fragile and changes every year, but WQFS is a constant.

This year, Princeton Review ranked WQFS as the number four college radio station in the country. But that should come as no surprise. WQFS has made their Top 10 list for three years running in the college radio category.

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If you're interested in becoming a DJ for WQFS, there is bi-weekly meeting in the Commons of Founders Hall, on the Guilford College campus. The WQFS office number is 336-316-2352 and for requests 336-316-2444.



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Students at Guilford's Internship/Volunteer fair