

A Slice of Life from the Butcher

Christmas bag of goodies

Butch Maler

Question of the week: What happened to earn Duke guard Marty Clark that shiner he sported during the Michigan game?

Answer: Someone mistook him for Bobby Hurley.

Before I get into my Christmas bag of goodies, I'd like to share a letter I received just before Thanksgiving break.

Dear Butch,
 Could you please add a sub-committee to your organization, Fellowship of Christian Athletes? This sub-group could be the fellowship of Christian non-athletes. I am serious. I am a Christian, but not athletic. I make a good spectator and an enthusiastic fan. Maybe your organization could be called Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Fans.

I would like to be with other Christians at Guilford College, but I can't seem to find them on my own. Could you write an article in The Guilfordian? Or maybe your group could have something on a Saturday or Sunday morning to include people like me (I don't like evening meetings, because I feel uncomfortable walking around alone at night, especially from the college gymnasium to [my residence hall]).

[College] is difficult enough, but it would really help if you could help this [person], far from home, connect with others who have a similar belief system.

I thank you for taking this into consideration.

A silent voice

I appreciate the willingness this person had in speaking up and would like to address my thoughts on the letter.

It is my understanding that Guilford College's Fellowship of Christian Athletes is not a group exclusive to varsity sports players, but welcomes all people interested in attending its meetings.

Two years ago, one person at a meeting remarked the only sport she played was cards. Even though I was not a varsity athlete, I was once an officer for the group. She and I are fans just like the author of the letter is and FCA has ministered to our needs just fine.

The other main Christian organization on campus is InterVarsity (meaning inter-collegiate) Christian Fellowship. Both FCA's and IV's large group meetings are held at 8:45 p.m. in Boren Lounge, FCA on Tuesday nights and InterVarsity on Wednesdays.

Besides large groups, both fellowships offer Bible studies and

prayer meetings at different times during the week.

If anyone needs an escort to and from the meetings, I'm sure the leaders from either group would be willing to help out. FCA's advisor is Jeannie Taylor King and its officers are Catherine Herring, Luv Medford and Daryl Nash.

InterVarsity is staffed

by Ray Crompton, with an exec of Dave Getz, Cris Wetterau, Debby Youtzy and myself.

As always, my phone (x3389) and door (B221) await you, if you have questions or comments concerning what I write here.

Now for the goodies. 'Tis the season of giving, for sure, as a number of sports figures and teams are receiving early Christmas presents this year.

•Miami (FL) quarterback Gino Toretta (the Davey O'Brien and Maxwell Awards), Georgia running back Garrison Hearst (the Doak Walker Award), Nebraska interior lineman Will Shields (the Outland Trophy) and Colorado defensive back Deon Figures (the Jim Thorpe Award) all acquired sizeable stocking stuffers in ceremonies at the College Football Hall of Fame in Kings Mills, OH Sunday.

•With goals by Nate Friends and Erik Imler, the University of Virginia Cavaliers won their second straight NCAA Division I men's soccer championship. It was the Wahoos' third title in four years. Yippee. Now when is the United States' fastest growing youth sport going to receive the attention it seemingly deserves?

•Pittsburgh Steeler running back Barry Foster, the NFL's leading rusher, is virtually ensured of incentives that would more than double his \$300,000 contract after he breaks the 1,500 yard mark next week. This town ain't big enough for two sheriffs named Barry...

•...so Pirate outfielder Bonds—Barry Bonds—is on the brink of signing the richest contract in base-

ball history, some \$43.75 million over six years from the Giants.

•The New York Yankees, whom some suspected would lure Bonds with an even sweeter deal, traded for pitcher Jim Abbott. Abbott and his 2.77 ERA were given an early present—an offense that could

trium, Prairie View's cagers ended the nation's longest current Division I losing streak at 30 games with a 90-76 victory over Arkansas Baptist that same night. Fitting that a "Baptist" team supplied this gift, huh?

So those are gifts on their way a little early. The following is my Christmas sports wish list.

•For Barry Bonds, National League Most Valuable Player: fans who appreciate him for being his own man.

•For Bubby Brister, Steeler quarterback: touchdowns by Rod Woodson, Carnell Lake and the rest of the Pittsburgh defense. Heaven knows how few points Bubby can post on a scoreboard.

•For Mario Lemieux, Penguin center: a healthy back.

•For all NFL quarterbacks: pass protection, so they can continue to each live functional lives (in one piece).

•For all NFL offensive linemen: respect for the difficult task they have before them each week to live up to the above.

•For Michigan Wolverine hoop-

rave Chris Webber: a wake-up call. Looks like he missed the one before the Duke game. But he's still a man among boys.

