

Quakuh' Funk Machine leads Guilford to a jammin' beat

TWO SEPARATE GUILFORD PEP BANDS FORM TO PLAY AT QUAKER BASKETBALL GAMES. REHEARSALS START SOON FOR BANDS, WHICH WILL PLAY R&B AND FUNK.

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If music is food for the spirit, then the spirit of Guilford will soon be fed. Several weeks after fall break, Guilford will become home to a pep band called the Quaker Funk Machine. The R&B and funk music ensemble will play at the Guilford women's and men's basketball games.

"Guilford has a strong basketball tradition," said Director of Career Services Alan Mueller. "(The pep band) would make the game-day experience that much better."

Mueller has been coordinating with Dave Limburg, associate professor of foreign languages, to breathe life into the idea of a pep band. They have also received assistance from Drew Hays, assistant professor of music, and Bryan Jones, coordinator of sports marketing.

Some people may initially be disappointed that the band will play at basketball games only, but a basketball court is the best place to start. Think of the echoing indoor foot-squeaks in court versus the wide-open football stadium's muffled sounds.

"There's nothing sadder than 12 people trying to fill up a football stadium with noise," said Mueller.

Acoustics matter; those same 12 people could cause quite a ruckus in an indoor basketball court.

Depending on the success of and community reaction to the pep band, it may expand to include the football

aside to let Mueller et al. proceed with their plans.

Frost initially hoped to bring music to the football stadium, so one day his hopes may be fulfilled.

The admissions office provided about 180 names of students with musical backgrounds in high school. These students received emails from Mueller as part of recruitment efforts. Other efforts include posters on the school's message boards.

The band will play R&B and funk music that ideally suits Guilford.

Along with traditional band instruments (trumpets, trombones, saxophones, clarinets), there will be an electric guitar, one or two drummers, and a keyboard to add some Guilford funk.

Rehearsals for the band begin on Oct. 24 and will continue on the following three Mondays. The Quaker Funk Machine is not for music majors only; anyone can try out.

"I like music wherever we can do it," said Tim Lindeman, professor of music.

You do not have to be a perfect musician, nor do you have to own an instrument, to rehearse. This band provides the perfect opportunity to play while continuing your studies.

