

# Appenzeller Responds To Carter's "Malignment"

Sports Editor:

I am compelled to answer the letter written by Giles Carter in the Guilfordian in which he maligned the coaches of Guilford College.

As Athletic Director, I realize the frustrations our staff experiences when we attempt to provide a program that includes 13 intercollegiate sports for our students. Some problems are: (1) Our coaches must use inadequate facilities, and, in fact, our tennis, soccer, track and cross country teams play contests away from home because of the condition of the facilities. (2) Our coaches recruit athletes on a higher academic level than any college or university. A grant-in-aid (with 7 exceptions) must go to a student who predicts 2.0 on the NCAA scale. (3) Our coaches operate on less grants-in-aid than any conference school.

With these problems always present, our coaches have continued to work with enthusiasm and long hours to overcome them.

Let's look at the record! Our basketball coach has compiled a record of 85 wins against 28 losses since he became head coach. His teams consistently compete in the conference and District Championships. Our athletes under his direction have won local, state, and national honors each year and his peers selected him the Conference Coach of the Year in 1972-73. His reputation has become wide-spread after winning the National Championship with a total of 5 3/4 grants. This is an enviable feat in any league.

This year he was selected along with Dick Motta of the NBA Bulls to lecture to the basketball coaches at the National Convention in Kansas City. Subpar? Hardly!

Our baseball coach is respected by players and coaches alike for his ability to coach but more for his high ideals and sense of fair play. His teams have consistently won and his record is a credit to his ability to work with young men. In 1966 our team finished fourth in the nation and he was chosen Coach of the Year in NAIA for the nation.

His peers frequently recognize him as either Conference or District Coach of the Year.

One only has to talk with his former players to determine his worth to their lives as a Coach and outstanding human being.

Our football coach brings an outstanding record to Guilford College. One again has to only talk with men he coached or coaches who know him to find out his strength as a coach, educator, and man. His positive influence is being felt on our campus and in our community. His tireless work has already begun to revitalize our football program and promises hope for the future.

Our assistant coaches have been included in Carter's evaluation but once again these men exhibit hard work, interest in the individual and total life on our campus.

For years we have been successful in attracting men like Art Bluethenthal who led our wrestlers to a District Championship and John Hardy who introduced Lacrosse to our campus. Both men accepted the position of coach without compensation. One of the finest coaching jobs was done by Don Yelton and Vesa Hiltunen in Soccer. Both men received a small stipend to coach. John Payne in tennis also receives a very small amount for the hours he volunteers to tennis.

Carter failed to check the validity of his facts when he argued that Al Saunders (who I agree did an outstanding job also under difficult circumstances) did not receive a salary. While minimal by most standards, Saunders was paid a higher stipend than the five part-time coaches mentioned. He was hired while he completed his doctorate and was aware that the position was for one year only.

I realize everyone has the right and even the obligation to express their opinions, criticisms, and concerns regarding athletics.

As one who has been in the field for 27 years, I completely disagree with Carter's article.

This group of coaches represents the finest men in dedication, ability, cooperation and love for their students. I am pleased and proud that they are on my side.

Herb Appenzeller  
Director of Athletics

## Women's Tennis

by Beth Zulick

This spring the women's varsity tennis team, under the skillful coaching of Kitten Steele and Chico Payne, has been victorious in 5 of 8 matches. With deft skill and consummate grace, and without the benefits of home tennis courts on fair N.C. weather, they have laid waste to almost all of their opponents.

Those exhibiting true tennis etiquette, competence, fairness stamina, and ladylike conduct did not make the team. However, Guilford was fortunate enough to recruit:

Boyles, Janet: The Queen from King

Johnson, Barbara: The clinging vine from Southern Pines

Johnson, Jill: From the no-fault capital of the world (D.C.)

Portwood, Joan: From the armpit of the South, Durham.

Rouche, Jean: The local yokel of Greensboro

Wilbourne, Jane: She and Arthur Ashe are from the same town--does it mean anything?

Wilson, Marsha: Left handed, but right armed--that's how they grow 'em in Get High Point

Each girl has given her all and the team has benefited. For character and good looks it goes without saying (however we will say it) that these girls are unrivaled in the South (the East, West, North have yet to be interviewed).

It's been an exciting season, with lots of action. Even the spectators have been kept busy--racing to Jefferson

## Open Letter To Giles Carter

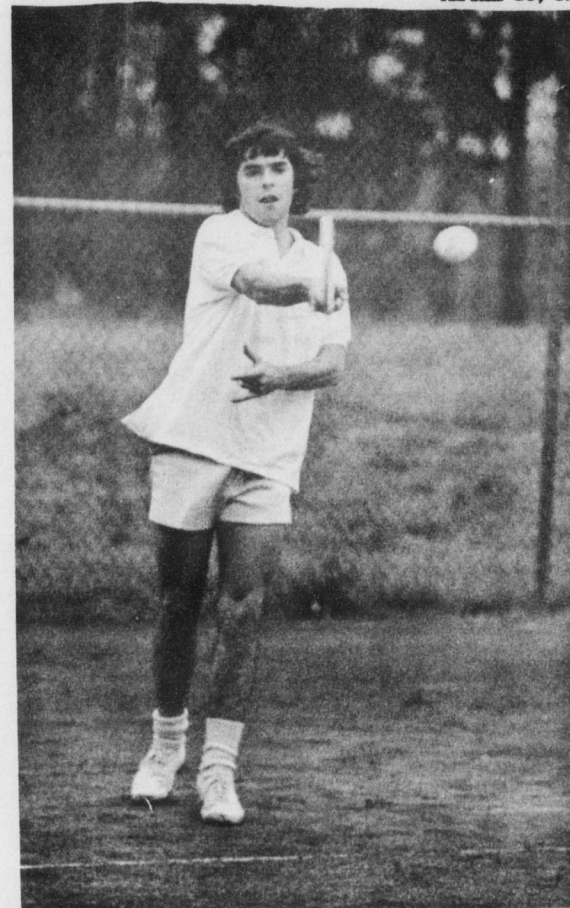
Dear Giles:

What a huge chip you must have on your shoulder! You are, all of a sudden, an expert on judging coaching ability--you and your nameless "peers". What do you know?

Do you know, for example, that the "sub-par" coaches who are now at Guilford coached their former teams to championships?

Do you know the "sub-par" basketball coaches coached last year's team to a National Championship? Oh yes, you were on spring break that week and probably haven't even heard about it.

Do you know that our "sub-par" football coaches brought our team out of the worst losing streak in history and won the Homecoming Game before cheering Guilford students? But then, you probably weren't there. Sure, one win is no big thing to most



Aubrey Forlines returns shot during men's match against Catawba. photo by Joan Portwood

Standard Country Club and back to Guilford trying to find their team. These ardent fans have contributed greatly to the success of our heroines.

The weather has not been as helpful as it could have been. What with snow in North Carolina in March. The rain stuck by their duty; in some cases it was welcomed, but it did seem to be putting in overtime on certain occasions. Through it all tempers have remained even and faces have stayed sunny.

teams, but this was the most "down" team I've ever seen. Almost everyone (including some team members) had given up on them. But not the coaches.

What qualifies you to judge coaches? To what teams have you ever belonged that you didn't quit? Are your "peers" the others who couldn't hack it?

If you can get your supposed "peers" to step forward with you, I would like to see your qualifications for condemning this group of dedicated competent men. If not dedication and loyalty, what else, for God's sake, keeps them at Guilford? Certainly not appreciation!

-Barbara Dunning



## Friends School Sponsors Spring Fair

A Spring Fair will be held at New Garden Friends Meeting, across the street from Guilford, this Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Entertainment will include John Rees, Billy Hobbs, and Tom Kenyon. Books, arts and crafts, baked goods, and plants will be for sale, and there will be games (with prizes), a haunted house, a raffle for a VW bus, a fortune teller, and at 5 p.m. an auction of flea market items.

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