

Four new coaches have high hopes for the season

LACROSSE AND FOOTBALL COACHES DISCUSS CHANGES FOR 2012-2013

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Four fresh faces step up to join Guilford College's coaching staff this school year for women's lacrosse and men's football. These eager individuals are tackling the changes these positions entail and setting high standards for their seasons with contagious passion.

"I look for people with passion for the game of football, people that care about other human beings, and people that have drive or effort," said Head Football Coach Chris Rusiewicz of his three new hires.

"I look forward to working with all the athletes, getting to know them, and hopefully taking the program to the next level," said new Assistant Football Coach Derek Jones.

"At the end of the day, we're trying to change the outlook on what everyone sees us as," said Assistant Football Coach Treiston Burnette.

Women's lacrosse welcomes a new head coach from Bard College. She is eager to utilize her past experience and help the team progress this year.

"The thing I'm looking forward to most is just the team," said new Head Coach Sarah Lamphier. "I'm planning on

having our first team meeting next week and having (the team) tell me what changes they want to make."

Alongside their teams, these new coaches are making pretty hefty changes as they settle into their new positions.

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getting to know the kids on a one-on-one basis," said Jones.

"I was living in Connecticut, so this is my first time living down south; I just got married on Saturday, so changing my name is going to be a big difference," said Lamphier. "The whole reason I took this job was because I saw the success Guilford already had in women's lacrosse and I saw so much

room to do more and do better."

Although some of the coaches are facing big changes, others are working to accommodate new roles within their sport.

"I've done this for the last four years; I was a student assistant, and now having my own position, the biggest difference is just learning more about actually managing charts and offensive rotations," said Assistant Football Coach David Clark.

"Before, our head offensive coach did all that stuff, so now it's just me learning a little bit more about what goes into the charts."

These coaches are working to embrace the changes facing them and channel their energy into making their teams the best they can be.

"I want to be Old Dominion Athletic Conference champs," said Clark. "I think we have the personnel, I think we have the staff that works hard week in and week out to do it."

"First off, I want to win the conference championship," said Burnette. "The next goal would be a personal goal: I want to have the best linebacking (corps) in the whole ODAC. Following that, I want to have the best linebacking corps in Division III."

"My goals are to up all of our team and individual stats," said Lamphier. "Whatever we've accomplished in the past, hopefully we can do a little bit more than we did."

The hard work and dedication contributed by these ambitious new coaches should help their two Guilford teams achieve success in their seasons.

Guilford - Greensboro College rivalry: the origins

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UNC-Duke; UNC-NC State; Appalachian State-Western Carolina; North Carolina A&T-North Carolina Central; Eastern Carolina-NC State; Guilford-Greensboro College. What do these institutions have in common?

All are well-known, famous or relatively obscure college sport rivalries in the state of North Carolina.

Guilford College and crosstown Greensboro College, once a Methodist women's college, compete against each other in what is usually the first football game of the season. The Quakers and the Pride also battle off the field for the most canned goods raised for the food drive.

The Gate City Soup Bowl has been held since 1997 with the two crosstown Division III teams competing with each other in an annual football game, alternating between home and away each year.

"I think the rivalry increased when Greensboro started football in 1997," said Randy Doss, vice president of enrollment, in an email interview. "The then-president of Greensboro College (Dr. Craven E. Williams) proposed a trophy for the game and the idea of a canned food drive."

According to Doss, Guilford easily defeated Greensboro in the inaugural Soup Bowl, but the Pride came back to beat the Quakers on Guilford's home field in their second year. A rivalry was soon born.

Now after sixteen years, the series is knotted at 8-8.

Throughout the 1990s, Greensboro

College introduced more sports into their athletics program including baseball, men and women's soccer and cross country. Doss says that this introduction of new sports led to more interactions with the Quakers, intensifying the rivalry.

Is the Guilford-Greensboro rivalry a real rivalry?

Dave Walters, Guilford Sports Information Director, thinks so.

"The schools are in close geographic proximity and play each other in most sports at least once per season," said Walters in an email interview.

To any Atlantic Coast Conference fans that live in North Carolina, this would be akin to the famous UNC-Duke rivalry, in which the two schools are eight miles apart and compete with each other ardently on and off the field. The famous rivalry is known for its passionate fans and highly competitive games.

The Guilford Quakers and Greensboro Pride - although only sports rivals for 16 seasons - continue to compete enthusiastically in their varsity sports. Despite being in different conferences, the two schools manage to fit in a match toward the beginning of each season in order to start with a bang.

"Anytime the teams get together, it is a good opportunity (to showcase the rivalry) for the student body," said Walters.

It is true that the Quakers versus Pride rivalry may not receive the same amount of attention as famous Division I rivalries like the Tar Heels versus Blue Devils or the Wolfpack versus Tar Heels. However, the Gate City rivalry lives on in many a Soup Bowls and beyond.

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