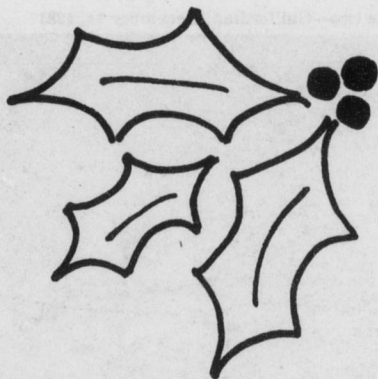




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Wahoos ...New Orleans or Bust!

By Susan Chase

Intramural championship teams are usually not a very big issue. They win some games and that's about it; no one except dedicated participants know about it. HOWEVER, there's something different and exciting about this year's championship flag football team, the Wahoos of English dorm. This team is going to national competition over Christmas vacation.

Usually intramural competi-

tion and national competition have nothing to do with each other, but there exists a National Collegiate Flag Football Sugar Bowl Classic, a flag football double elimination tournament that hosts champion intramural teams from 24 colleges all over the country. Guilford has been chosen as one of the at-large participants.

The English Wahoos won the Guilford Intramural championship so team members will travel

to New Orleans, as the Guilford College Quakers, to compete in the national tournament, which runs from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.

In its fifth year, it is an "organized, prestigious tournament" according to Wahoo co-captain John McFall, and "Everybody's real excited about going, obviously."

The other captain, David Bradley, said, "At first we were just excited about going; now

winning is important, too."

The Wahoos have been practicing daily since winning here, and team member Brian Furlow said, "We'll be prepared. I think we'll go all the way." Although accused of being cocky by his roommate, Furlow has good reason to be confident.

The Wahoos finished the season undefeated, and were not scored upon during the regular season. They allowed only 14 points in the Guilford single elimination tournament, and ended up scoring a cumulative of around 150 points against strong competition.

The team has two significant assets, speed and organization. "Speed is important because a team of seven men has to cover a 40-yard-wide field, and organization is important according to teams that have gone to the tour-

namment before," said McFall. Another advantage for the Wahoos is that Guilford intramural rules are the same as the rules that will be used in New Orleans.

The Wahoos are definitely team oriented. "One person doesn't stand out. Everybody has a job to do," said Bradley.

Their tough defense is a 2-3-2 zone defense. Defensive linemen are Carl Caudle and Keith Bell; linebackers are Dave Tomlin, Mark Oates, Erich Witzel, and David Bradley; and John McFall, Chad Kirk, and Brian Furlow play safety positions.

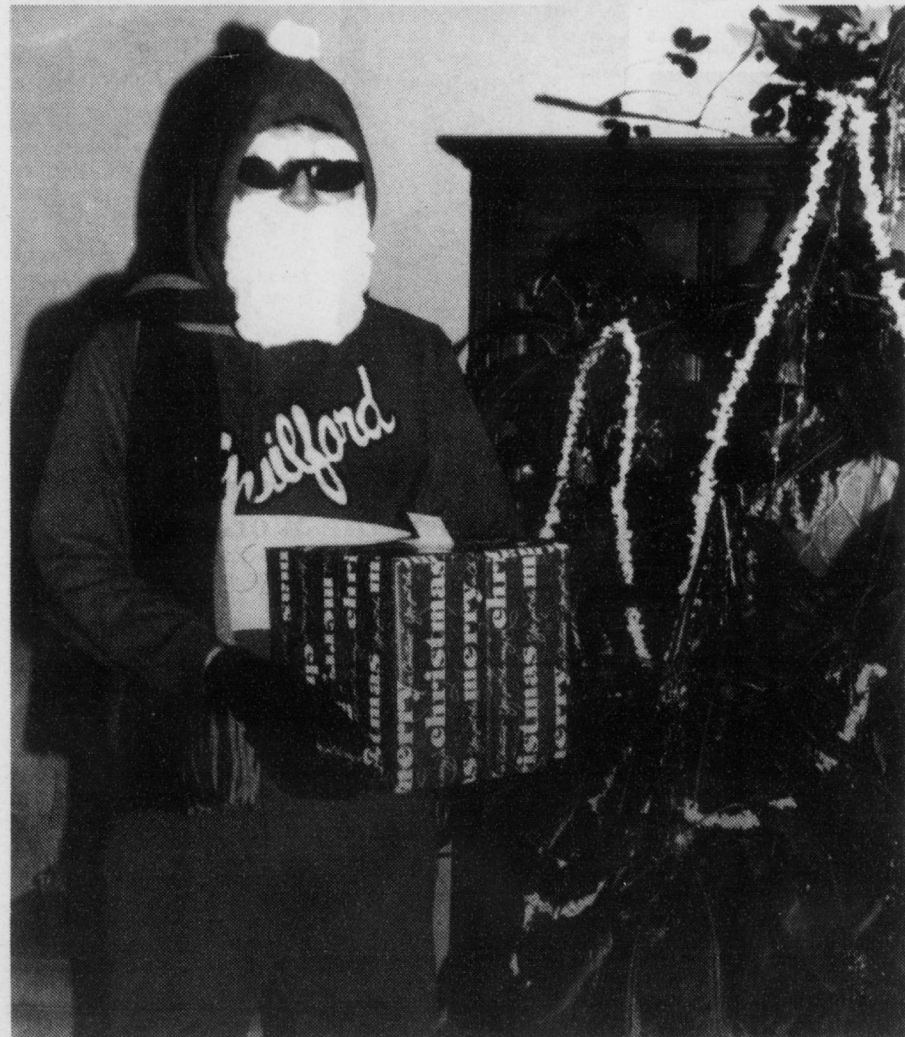
On offense, the team uses mostly passing attacks, and they have about thirty named plays. McFall is the quarterback, Bradley plays running back, and Bell plays center, while Kirk, Witzel, Furlow, and Oates are wide receivers, and tight ends include Tomlin, Haynes, and Caudle.

Team members represent all classes, from freshmen to seniors, and they obviously have a chemistry that results in victories.

Dave Tomlin said, "We're going with the attitude that we're going to try to win. We're not just going for the heck of it, although we will have a good time too. Everyone's working hard."

Some other participants in the tournament will be teams from Arizona State, Auburn, Georgia Tech, Florida, Florida State, Ohio State, and last year's champion, University of Illinois. It would seem a small school like Guilford would be at a disadvantage, but this is not necessarily the case. As Carl Caudle said, "A good thing about the tournament is that it's the school's champion teams that go; it's not all-star teams."

Aside from the luxury of spending a week and New Year's in New Orleans, Wahoo participation in the tournament has other advantages. The championship game will be held in the Sugar Bowl right before the Sugar Bowl continued on page 4



Q. Why does Santa have sun glasses?
A. Too much snow and it's a long way from the North Pole.

By Brittany Plant