

Sign shows some in community care

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"GC Exams Monday-Ace 'em," "Jack Jensen 27 Years GC B&B Coach," "Quakers Swat the Yellow Jackets."

If you've been off-campus this semester, you've probably seen the brilliant message board at the Exxon station/Neighbors convenience store on the corner of Friendly and Dolly Madison proudly congratulating Guilford students and staff.

The man behind the messages is owner Gary York, whose son Alan is a sophomore football player at Guilford.

Throughout the season, one could read winning scores and words of encouragement to the team on the sign which, according to York, is seen by over 40,000 cars a day.

"It's unfortunate that we're limited to such a small space," said York. "Because the community, including students, has been very responsive to the sign."



Isaac Palant

The Lady Quakers hope to give York lots to write about this season

Since opening over the summer, York says business particularly boomed during football season.

"Accentuating positive aspects of the public is not only personally satisfying, but has proved to be a successful business tactic," York said. "Of the fifteen stores we own throughout the Piedmont and Virginia, this one has been the fastest growing."

Employees

agree that the signage has been advantageous to the company.

"People like to see local businesses get involved with local schools," said Exxon employee Bobby Lovelace. "We've gotten a lot of customers who say they appreciate the sign. It helps our business."

The messages have not gone unnoticed by Guilford students, either.

"It's nice to see someone finally care," said senior Will Devane. "I've been here five years and this is the first time I've seen any enthusiasm about Guilford from the community."

"The most rewarding experience I've had with the sign came after the Emory & Henry win this year," said York. "As a player ran by, he said aloud, 'I wonder what's going to be on the Exxon board to-night.'"

Mr. York plans to continue his support of Guilford and its athletic teams. He says that it only takes 30 minutes to change the board, so give him a call for future scores and ideas, and he'll "put them right up."

Fearless Forecast: going bowling

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We at the Fearless Forecast may be behind on our Christmas shopping, but we're fully up to date on picking the winners in the year-ending bowl games.

Aloha, Copper, and Heritage: Navy (even), Wisconsin (-7), and Howard (-4 1/2).

Liberty: Houston (+15 1/2) against Syracuse: The Cougars are a program on the rise. The Orangemen may not have recovered from their loss to Miami, which dropped them all the way from the Orange Bowl to the lowly Liberty.

Carquest: Virginia (+3 1/2) over Miami: The line on this game goes to show just how much respect a "name" program commands. Cavaliers in what could be a romp.

Peach: Clemson (+6) against LSU: LSU disappointed me against 'Bama, and Clemson is a very similar team to the Tide.

Alamo: Iowa (+4 1/2) over Texas Tech: The Big XII could be headed for a disappointing post-season.

Holiday: Colorado (-5) over Washington: One of the better second-tier bowls. Should be the game that the rest of the country discovers Husky tailback Corey Dillon.

Sun: Michigan State (-7) over Stanford: This one wins the "Who cares?" award. Two 6-5 teams? Be still my beating heart.

Independence: Army (+10) against Auburn: I'm not sure the Cadets can win this game, but I think they've got a chance to keep it close.

Outback: Alabama (+1) over Michigan: It's hard to envision Gene Stallings losing his last game as coach for the Tide.

Gator: North Carolina (no line) over

West Virginia: This game is a reward for West Virginia, a business trip for the Heels. As soon as a line is established, take Carolina and give whatever points are necessary.

Citrus: Tennessee (-7 1/2) over Northwestern: If Phil Fulmer doesn't win this game, the Vols' season has been a disaster. Peyton Manning wouldn't mind a strong performance to boost his sagging NFL stock.

Cotton: BYU (+2) over Kansas State: OK, so the Cougars weren't exactly impressive in beating Wyoming. Still, LaVell Edwards and Company have something to prove in this game.

Rose: Ohio State (-1 1/2) over Arizona State: I'm still not convinced by Arizona State. If Florida deserves national title consideration (and they don't), so do the Buckeyes if they win this game.

Orange: Virginia Tech (+15) against Nebraska: The Huskers are a hard team to read. They'll either come out fired up and whip the Hokies, or they'll put in a listless effort resembling the one against Texas. I think VPI's defense is too tough to let it get overly high-scoring.

Fiesta: Penn State (+1) over Texas: Bowl games tend to be won by the team that is least happy to be there. Texas's season was made by the win over Nebraska. Penn State is used to big games. Take the Nittany Lions.

Sugar: Florida (-3) over Florida State: That the Gators can win the national championship by winning this game is farcical. Nevertheless, they've got the emotional edge for this game and I look for them to prevail.

AROUND THE OODAC

Men's Basketball	W	L
Hampden-Sydney	2	0
Roanoke	2	0
Randolph-Macon	1	0
Virginia Wesleyan	2	2
Lynchburg	1	1
Washington & Lee	1	1
Bridgewater	0	0
Eastern Mennonite	0	1
Emory & Henry	0	1
Guilford	0	3

Women's Basketball	W	L
Bridgewater	3	0
Emory & Henry	2	0
Guilford	2	0
Roanoke	1	0
R-M Woman's College	3	1
Randolph-Macon	1	1
Hollins	1	2
Lynchburg	1	3
Va. Wesleyan	0	2
Washington & Lee	0	2
East. Mennonite	0	3

ODAC statistical leaders

Scoring	G	Avg
Jason Light (E&H)	4	17.0
Jason Nickerson (VWC)	7	16.9
Otis Tucker (LC)	6	16.5
Jason Bishop (RC)	5	16.4
Matt Yoder (EMU)	5	15.8
Rebounding	G	Avg
Jon Maher (RC)	5	11.6
Bryan Sheridan (HSC)	6	8.3
Tharon Robinson (GC)	7	7.7
Otis Tucker (LC)	6	7.7
Chad Sowers (BC)	5	7.6
Assists	G	Avg
Nathan Hungate	5	5.4
Walt Plyler (W&L)	7	5.1
Mike Preston (LC)	6	4.2
Bernard Hynson (VWC)	7	4.0
Matt Yoder (EMU)	5	4.0

ODAC Statistical Leaders

Scoring	G	Avg
Tara Carleton (RMWC)	6	21.7
Laura Haynes (GC)	4	20.3
Kelly Fackler (LC)	6	19.2
Sallie Lefler (E&H)	4	17.5
Amy Worley (HC)	5	17.4
Rebounding	G	Avg
Jenn Baptist (RMWC)	2	12.7
Amy Worley (HC)	5	12.2
Tara Carleton (RMWC)	6	10.0
Kelly Fackler (LC)	6	9.7
Bari Nixon (GC)	4	8.8
Assists	G	Avg
A. Wharton (RMWC)	6	6.2
Angie Simpkins (E&H)	4	5.3
Heather Landes (BC)	6	5.2
Carrie McConnell (RC)	4	5.0
Amy Shindle (VWC)	5	5.0