

Sports Shorts

A quick look inside athletics at Guilford and beyond

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FAME-OUS: Gayle Currie, head coach of volleyball and women's tennis at Guilford, will be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in May. Look right.

RACKET AND ROLLIN': The Lady Quaker tennis team was 14-0 heading into fourth seed Cari Peterson's reunion with UNC-Charlotte Friday. The undefeated junior played at UNC-C for two years before transferring to Guilford last fall.

FOR PETE'S SAKE: Though the men's netters dropped an ODAC match to Lynchburg Tuesday, 6-3, third-seeded Pete Burroughs improved his team-best singles record to 5-4 with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Steve Horowitz.

YOUNG GUNS: The Guilford baseball squad's pitching staff is being led by four youngsters. Sophomores Rick Beville, Tony Smith and Chan Whitson and freshman Marty Stern have combined to post a 7-1 record with 64 strike outs for the 8-8 Quakers.

WAD'S WISDOM: Columnist Mike Waddell speaks his mind about the world of sports. Look down.

CONTRASTING CONFLICTS: Guilford's men's lacrosse team visited Greensboro College, a first-year program, before hosting the nation's number-two ranked NCAA Division III squad, Salisbury State, on Saturday. For a look at this week's action, see page 15.

TIME FOR BUSYNESS: After 10 days of inactivity the Lady Quaker lacrosse team hosts Bridgewater at 11 a.m. Saturday.

CRASH COMING: Lawrence "Crash" Davis, a former baseball player whose name was used for Kevin Costner's character in the movie "Bull Durham," will speak at Guilford Tuesday, April 16. See page 15.

HAARLOW SCORE: Golfer Chris Haarlow finished in third place to lead Guilford to a fourth-place team finish at Camp Lejeune. The NAIA's sixth-ranked Quakers traveled to the August-Forest Hills Invitational this weekend.

BASEBALL PREVIEW: The 1991 Major League baseball season begins today. Who's hot and who's not? Check out the contenders and the pretenders on page 16.

LEADER OF THE BANDS: To find out who leads each Guilford sports squad statistically, see page 16.

CHISOX BECOME BO'S-SOX: In a press conference Wednesday, multi-talented athlete Bo Jackson has accepted an offer to play baseball for the Chicago White Sox.

SPORTS

NAIA Selects Currie for Hall of Fame



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After 15 years of coaching at Guilford, Gayle Currie is an NAIA Hall of Famer/file photo

Guilford College women's tennis and volleyball coach Gayle Currie has earned several honors in her 15 years of coaching. She has received conference, district and national coaching awards, won the NAIA national tennis championship, and was inducted into Guilford's athletic Hall of Fame.

But even those distinctions could not prepare Currie for the news that she has been selected as an inductee to the NAIA Hall of Fame in May.

"I was totally blindsided," said Currie, Guilford's first female member and ninth inductee overall. "I knew that [former athletic director] Herb Appenzeller had

organized the nomination effort, but I really thought it was a waste of time."

Though Currie plays down her accomplishments, the long-time coach has posted an impressive volleyball match record of 340-209, making her the winningest active coach in the state. Under her guidance, Guilford spiker teams have won two Carolinas Conference Championships, two NCAIAW state titles and one NAIA District 26 Championship, with 20 or more

wins in 11 of 15 seasons.

Currie's tennis teams have had similar success—never suffering a losing season in 13 years and placing in the top 15 of the nationals nine of the last 10 seasons. Currie has led her Lady Quaker netters to a remarkable 186-40 dual match record, including 13-0 this season as of last week.

"I don't think there's any coach who

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Alumn Odom Garners ACC Coaches Award

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David Odom, one of the most successful college basketball coaches who graduated from Guilford, recently won the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coach of the Year Award for his performance as the head coach of the men's basketball team at Wake Forest University.

Odom coached a young Deacon team with only one senior to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1984. Wake Forest won their first game of the tournament against Louisiana Tech before falling to Alabama in the Southeast Regional.

Odom spoke with The Guilfordian in September 1989 shortly after he returned to the Triad as a head coach.

Immediately following his graduation from Guilford in 1965, he became the coach of Goldsboro High School in his hometown, Goldsboro, N.C. In 1969, he began coaching at Durham High School.

Odom began his college coaching career at Wake Forest in 1976 as an assistant to Carl Tacy. Following three successful seasons where the Deacons compiled a 53-

33 record, he accepted the head coaching position at East Carolina University in 1979. While with the Pirates, Odom's teams finished 38-42. He resigned his post to become an assistant at the University of Virginia in 1982 where, during his stay, the Cavaliers went 141-83. He accepted the head coaching position at Wake Forest on April 9.

Odom, 48, says he still feels a strong attachment to Guilford, where he played both football and basketball. In a speech at a Guilford leadership conference on September 16, he reflected on the experiences he had and the people who made Guilford a good place for him to go.

Jerry Steele, coach of the basketball team, was at the top of the list of the people that Odom talked about.

"He epitomizes Webster's definition of 'loyalty,'" Odom said. "I appreciate all that he has done for me."

Steele is now the head basketball coach at High Point College.

Odom also cited the leadership of Herb Appenzeller and John Stewart, his two football coaches.

Appenzeller, now a professor of sport

management at Guilford, says he has many good memories of Odom.

"He was a good quarterback," says Appenzeller, "but he excelled in basketball. Our sports were not that good when he came to Guilford, but Dave was there when Coach Steele came to Guilford. Steele won the NAIA District 26 Coach of the Year honors with a 5-21 record. Dave was one of the keys in keeping basketball alive. He was highly disciplined and our team turned the corner shortly after he left."

Another teammate, Elwood Parker, currently teaches math at Guilford.

"Dave took few shots," said Parker. "But he was always in the right place at the right time. He worked the ball very well to get the best shots. He was small [5'10"] yet he knew what was going on at all times. He was an extremely competitive and team oriented player."

Odom was brought into coaching by the influences he had in high school and at Guilford.

"I was taught by career coaches," he said. "They were not just flashes in the pan."