

Sports

Women's Lacrosse "Getting Better"

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Before each home game, chants resound through the Bryan quad as the Women's Lacrosse team marches through on their way to the field. The long-standing tradition pumps up the athletes, solicits student support, and, above all else, expresses solidarity.

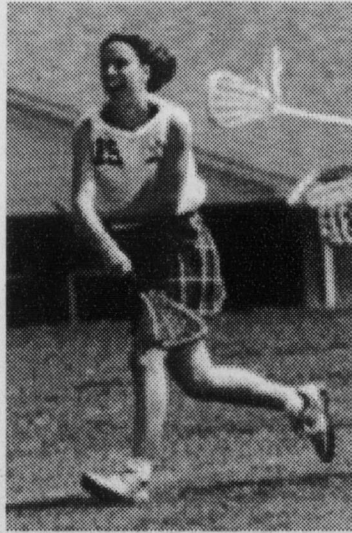
"There's definitely a connection you can feel when we get on the field," said sophomore Katie Rice, one of five players with a variation of the name "Kate."

The bond is built by months of pre-season training, a spring break team trip to Myrtle Beach, hours of practice and traditions such as "secret sister," in which players secretly exchange gifts on the bus ride to away games. With

Rice temporarily sidelined due to a fractured ankle, the team must work through games without any subs. The team attitude values the kind of teamwork that encourages and supports individual efforts.

This season brought a new coaching staff, Head Coach Tara Caminiti-Raggett and Assistant Coach Tanya Tannehco.

Three seniors share the position of captain: Abigail Weiner, Kate Allen and Mary Kate Allee. The



Kate Allen, one of five players named Kate on the team

three have seen the coaching staff change several times and are thus accustomed to maintaining leadership roles within the team.

"Being captain has given me a new leadership role with more responsibility," Allee said. "I have to be in tune with each individual and where they are with lacrosse as a whole."

Allee advocates supporting the younger players as they get incorporated into the program. The team displays this support on and off the field. First-year player Lauren Goodwin stepped into the goal after picking up a lacrosse stick for the first

time.

"I was a little nervous at first," Goodwin said, "but it helps to have a team that communicates so well."

Weiner commended Goodwin's progress while noting the overall improvement of the team. While the current 2-8 record indicates some improvement over last year's 1-13 record, a closer look at the statistics shows more considerable development. Half-way through the season the Quakers have already doubled their average points scored per game, surpassing last season's total.

"We're all good and we're all getting better," Weiner said. "Our stats show that we are progressing — regardless of the score on the board."

Editor's Note: Guilford lost to visiting Roanoke Tuesday, 17-2. Seniors Kate Allen and Abbey Weiner scored for the Quakers while rookie goalie Lauren Goodwin made nine saves.

Scrum, sequins, and rugby

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Serendipity's most spirited event began at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, with the sound of taffeta swooshing in the wind. The sun made a guest appearance overhead, while the Guilford College women's rugby team played against Elon.

Every player wore an evening dress, making for a very colorful and entertaining match and marking the start of the 6th annual Serendipity women's rugby game.

"I may not know rugby," said senior and spectator Faith Jost, "but I know funny and this is it."

The match started after the chanting of the Guilford women's mantra, "Fight, Fight Inner Light, KILL Quakers KILL!" and a lively rendition of the "Hokey Pokey," an exercise featured at every game, that serves to energize players and get fans laughing.

A large group of Guilford supporters assembled along the field to watch and cheer loudly for the team. Greg Keener of student activi-

ties said, "this is the only Guilford sports event that I've ever been to and I'm enjoying myself immensely, despite the early hour."

After several scrums full of colorful dresses, most showed signs of wear and tear, but players continued playing despite torn lace and grass-stained sequins.

President of the Guilford women's rugby club, Mary Eleanor Joyce paused the game during the second period

to recover after swallowing a sequin. Guilford team member, Sesa Keiswetter said, "the sequins can be a bit abrasive when they are ground into your face." However, both players went on to finish the match unharmed.

The game ended with a final score of 0-0. "It was the best game we've played all season, because of the camaraderie between the teams," said Guilford team members Jenni

Celia Robertson and Ashley Coleman. Although no one scored, both teams left the field content and ready to celebrate Serendipity. Joyce said it best: "Hot rugby chicks in dresses — what more do you need?"



The Sergeants-in-Lace struggle to a 0-0 draw in the 6th annual Serendipity game.



Women's Rugby: Dressed to Kill

This week in:

Guilford College Sports

Saturday, April 7

Baseball vs. Hampden-Sydney (DH), McBane Field, Noon

Women's Lacrosse (2-9, 0-4 ODAC) vs. Bridgewater, Haworth Field, Noon

Men's Lacrosse at Randolph-Macon, Ashland, VA, 2:00 P.M.

Golf at Emory Invitational, Smoke Rise Golf and Country Club, Stone Mountain, GA

Sunday, April 8

Golf at Emory Invitational, Smoke Rise Golf and Country Club, Stone Mountain, GA

Tuesday, April 10

Baseball vs. Averett, McBane Field, 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 11

Women's Lacrosse at Hollins, Roanoke, VA, 4:30 P.M.

Baseball vs. Methodist, McBane Field, 4:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 14

Baseball vs. Bridgewater (DH), McBane Field, Noon

Men's Lacrosse at Washington and Lee, Lexington, VA, 1:30 P.M.

Women's Lacrosse at Sweet Briar, Sweet Briar, VA, 2:00 P.M.

Savannah Coed Affair, Ultimate Frisbee at Savannah, GA