

# Lady ruggers rumble in ruffles for Serendipity

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It's not every day you see lady ruggers wearing prom dresses. The dichotomy alone is enough for a good chuckle.

While most students were participating in the usual Serendipity antics, the Guilford women's rugby team had their own agenda. Donning horribly gaudy elegant-wear, the squad took part in

a four-team tournament along with Duke, Camp Lejune, and UNCG. Despite going winless, there were no regrets on the Saturday afternoon tournament.

"This tournament was truly the spirit of serendipity," said

junior Caitlin Whitney. "The games this weekend were centered on fun."

In addition to the usual bumps and bruises that go along with the full contact sport, the team has faced some difficulty off the field.

Since the start of Guilford women's rugby in 1982, the team has seen its share of ups and downs. With an \$800 budget, compared to ultimate Frisbee's \$2800, and sub-

par freshman retention, the lady ruggers are struggling to stay afloat. In its 20-plus years, this season is the first time the team has its own jerseys. They are hoping to get an additional \$400 from Student union next year for

travel and medical kits.

"A rugby team needs medical supplies," said sophomore Lauren Reed.

Another goal for the squad is to establish a full side in order to become a member of the National Collegiate Rugby Association (NCRA). They have had a bit of difficulty maintaining dedicated team members and have encountered a series of injured players.

"We have 17 girls on the team when we're not injured," said Whitney.

As if it seemed things couldn't get much worse, the team's coach will be leaving next fall. Jeanine Scrogum, a



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Rugby players face off in the Serendipity rugby game

UNCG sports psychology student, will finish graduate school in May.

"It will be tough to see her go," said Reed. "A coach really helps a team maintain unity and discipline."

If rugby games were won based on good attitude, the women's squad would beat

all. Facing more adversity than other club sports, they dedicate three days a week to something they truly appreciate.

"We're bonded by a love of the game," said Whitney.

This team deserves some victories. Prom dresses and all.

# Collier named ODAC pitcher of the week

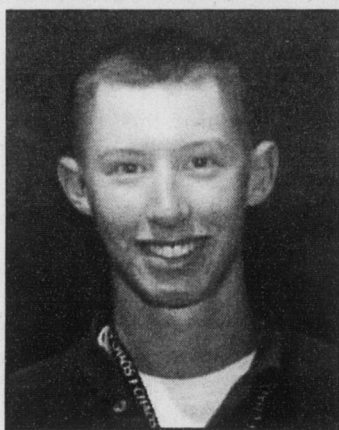
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Logan Collier, a 6'7" first-year was awarded the ODAC Pitcher of the Week for the week of March 22.

In addition to this recent award, which he says he earned for pitching only two games that week, Collier also takes 17 credits. He has two JPS classes and classes in English and psychology. He lives in English Hall which helps with his study habits.

"I like it because it's quiet," he said.

Collier is from nearby Rural Hall, just outside of Winston-Salem. He lived there with his



Logan Collier

mother, father, and two sisters, both of which are in high school. Both of his sisters are athletic as well. The elder

plays volleyball and softball, and his youngest sister is a dancer.

Although Collier is from close by, he did not consider Guilford at first.

"I'd never even heard of Guilford until the college called me," Collier said. He looked at area colleges during his senior year, but settled on Guilford because he was told he could definitely play baseball here.

"It takes some getting used to ... I'm not used to being away from home," Collier said.

He arrived at Guilford for the Project: HOME Avanti and settled down in English with a

senior roommate who, he claims, stayed three nights the whole semester.

Collier thinks he'll double-major in psychology and justice and policy studies. He plans to be a North Carolina game warden, perhaps after spending some time in the police force.

In addition to playing baseball, Collier's other favorite pastime is hunting.

"I've been hunting with my dad ever since I can remember," he said. "I shot my first squirrel at four-and-a-half and my first deer a few years later."

"I do a lot of watching," he said. "One time, I had 11 deer

under my stand, and I just watched them."

He enjoys hunting because of the challenge. "You feel like you've outsmarted nature; I'm sitting, looking at an animal that doesn't even know I'm there."

Collier said that his greatest strength in hunting is his ability to study his quarry. "I just sit there and watch, and I study them, see what they do."

He's recently had some difficulty with pitching which perhaps could be alleviated by his hunting habits. "I'm just struggling to hit my spots. Maybe I need to start studying the batters."