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Photo: Students package food to send to Haitian children

Athletes volunteer their time and gather to hear instructions on how to properly measure, weigh, and bag food to be sent to children in Haiti Saturday on the north balcony of Lantz.

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In assembly line formation, pinto beans, soy, vitamins and rice were packaged on Saturday in Lantz Arena to eventually be sent to Haiti.

First, eight ounces would be taken from 10 gallon buckets to ensure the food would fit inside the packages.

The dry food and medicine would then be weighted to make sure that the package would actually seal.

Without proper sealing, rodents have been found to cause a big problem when shipping the food.

The process ends with a grid master like Dylan Chatman, a junior psychology major, to ensure there are no leaks or holes in the bag.

Around 80 student athletes, including Chatman, spent about an hour packaging food servings to be sent to Haitian children.

By the end, students packed 300 bags with 18 eight-ounce servings per bag.

The Global Hunger Expedition, a non-profit organization whose goal is to send provisions to countries such as Haiti, provided the food.

Mark Daily, an expeditor from the organization, said the food will be sent to 11 schools and orphanages across the country.

The food will be distributed from Oct. 23 until Oct. 25.

Daily said hunger is still an issue in the country.

"A lot of the kids only get one meal in a day," Daily said.

Daily said they expected to package about 12 boxes of food Saturday.

"We are going to be taking over 60 boxes from Charleston," he said.

Each serving cost 35 cents.

"We collected, from the community, \$2,090 to put this thing together," Daily said. "We only asked for \$20 to \$25."

The women's rugby team helped raise the money adding \$100.

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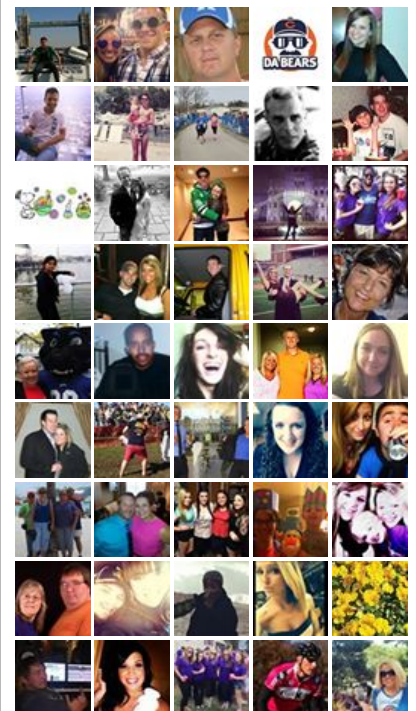
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Barbara Burke, the director of the athletic department, said \$200 worth of meals will be donated to Standing Stone Community Center in Charleston.

Burke said this will be the first time the athletic department has done something like this.

"Potentially, we would like to make it an annual event and to grow it you have to get financial donations to purchase the rice and the beans," Burke said. "It is important for our young people to understand how blessed we are with what we have."

Students who participated worked in an assembly line either measuring or packaging the food.

Burke and Daily talked about the idea for another volunteer opportunity that the athletics department can be a part of.


"I know Mark Daily, who is volunteering with Global Hunger, and we actually were in the grocery store," Burke said. "We talked about needing to do a packaging event and the student athletes."

Kaylee Morris, a sophomore athletic training major who is on the women's swimming team, said her team and she just wanted to help out.

Chatman said it was not mandatory to volunteer but there was some pressure to go.

"Somebody needs to do it," Chatman said.

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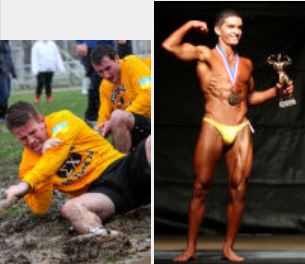
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