

Sports

Beyond the Scoreboard:

Updates, anecdotes, and musings from the World of Guilford College sports

James E. Tatum

PRETENTIOUS SNOT

Jordan Joins Quakers for Run at Title

NBA veteran Michael Jordan announced in a surprise press conference Wednesday that he will quit his consulting job with the Washington Wizards and return to his North Carolina basketball roots, playing hoops for the Guilford College Quakers.

"After careful deliberation and many long meetings with [team owner Abe Pollin], I've decided to flee the Wizards' organization before the cursed franchise is sucked into a black hole," Jordan said.

Jordan expressed a desire to reassociate himself with a winning basketball tradition, an objective he feels can best be accomplished at Guilford College.

"Did you see the display of school spirit at the NCAA tournament opener?" asked Jordan. "Any school capable of that performance by its fans has good times in its future."

Jordan went on to note that numerous college players had gone on to play professional ball, "but as far as I know, no professional basketball player has ever returned to win a NCAA Division III title."

"I am proud to enter a program that set so many school records this year," he added.

When a *Goofordian* reporter pointed out that it was in fact the Women's Basketball team that made the NCAA Tournament this past season, Jordan did not appear discouraged.

"Larry Johnson gets extra playtime as Grand-Ma Ma," Jordan noted. "This will simply give me a chance to get in touch with my feminine side, Michelle."

Jordan then announced that he would be unveiling his female alter-ego at this weekend's Serendipity drag show.

Fiske's Guide to Colleges rates Guilford's athletic facilities "among best in Nation"

The prestigious *Fiske's Guide to Colleges* cited Guilford College's athletic facilities as "among the best facilities at any college throughout the nation."

The guide made special mention of the school's "state-of-the-art racquetball courts and spacious weight room."

First-Year Bettina Simpson applauded *Fiske's Guide* for recognizing a weight room that she believes is the cornerstone of her Guilford education.

"Four years from now when I enter the workforce," notes Simpson, "potential employers will just think of me as another college grad with a silly liberal-arts degree that 'teaches me how to think and adapt in changing environments.' That is, they will view me that way until they see my nicely developed muscle-tone. That will make the difference in my future career success."

"The college needs to stop worrying so much about academics and start focusing on its overall image," she added.

Junior Richard Dent agrees that the athletic facilities played a crucial role in his decision to attend the college.

"I was testing out the racquetball courts during my college visit when the floor squealed in a way that convinced me I was about to plunge through the wooden planks into the basement below. It was then that I knew this was the right college for me."

Editor Complains Section "Too Popular Among Writers"

Goofordian sports editor James Tatum expressed frustration Tuesday night over the plethora of *Goofordian* staffwriters eager to contribute to his section.

"So many people want to write for me. I never get to write anything myself anymore," noted Tatum, while sorting through a week's worth of entries.

"Also, I never have the thrill of racing against a deadline," he added. "Just once I'd like someone to say they were going to write for me and then not turn their story in, leaving me to scramble and generate space-filler at the last possible moment."

Tatum is not alone in his sentiments.

"Let me try and be creative!" complains sports layout man Daniel Worrall.

"I always have so many stories with so much text to deal with that I never get to flex my Adobe PageMaker skills," Worrall added.

Got an interesting story idea or anecdote for Beyond the Scoreboard. Don't call us, we'll call you.

If you must submit a story, tie it to a softball-sized rock, clip on a ten-dollar bill and place it behind one of the commodes in the basement men's room of the library between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.

Including a credit card number increases your chances of having your story appear above the fold—more so if the number is for Bill Gates.

This Week In:

Guilford College Sports Sporting Events You Plan to Attend:

Friday, March 30
1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31
Noon

Sunday, April 1
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3

Friday, April 6
4:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 7

May 1-31

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