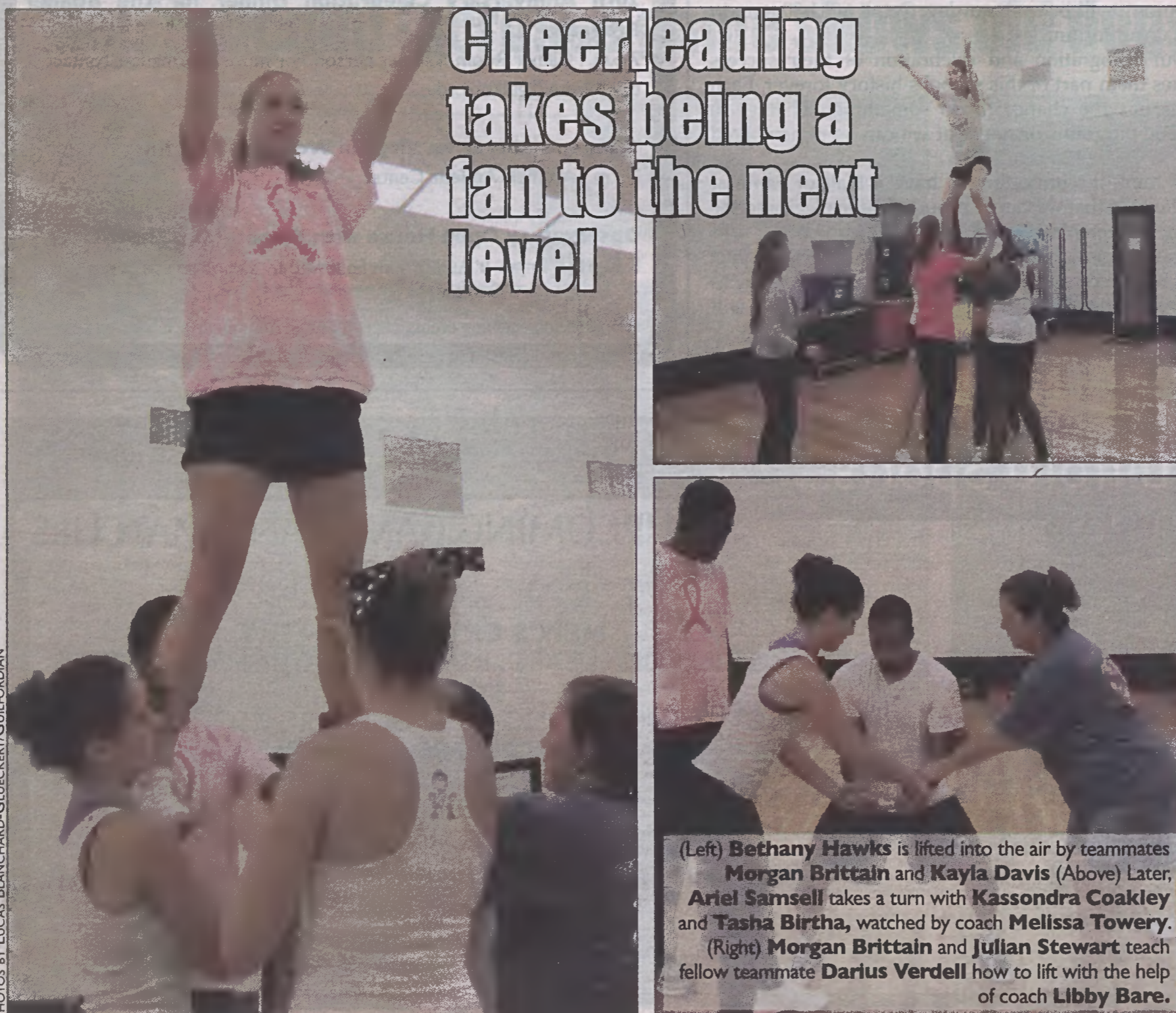
Plus, you can create some excitement in students through a funky medium.

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Senior Hunter Frost, member of The Pigskin Quaker Pep Band

team or other teams.

"Through thick and thin, we will be there supporting you all the way," said senior Hunter Frost, who recently took the initiative to start a separate pep band — The Pigskin Quaker Pep Band. Learning about the Quaker Funk Machine, Frost humbly stepped



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(Left) **Bethany Hawks** is lifted into the air by teammates **Morgan Brittain** and **Kayla Davis** (Above) Later, **Ariel Samsell** takes a turn with **Kassondra Coakley** and **Tasha BIRTHA**, watched by coach **Melissa Towery**. (Right) **Morgan Brittain** and **Julian Stewart** teach fellow teammate **Darius Verdell** how to lift with the help of coach **Libby Bare**.

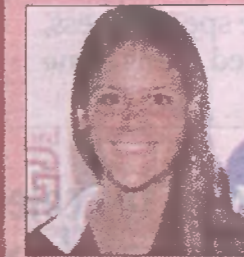
Quaker Quality Players



Ronnie Castellanos
Soccer
1 Goal-1 Assist-Team Rec. 5-4-2



Greg Carnovale
Soccer
1 Goal-Team Rec. 5-4-2



Emma Gunn
Volleyball
23 Kills-Team Rec. 6-12



Laura Kopald
Volleyball
22 Kills-8 Digs-Team Rec. 6-12



Jaclyn Nucci
Soccer
1 Goal-Team 8-4-2



Mary Moody
Volleyball
25 Kills-32 Digs-Team Rec. 6-12



Taylor Phillips
Volleyball
54 Digs-Team Rec. 6-12



Hannah Schiltz
Soccer
2 Goals-Team Rec. 8-4-2



Robert Smith
Football
12 Tackles -10 Solo-Team Rec. 1-3



Peter Truitt
Soccer
12 Shots On Goal-9 Saves-Team Rec. 5-4-2

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