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## Women's basketball team completes best season ever



Guilford fans rush the floor of the Ragan-Brown Fieldhouse following the Quaker's 80-57 victory over the Meredith Angels in the first round of the NCAA Division III Basketball Tournament. Guilford received an automatic bid to the tournament following their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title in school history.

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*Editor's Note: The Guilford varsity women's basketball team finished their best season in school history over the break when they traveled to Abilene, Texas for a NCAA Division III Tournament second-round match against the Hardin-Simmons Cowgirls.*

*The Quakers lost to the Cowgirls 106-77 officially ending their season, but played determinedly up to the very end, posting 51 second-half points. Guilfordian reporter Angela Rioux chronicles this record breaking season that included among other highlights the first Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title and NCAA Division III Tournament appearance in school history.*

The journey began in early September with lots of running, hurting and—to sum it up—hard work. A goal was set to win the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title, a goal that is set every year. But this year would be different.

As the women's basketball

season opened, the women started on their usual win streak: winning games they were supposed to and playing the way the women's basketball team was expected to play. The women won and that was that.

But there was something a little different this year. The crowd in the "Quaker Dome," as junior guard Amy Evans refers to it, was increasing. Along with the increase in the crowd came the increase of noise and the frequency of signs being displayed. It was not unusual to arrive at the gym to see a childhood picture of first-year guard Dara Burke or senior forward/center Marlo Biernacki waving in the stands.

Before the women knew it they were moving their way to the top of the ODAC and not budging. With the regular season ending the Quakers were in second place and ready to win the title.

### ODAC Tournament

A trip to Salem, Va, was required to reach the Quaker's goal, the title. The first game against Lynchburg was a win, but one that was a bit unusual for the Quakers. It was a little closer than usual for the women. "We were nervous and they [Lynchburg] had no pressure on them" said Amy Evans when

asked about the close game.

The game ended 72-68 and it was on to the semifinals to play conference rival Roanoke College. This game prompted the arrival of some female fans at Salem to cheer on their classmates to a big win and a chance at the title game.

The game started slow for the Quakers and many fans were thinking, "I guess we will be going home after this game." But once the second half began, the Quakers went on a scoring run and won 65-48. With the help of another team effort, the Quakers were headed for a victory dinner and a chance to bring home the school's first women's basketball title ever.

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## The Guilfordian to sponsor community-wide FedEx forum

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Within only a few years, there may be heavy airplane traffic in the dead of night while Guilford students try to sleep. Also note, on the other hand, that Greensboro could begin to grow into a thriving metropolis of sorts, where students never lack weekend activity.

The installation of a FedEx hub at the Piedmont Triad International Airport could create either, both, or none of these scenarios, but the subject remains of critical magnitude to residents of Greensboro, especially those in the airport's immediate surrounding area.

The Guilfordian has chosen to sponsor, host and moderate a public forum where it hopes "to present an open dialogue of the disagreement so that people can be more familiar with the issues involved and the sides represented," as James Tatum, a Guilfordian editor explained.

The forum will be held on Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m., across the street at the New Garden Friends Meeting.

There has been staunch opposition to the proposed hub from residents and

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