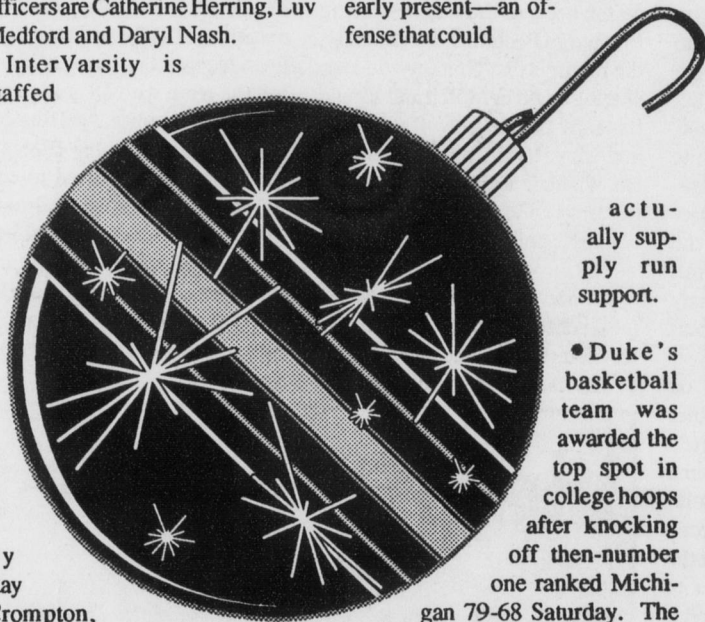
•For Heather and Heidi Burge, twin forwards on Virginia's women's basketball team: distinction from each other. I still can't tell the difference between 'em.

•For Guilford College men's basketball fans: continued enjoyment of Paul Ferrell no-look passes to Adrien Pritchard for rim-jolting dunks. Every time Pritch's feet leave the floor, everybody in Ragan-Brown Fieldhouse gasps in anticipation.

•For that equestrian-at-heart from Shelby, NC: a horse of her own.

•For all players, fans and other assorted readers: the real Christmas gift of Jesus Christ. May you believe and receive Him. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:17)

Merry Christmas. And remember, you can't have Christmas without Christ! If you think you can, you "mas" be kidding yourself.



actually supply run support.

•Duke's basketball team was awarded the top spot in college hoops after knocking off then-number one ranked Michigan 79-68 Saturday. The Blue Devils' reign won't last, though. Sorry, Dookies.

•On the other end of the spec-

NFL Contest

Can YOU beat "The Greek?"

Match your National Football League prognosticating abilities against sophomore Eric "The Greek" Pappas, unequivocally Guilford's most knowledgeable sports mind.

For the fifth week in a row, Eric "The Greek" Pappas' prognosticating pride took yet another beating, as he was "outpicked" by nine other entrants. The total number of entries came to 17, plummeting from 49 the previous week.

"The Greek" ended up with a six out of ten record on the week, matching his worst performance of the year—which he turned in the previous week. Four entrants also picked six of ten and edged out Pappas on the total score tiebreaker, while three entrants went one better and picked seven of ten correctly.

Two entrants really came to play, however, picking eight of ten correctly. These two, David Addison and Peter Meroth, would have their destiny with doughnuts put in the hands of the tiebreaker.

Addison's predicted score turned out to be only two points away from the actual total score of the tiebreaker game, and Addison edged out Meroth for the two dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

As for "The Greek," this is his last chance before the end of the

semester to salvage his somewhat tarnished pride by displaying his sports savoir-faire.

But this is also your last chance to prove your sports mettle. Are you confident that your picks are better than "The Greek's?"

Do you think you could be the one to post the first perfect entry blank, going ten-for-ten? Then fill out the entry blank and turn it in. Somebody's going to win the doughnuts—why not you?

All students, as well as faculty, staff, and other members of the Guilford community, are encouraged to participate. The deadline

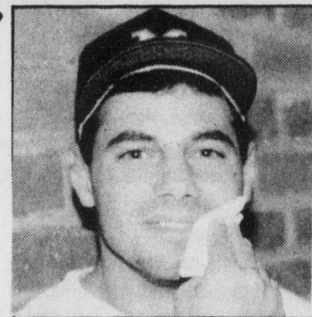


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Pappas

for entries is 11 p.m. Saturday. Place entries in the box located on the door of The Guilfordian office on the second floor of Founders Hall. Only one entry per person will be accepted.

Entry Blank

Game 1: Atlanta @ Tampa Bay	Winner: _____
Game 2: Dallas @ Washington	Winner: _____
Game 3: Indianapolis @ N.Y. Jets	Winner: _____
Game 4: San Francisco @ Minnesota	Winner: _____
Game 5: Green Bay @ Houston	Winner: _____
Game 6: L.A. Raiders @ Miami	Winner: _____
Game 7: Pittsburgh @ Chicago	Winner: _____
Game 8: Cincinnati @ San Diego	Winner: _____
Game 9: Cleveland @ Detroit	Winner: _____
Game 10: New Orleans @ L.A. Rams	Winner: _____
Tiebreaker—Predict the total score of Philadelphia @ Seattle	Total Score: _____

Name: _____
 Address (box #): _____
 Phone: _____