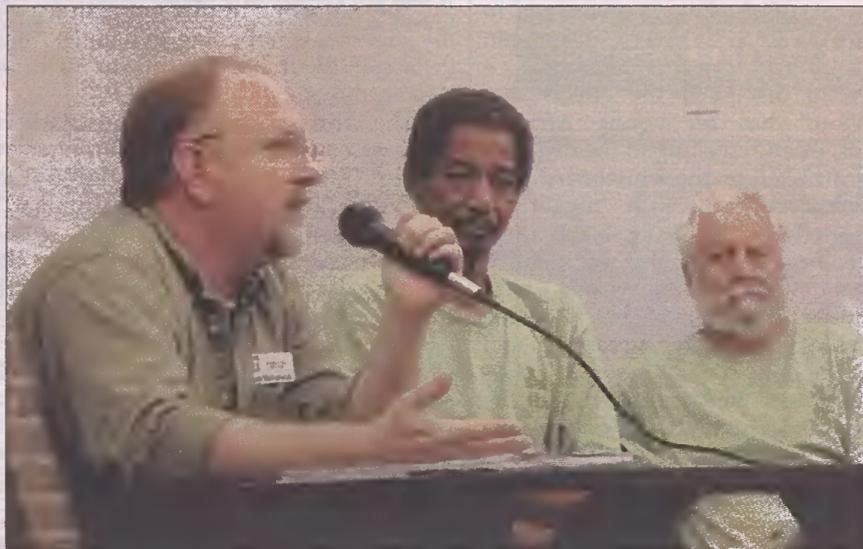


Panel discusses hunger and sustainable agriculture



Bryan McFarland (Left), a New Creation Church hunger action advocate, stresses the importance of informed food choices while **Rick Tatum**, who experienced hunger firsthand, and **Frank Dew**, pastor at New Creation Church and chaplain at Greensboro Urban Ministry, look on.

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On Sept. 22, a panel of members of New Creation Community Presbyterian Church gathered in the Greenleaf to share their experiences with combating hunger both globally and in Greensboro.

Saron Smith-Hardin '09 organized the event as her first initiative as an intern at New Creation, located downtown on Elm Street.

"My work is to get people our age involved in hunger issues in the area through our church," said Smith-Hardin.

Smith-Hardin prompted the panel with the first question, "what does hunger look like to you and where have you seen hunger?"

The first to respond was Barbara Clawson, a Greensboro resident who has served for over 10 years on the hunger committee for her church, and traveled abroad to Congo and Ghana to help provide aid.

"When I envision hunger I think about the children who came to the nutrition rehab program in Congo that Pennies for Hunger

helped support," said Clawson. "I see women and children in Chiapas, Mexico, begging for food. I see families trying to make a living on very poor soil. I'll never forget the scenes I just described and that is not to lessen the scenes I see right here in Greensboro."

Another member of the panel, Rick Tatum experienced hunger firsthand for several years and is now involved in efforts at New Creation to provide hunger relief in Greensboro.

"I was there. My mom and daddy had it. But I lost it all," Tatum said. "I had it and just like that it was gone."

Frank Dew, pastor at New Creation Church and chaplain at Greensboro Urban Ministry, immediately thought of the hundreds of people fed daily by Potter's House, the Greensboro Urban Ministry soup kitchen.

"When I think of hunger, I think of the scene in our Potter's House soup kitchen," said Dew. "One of the most powerful things is when I look around and survey the crowd and see how many people bow their heads to thank God for the

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My transgendered life at Guilford

Editorial by Caiden Hogan
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College has always been termed as the time for self-discovery. Everyone learns more about themselves as the world opens up to them. I was no different. I was naïve and sheltered.

Up until last semester I didn't understand what it meant to be transgender. I read more about transmen (female to male) and began to identify with them. Their discovery from being born into one sex but identifying with the other gender sang true to how I was feeling.

My transition started off rocky. I had a hard time accepting myself for being a man and my fear of my friends leaving gripped my heart; the possibility of disownment from my family

petrified me. My life was going downhill fast. I started to tell my friends and family and was shocked at their acceptance. Not all transpeople have this luxury.

Over the summer, I started to develop into who I wanted to be. People were introduced to me as my transitioning name Caiden (as opposed to my birth name Caitlyn) and they called me he. As an RA, I knew that I had to let the Residence Life staff know about my gender.

