

QUIDDITCH

Representing for the Seekers all across the world

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disorganization, before Dell stepped in to help with what he calls his help with what he calls his "Broomsticks and Beyond initiative."

"We were completely winging it, on and off the pitch," said senior Hogan, a Beater. "We really needed Kyle's help."

"We lost all four of our pre-season matches" added senior Denning, the second Beater. "Our cumulative score was only 360. Even the (High Point University) Hooligans were making fun of us."

After three weeks of extra work-outs, though, the EarthQuakers are finally taking off as a team.

A game on March 12 saw the EarthQuakers finish only 60 points behind the Washington and Lee Whirlwinds, with an amazing fifteen saves for the EarthQuakers by junior Kalyn Howard, the team's rookie Keeper.

"I'm so excited," Howard said. "I'm completely new to Quidditch. That was the first game I'd ever played."

As a club, the EarthQuakers accept players with any level of experience, including none at all.

"I had only seen Quidditch on TV before," Howard said. "I didn't even know the difference between a blind side and open side Beater."

For the Muggles among you, here's a quick rundown of how a Quidditch game works. Each team has three Chasers, who pass the Quaffle (a large red ball) between them and try to score through one of three hoops at the end of the pitch.

Every goal is worth ten points. The Keeper guards the hoops and tries to prevent the opposing team from scoring.

The two Beaters have to protect their team — and try to hurt the opposition — by hitting the Bludgers with short, baseball-bat-like clubs.

The Bludgers are brown, smaller than the Quaffle, and

intent on destruction. Finally, the Seeker tries to avoid getting hurt while searching for the tiny Golden Snitch.

When the Seeker catches the Snitch, his team gains 150 points and the game is over.

"It's a tough sport," Dell acknowledged. "But I really admire (the team's) dedication. I've seen a vast improvement in the last few weeks."

"We're learning a lot," said Seeker and sophomore Jilly Campbell. "I played Quidditch some with my older siblings when I was younger, but the team has been practicing strategy and formation ... it's just amazing how much we've learned and how much we've improved."

In Quidditch, team rankings are based on total points scored in league games. The EarthQuakers have played three league games and are ranked sixth out of seven teams in the league with a cumulative score of 410 points.

"My goal for the team is to get 1000 points in league games," Denning said. "We've been improving a lot and I think we can definitely meet or exceed that goal."

The team's next match-up will be against the Elon Excelsior on April 9.



Associate Professor of Political Science **Kyle Dell** (r.), faculty sponsor of Guilford's Quidditch team the EarthQuakers, stands proudly with teammates **Trevor Denning**, senior, and junior **Kalyn Howard**.

SPORTS

THE BACKSTOP

Hunting now allowed in the college woods; taxidermy shop opens

The Guilford woods have been reclassified by Public Safety as a hunting zone and anyone may now hunt there, day or night.

Many diverse species of wildlife can be found inhabiting the woods. Bows, rifles, shotguns, pistols, blow darts, and BB guns are now allowed as firearms to hunt the animals down. If you have other weapons, then you need to check those items in with Public Safety.

The trees that line the lake mark the starting territory for any hunter, and the other parallel line is up to Aaron Fetrow's house. However, all squirrels and geese on campus can be taken down with blow darts.

"I cannot wait to get out in the woods and hunt," said first-year Cynthia Hayes. "The Guilford woods seem to be a prime location for any animal, and I get to walk right out of my dorm and onto the hunting grounds."

Hayes is a regular hunter in her hometown of Seagrove, N.C. She generally likes to focus on deer and wild turkey.

"Hunting wild geese is my first priority," Hayes said. "Those geese look at me as I walk to class, and they think they own the school by leaving their waste wherever they please."

Before your first hunting outing, you must thoroughly read the hunting handbook. The handbook is located at the Public Safety window in the basement of Bauman. The Public Safety officers are trained wildlife specialists. So, if in danger, make sure you have an S.O.S flare.

When hunting on Guilford's property, you must be dressed in the correct attire. All hunters must wear a bright orange shirt or jacket. You must also be equipped with the aforementioned S.O.S flare and a firing arm.

Another addition to Guilford's campus is the new taxidermy shop that will be located beside the bicycle shop in the basement of Shore Hall. If you



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are interested in taxidermy, the local taxidermist will be holding free stuffing lessons on April 6.

The new taxidermy office will be managed by the hunting club. The prices are posted in the shop and are based on the following criteria: weight, wing span, paw size, eye color, wounds, tail length, loss of a body part due to bullet blow, or smell. All money made through the taxidermist will go towards saving wildlife outside the Guilford bubble.

"It's nice to know that once my kill has been stuffed the money will go to a good cause," said sophomore Katie Chapman.

After you have taken your kill to the campus taxidermist you must use sticky tack to affix it to your wall as a precaution, due to Campus life's outrageous charges for room damage.

"I tried bolting my mountain lion, four foot long and sixty pounds, right next to my television but the bolts did not seem to work," sophomore Autumn Yoder said. "Then I used the sticky tack that my RA suggested and that stuff is like concrete."

Use caution when going out into the Guilford woods. Community members may also use the woods as a hunting ground, so the woods will become a popular destination. Be aware of students, staff, and faculty who use the woods as a relaxing place to walk. Happy hunting and beyond.

QUAKER QUICK STATS

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record weight for a whitetail deer shot in the Guilford woods. This magnificent beast was brought down March 28 near the big bonfire pit.



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hours spent watching coverage of the NCAA men's basketball tournament by Guilford students.



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relationships ended due to basketball fans ignoring their significant other while watching the NCAA tournament.



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basketball fans who cared

