

Bowling is back

Support your local alley

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Dead little more than a month ago, the Bowling Club has sprung from the grave to become one of Guilford's most popular Friday night hangouts.

While bowling might seem more in line with A&T's style than Guilford's, every embodiment of the eclectic Guilford social scene was present at the March 23 meeting of the Bowling Club.

Dan Katzman, dressed like Andre Agassi circa 1985 complete with headband, ate pizza with a man in a giant banana costume as they watched "I'll Bring the Lube" nail a tough spare against "The Ruby Women."

Junior Noah Mace of Team Spandex wore white briefs on the outside of a shiny blue Spandex leotard with knee-high pink socks. "Why not?" said Mace.

More conventionally dressed citizens showed up as well. Senior Joey McLaughlin leaned back with a stressful week's worth of beard and a mug of Yuengling. He took a long drag off a Maverick cigarette and grinned as he watched teammate "Brown Bear" miss all but one pin.

"I'm sitting here with my best friends, hanging out and having a great time," said McLaughlin.

The phoenix-like resurgence of the club has been attributed to senior Tim Scales' "senioritis."

"We were sitting in the living room wondering what to do," said Katzman, "and looked to Tim because he knows how to get stuff done."

Tim found that there actually was a bowling club and a budget on the books

but no members. Free pizza and an irresistible advertising campaign featuring Katzman's photocopied face shouting "Bowling Club is Back!" filled the lanes almost instantly.

"Next thing you know, we've got 10 lanes with three free games and two free pizzas each," said junior Katherine Rossini.

The AMF's lone pizza oven struggled to keep up with orders, with delays up to an hour. Despite the lag, two pizzas per lane ended up being more than anyone could finish and didn't dampen spirits. "The pizza fuels the rage!" said Dan Miller as he grabbed a slice of pepperoni.

Bowling and pizza might seem like an outing designed for third-grade birthday parties and middle-aged high school dropouts looking for a sport to accommodate their obesity and bad mustaches, but there were nearly as many women as men rolling for the bowling club Friday night at the AMF.

"It's an easy place to get together and have some fun — even if you suck really bad. It's not really competitive so everyone has a good time," said sophomore Bailey Arnold of "Delta Squad."

The computers at the AMF keep track of each team's scores and give handicaps to keep all the matches even and challenging. Even if the best team in the alley plays the worst, it's still a good game.

The night ended with a climactic simultaneous bowl-off between club president Tim Scales and a challenger, and when the applause died down, students meandered towards their cars leaving a wake of missing socks, empty Pepsis and half-eaten pizzas behind them.

Serendipitous sports

Energetic events planned for Serendipity

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It's what we have all been waiting for. Nudity, music and good-natured debauchery — Serendipity.

"(Serendipity) is a traditional weekend celebration for students," said JaNell Henry, Campus Activities Board (CAB) member and coordinator of novelty acts.

This weekend's celebration presents a million opportunities to get out of dungeon-like dorm rooms into the sunshine and to be energetic.

Last year offered numerous lively activities including a mechanical bull ride, an ultimate gladiator challenge, and everyone's favorite childhood game, dodgeball. This year promises just as many lively events.

Starting at 4 p.m. on Friday you will be able to gorge on all things saccharin, like cotton candy and snow cones.

Following sugary confection consumption, burn off the calories and sugar high by playing carnival games on Founders lawn until 7 p.m.

"Usually, Friday is all about novelty acts. We do try to do a lot of hands-on events for students," said Henry.

All that running about and trying to win the carnival games might inspire you to take part in some good relaxation. Take a seat outside of Founders and prepare for a soothing massage.

"Hopefully all the lacrosse girls will be able to hit that up," said Alyzza Callahan, goalie for the women's lacrosse team.

At 9 p.m., make your way to the lake for a triumvirate of amazing bands. Steep Canyon Rangers begin the series, followed by Han Shot First and S. Burns. Feel free to hone your hippie dancing skills with some

mad arm movements and freeform footwork.

"Live music is always promising ... and combine that with being outside by the lake; I'm psyched," said first-year Marissa Arbitblit.

Given you are not too hung-over from notorious Serendipity drinking, Saturday afternoon is jam-packed with sporting events.

At 1 p.m., our Quaker baseball team begins its first game in a double-header against Hampden-Sydney. Don some sunglasses and come cheer our Guilford team on to victory.

2 p.m. finds the women's softball team starting their first inning against Sweet Briar.

With the latest game of the day, the women's lacrosse team will be playing Randolph-Macon at Armfield Stadium at 3 p.m.

"We're just going to play our hardest, and everyone should go," said Callahan.

All of the games on Saturday will be ODAC games.

Also on Saturday afternoon, the women's rugby team will be playing UNCG with a unique twist.

"We're playing in prom dresses. No one is allowed on the field that isn't wearing a dress," said first-year rugby player, Ada Stephens.

So if taffeta, ruffles and hard-hitting women are your thing, come out to the rugby field and bring your cameras.

"The pictures are going to be amazing," said Stephens.

The entire experience should be spectacular, and with highs expected in the 70s, there should be no excuse not to get off the couch into the sunshine and enjoy the sports of Serendipity.

Logan Collier interview

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Q: How do you feel about making it into the major leagues?

Collier: I was overwhelmed with the idea of playing in the major leagues. It is a nerve-racking experience, because now it is a profession, so I have to perform at the level they expect to stay in the organization.

Q: What experiences prepared you to reach a professional level?

Collier: Playing high school baseball and going to a baseball showcase got me to Guilford and gave me a chance to play at the college level. College baseball was the experience that got me seen by pro scouts, which led to a workout in front of a Cardinals' scout at Guilford during the 2006 summer with Coach Black, Coach Gross, and my catcher, Phil Drew, who still attends Guilford College. After that workout, I was invited to a pre-draft workout in Florida with the Cardinals, which proved to be the critical link that got me drafted.

Q: What have been the best and worst parts of playing professional baseball?

Collier: The best part about playing professional base-

ball is that it means I am one step closer to playing in the major leagues. The worst part about playing pro baseball is that it is now a business, and I am an employee, which means I can be released at any time.

Q: Describe your relationship with your teammates and coach.

Collier: At this level of ball, I am meeting people from all over the world that I am able to build new friendships with. The coaches are great; just about every coach at every level has played in the major leagues at one point in time. My pitching coach last season pitched 15 years in the big leagues, and he is a funny man with a lot of stories to tell about his experiences.

Q: What have you had to sacrifice to dedicate so much of your time to baseball?

Collier: I have had to sacrifice spending time with my family and friends at Guilford and from home in order to play ball. I have had to sacrifice my summers, which are now dedicated to baseball. However, my true friends are still in contact with me. I think that the sacrifices are well worth making.

Q: What has been the most rewarding thing about this experience?

Collier: The most rewarding part of this experience would be making it to the big leagues. However, thus far, the most rewarding part is meeting and building relationships with others, meeting some of my favorite professional Cardinal baseball players, playing my favorite childhood game for a living, and having the ability to set a good example for the fans (especially children) that look up to you.

Q: What other things do you enjoy doing in your free time besides baseball?

Collier: When I am not playing baseball, I really enjoy hunting. I have hunted since I was just a little boy, and it has become more or less a favorite pastime and a tradition I plan to continue. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends, fishing, shooting (gun and bow), paintball, carpentry, welding, art, canoeing and golf.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

Collier: My most recent plans are to make it to the big leagues. If that does not work out, I plan on going into law enforcement. I would really like to be a game warden or work in the FBI. I want to own several hundred acres of land, build a house, get married and raise a family; but that is many years from now.