

HOME COMING WEEKEND 2012



Guilford is where the heart

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you see happening."

The next night, the Guilford College 2002 Men's Golf team was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. The team was recognized for their excellence in winning the 2002 NCAA Division III National Golf Championship.

"Throughout my career, I've been inducted into several Hall of Shames, and even a few Walk of Shames, but this is my first Hall of Fame, so I'm really excited to be here," said 2002 men's golf team member Andrew Eversole '02 at the ceremony.

The 2002 team was led by the late Coach Jack Jensen, who was fondly remembered during the ceremony.

"I learned a lot about life here (at Guilford)," said 2002 men's golf team member Harrison Pinnix '04. "(Coming here) was the best decision I ever made."

The Theatre Department Showcase took place Friday and Saturday nights and included songs, monologues and films by students and alumni. Showcase Director Jack Zerbe, director of study abroad and professor of theatre studies, had building community in mind when designing the production.

"All the actors (were) on stage the entire time because I wanted the feel of 'we are a community of performing artists,'" said Zerbe.

Friday night's performance featured special guest Minnette Coleman '73, a successful writer and actress who was in town to kick off events for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of

integration entitled "Journeys in Blackness." Coleman performed a play she wrote about her experiences at Guilford.

A modest crowd braved the rain for the Community Party on Friday afternoon, where a photo booth and bouncy castle stole the show. Cakes, snow cones and the traditional burgers and hot dogs kept tailgaters entertained. "We were worried that it would rain during the game, but the sky cleared up just in time for the Homecoming football game."

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"I think since it was Homecoming and Family Weekend, (the turnout was) a very good turnout," said cheerleader and first-year Morgan Rudd in an email interview. "From what I could see, the stands looked pretty packed."

Though Guilford faced a 21-42 loss to Washington Lee, the Quakers showed good sportsmanship.

"The Quakers put up a good fight," Rudd said. "They really put in a good effort as the clock ran out."

The last event of the weekend was the Woods Walk, where seniors led a group of students, alumni and Friends down to the "Underground Railroad tree" in the Guilford College Woods.

According to Kelly, the tree is "symbolic for the woods because of Guilford's history participating with the Underground Railroad. The tree represents the Underground Railroad itself because (the woods are) the southernmost point of (the Underground Railroad)."

The story goes that Quakers used to hang baskets of food out in the woods to aid fleeing slaves during the Civil War, and so the Woods Walk is a way for Guilford back to its roots of community.

Russell said it best: "Homecoming weekend at Guilford is a show of how our college is made of and fosters the truth behind the tight-knit community we have here."



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