Lili Sharpless helped pave the way for me by telling Susanna Young, area coordinator for Campus Life, that I had changed my name and that I'm trans and identify as male. Thanks to Lili and Susanna, when I showed up for Resident

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Number of international students below Diversity Plan goal

FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS AMONG FACTORS THAT LIMIT INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

By Madeline Lambelet
STAFF WRITER

Guilford's Diversity Plan calls for at least 3 percent of the school's population to be international students. The current number is only 16, less than 1 percent of the population. The Strategic Long Range Planning Committee has said that "additional work is necessary to increase the percentage of traditional students who are international students."

Randy Doss, vice president for enrollment services, has said that the reason for this is the financial cost of bringing in students from other countries. While American students get outside financial help from the government, as well as Guilford financial aid, international students depend more on the school for financial help.

"To endow scholarships (to international students) would take millions and millions of dollars," said Doss. "Think of it this way ... a

one million gift could yield 5% for scholarships. The college only draws 5% from its endowment. A one million endowment for scholarships allows the college to award \$50,000 in financial aid."

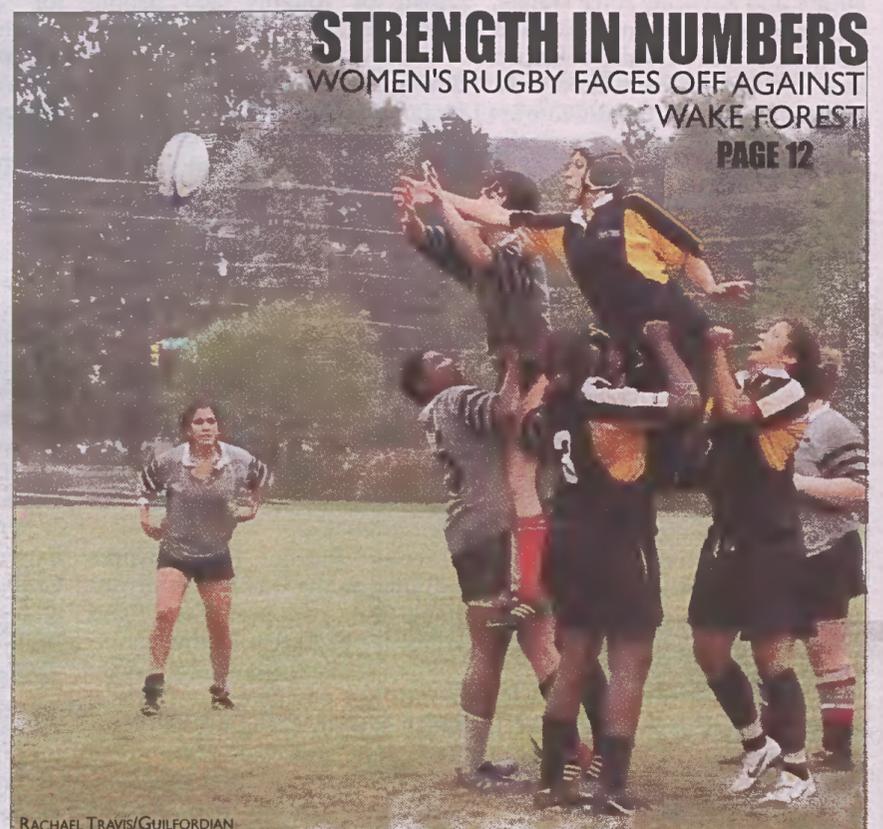
Recruiting international students is a difficult job when funds are low, according to Doss. Since the school currently cannot fit the salary of an official international admissions officer into the budget, others pick up the responsibilities.

"Let me make something very clear," said Doss. "We do have an international admissions counselor. Her name is Tanya Madenyika."

Tanya Madenyika, assistant director of admission/multicultural recruitment officer, works to recruit not only international students, but also North Carolina students.

"Having someone who can solely concentrate on international recruitment would help in increasing international students," said Madenyika. "However, it's a combined effort from the admission office, student financial services, academic departments, current students, etc. If Guilford is going to be 'home' for an international student for at least four years, they need all the information and all the support from all these areas

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