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Michael Ian Black performs at homecoming

Q & A with VH1's "I love the ..." commentator

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Not many comedians could make people laugh by screaming "white power!" on stage, but as he made obvious in last Friday's show, Michael Ian Black isn't like most comedians.

Black performed at Guilford on Sept. 29; his presence packed members of the Guilford and Greensboro community into Dana Auditorium to enjoy his dry humor and sarcastic wit. During his show, jokes covering an array of topics from Nazi Germany, to President Bush, to high school and college were met with uproarious laughter from the crowd.

Black is best known for his commentary on the various "I Love the..." decades shows, or, as he puts it, being "the guy on VH1 who talks about the Rubik's cube." His material is notoriously off-colored, self-deprecating and sarcastic, but his sarcasm goes beyond his stand-up act. Before last week's show, two Guilfordian reporters had the chance to ask Black a few questions.

Guilfordian: You have written several essays on the Web site "McSweeney's." In one of these essays you mentioned that the one



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BLACK DELIVERING HIS STAND-UP ACT IN DANA AUDITORIUM.

question reporters should ask celebrities is "have you ever eaten a baby?" So have you ever eaten a baby?

Michael Ian Black: No comment.

saw us perform and thought we were funny. We've just been working together since then.

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Bloodless coup in Thailand

Corruption alleged as cause

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On Sept. 19, a coup was staged in Thailand without a single shot being fired, leading to the ousting of the former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. What had originated as a series of unorganized protests against the corruption of Thaksin quickly turned into a formal takeover of the government.

It is believed that despite the rampant corruption and lack of aid from the government, it was the fixed elections which kept Thaksin in power that drove the Thai people, and, finally, the military, over the edge.

While Thaksin was in New York attending the United Nations General Assembly, the military seized



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media stations and the parliament buildings. "The (Royal Thai Army) channel alternated between screen shots announcing a military takeover," according to BBC News.

Gen. Sothi Boonyaratkalin, the first muslim army commander in Thailand, headed the coup. "Few people expected Thailand's political crisis to lead to a coup," according to CNN. "But when the military made its move to take over the government Tuesday, it came as no surprise that General Sothi Boonyaratkalin was in charge."

Surprisingly, it is not Boonyaratkalin who became the new prime minister. retired Gen. Surayud Chulanont, who was sworn in on Oct. 1, promised the BBC that he

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Quakers take Soup Bowl in dramatic fashion

Guilford overcomes Greensboro College

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The temperature is a cool 65 degrees. The sun is shining, and I am in my cherry picker, 30 feet in the air above the goal post on the south end of the field. It's homecoming weekend, and the 10th annual Gate City Soup Bowl between rivals Guilford College and Greensboro College is moments away from kickoff.

The Gate City Soup Bowl gets its name from the canned food drive that each college takes part in. The schools compete against each other to collect the largest amount of food.

What would Guilford College sporting events be without a sense of social conscience?

Guilford College is known for doing things "outside of the box," and the events that comprised this year's homecoming game were no exception.

First, the team names: Is it the Cougars vs. the Bears? No. It's the Guilford College Quakers vs. the Greensboro

College Pride.

The Armfield Athletic Center's stands are three-quarters full. At least half of the fans are either Guilford alumni or citizens of Greensboro. It's the Quaker's biggest rival game of the year. Why aren't the stands full?

Nevertheless, the crowd is bursting with energy, and they give the Quakers a lively ovation as they stampede onto the field. I am well above the ground and I can still hear Defensive Coach Michael Vite's raspy yell.

The teams are finishing their warm-ups, and the crowd rises to honor the singing of the national anthem.

Oddly enough, there is no singing, because the vocalist's microphone doesn't seem to be working. And unless the band decided to remix the national anthem by playing it over The Yin-Yang Twins, then we were experiencing technical difficulties.

The game starts off a bit for the Quakers as they fumble on the first play of the opening drive.

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ON THE LINE; FANS WATCH THE
HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME.