

Guilford to Add New Sport Set to Begin 1991-92 School Year

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Guilford College announced last week that a 13th sport, the Modern Biathlon, will be added for intercollegiate competition beginning in the fall of 1991. Assistant Athletic Director A.C. "Riley" Walker made the announcement at a noon press conference last Tuesday in the absence of Athletic Director Phillip Roach, who has given much of the public relations responsibilities over to Walker to help him in his internship.

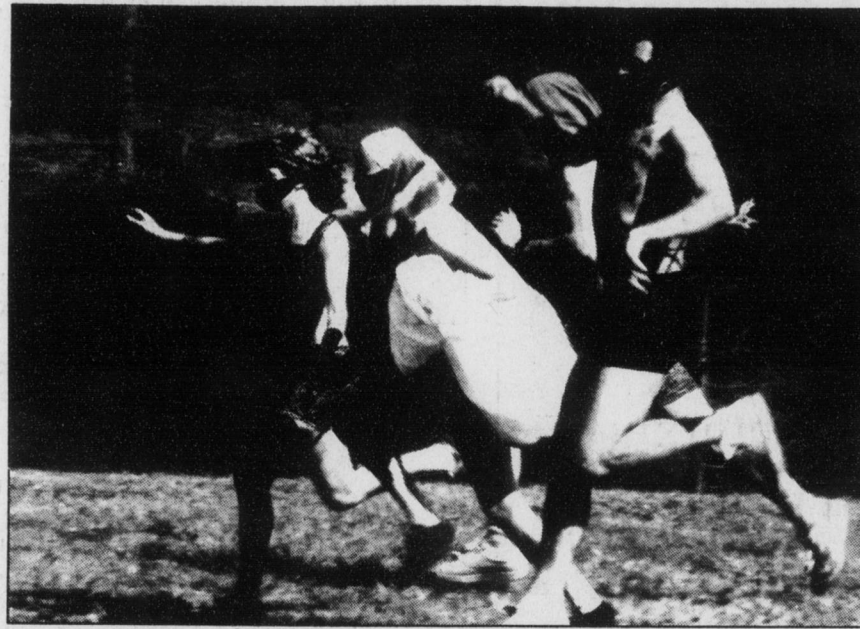
"Guilford College sportsfans will find the Modern Biathlon to be a sport at which they can expect national recognition from the outset," said Walker.

The Modern Biathlon is comprised of two activities in which Guilford students already hold extreme prowess, as the event combines both mental and physical talent.

The first segment of the competition is a five-mile barefoot frolic. Either clothed or naked, the participants hurry through the course which is lined with such obstacles as busy cafeterias or classroom lectures.

The second part of the Modern Biathlon is a free-for-all complaint session, where the participants continually complain about things which they know nothing about until the judge, a person who is forced to listen, eventually tells them that they are correct. The culmination of the event takes place outdoors, as each participant runs up to a tree and hugs it for five minutes.

The sport of Modern Biathlon is played on nearly every college campus in the United States, and is sanctioned by NOW and Greenpeace along with the NCAA. The Quakers will also be eligible for championship consideration by standards set forth by the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, in which 11-member institutions currently are fielding teams. Hampden-Sydney does not have a team due to its



The Guilford Modern Biathlon squad practices its five-mile barefoot frolic. The team has shaved 1:03 off its average pace in the event since its first practice in December/photo by Dusty Lenscap

male-female ratio, but hopes to persuade the ODAC to grant them an injunction to sanction a club team.

Walker said a head coach has not yet been named for the newest Quaker squad,

but that a list of prospective candidates has been compiled, prompting the Board of Trustees to raise tuition another 9.5 percent. Noted names on the list include former Director of College Relations Jon Pres-

Guilford to Host '98 Olympics in new Quakerdome

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venture is just a tribute to this institution."

While the medal rounds of the indoor games at the '98 Winter Olympics will be held in the Greensboro Coliseum, the early hockey matches and figure skating competitions will be held in Guilford's Quakerdome. The dome's retractable roof will be opened for speed-skating events,

prompting the Board of Trustees to raise tuition another 9.5 percent.

"The Quakerdome should bring Guilford athletics to another level," Roach said. "This creates not only more interest in our sports programs, but our school, too. And you know, with the viewing audience that we will reach... it's just phenomenal how prestigious this will make Guilford College."

The Quakerdome, which is scheduled to be ready by fall 1992, will be built directly over Guilford's pond, to minimize environmental damage caused by extensive construction.

The stadium seating capacity is projected to be about 24,000. The dome will be equipped to hold baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, tennis, volleyball and ice events as well as a health club and a vegetarian restaurant.

No college official was available for comment on the cost of the dome and its effect on tuition increases.

tage, Patty Hearst, Jerry Garcia and Academic Dean Sam "Fumin" Schuman.

Said one faculty member who asked not to be identified, "I can't believe that they are adding more sports here at Guilford. But at least this one won't require its athletes to bathe on a regular basis."

As for off-campus recruiting of the Modern Biathletes, a source said that "there are enough well-qualified candidates for the new team already on campus, enough to last at least 10 years."

Tark To Take UNLV Squad to the NBA

Butch Cassidy
and Sundance

Ex-UNLV head basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian has agreed to head the newest NBA expansion team, based in Las Vegas, beginning next season, provided that he can maintain the squad that he led to the 1991 NCAA Final Four.

"There was a lot of talk this year about us being the best college team ever," said Tarkanian. "I want to show everybody what we can do against real competition. The NBA has some talented teams. Maybe we can compete—we'll see."

NBA Commissioner David Stern welcomed Tarkanian to the league via satellite in his living room Monday morning, prompting the Board of Trustees to raise tuition another 9.5 percent.

"Jerry, I couldn't have asked for a more honest guy to add to our NBA family," said Stern. "I will allow you to keep the roster that you had at UNLV, but that towel must go. Overall, Jerry, I'm just tickled to have you join us."

Stern later said that his decision to ban towel-biting from NBA games was made "to protect the integrity of the league."

Anonymous sources revealed that Tarkanian's first act as coach of the Sharks, as his team's nickname is to be, involves buying players from other NBA franchises.

"It'd be nice to bring Armon Gilliam and Gerald Paddio back into the family," said Tarkanian.

No word as of yet on the specifics of Tarkanian's acquisition attempts.

A CLOSER LOOK



Andrew Bare Modern Biathlete

Favorite Food—Granola

Favorite TV Show—National Geographic Explorer

Ideal Date—To sit next to a tree and compose lines of poetry while sharing the experience with my eternal lifemate.

Favorite Place—Woodstock. I wasn't there, but I heard it was a good trip.

Person Most Admired—A tie between Abbie Hoffman and Sinead O'Connor.