

# Caffeine comes to Collier

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Afterwords, the campus' new coffee bar, is scheduled to open on the first floor of Collier Library in the near future.

The tentative hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday from 7-11 p.m.

Alan Kinkead, general manager of Sodexo Dining Services at UNA, said the coffee bar will open "sometime next week" — possibly as early as Monday, contingent on when necessary equipment arrives.

While next week's opening may be rather quiet, Kinkead hopes to do a "grand opening promotion" later on.

Kinkead says that Afterwords will serve fresh-brewed coffee, "assorted soft drinks... energy drinks, and prepackaged muffins, Danishes, snacks, and chips."

Afterwords will accept Mane Cards as

well as cash.

Depending on students' response to the coffee bar, said Kinkead, there may be an expansion of "the hours or service line."

"If it takes off," said Dr. G. Garry Warren, dean of Information Technologies, "we would like for it to have a more café-type look."

The Student Government Association has been supportive of the opening of the coffee bar, which will be funded by Sodexo.

"We thought it would be a good idea, because...you get who knows how many students in the library late at night," SGA president Anthony Sparks said.

Sparks cited "the feasibility and accessibility of" having a coffee bar in the library as a reason for SGA's support of the idea.

"It was long overdue," Sparks says. "It's a good thing that it's going to happen."

Sparks says that Warren approached the SGA about the coffee bar.

"He had been pushing for it for a while," Sparks said. "We had no objections to it, and we thought it was a good idea."

Warren said that having food services in the library "always ranked big" in surveys of students.

"Many students don't want to get out but want to drink or eat," he said.

Warren added that, late at night, when "nothing else is open," an establishment like Afterwords would be "an advantage."

"We are there as a support system and for the convenience of the students," he said.

"Obviously there are some people who would prefer us not to have food or drinks in the library," Warren said.

He added that "things have changed" over the years.

At one time, he said, "you couldn't have any food or drinks in the library. Now we're serving them."

