

## Pool breaks up finals stress

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the bar including two huge projection screens.

According to the bartender Luke Kempton, much of the Guilford community can be found at Players. Kempton '04, is a former Guilford baseball player.

"It's my favorite place to go play pool; there's always something going on over there," said sophomore Tyler Ledford, an avid billiards player. "There are a lot of good places to play around here, but I think Players is the best."

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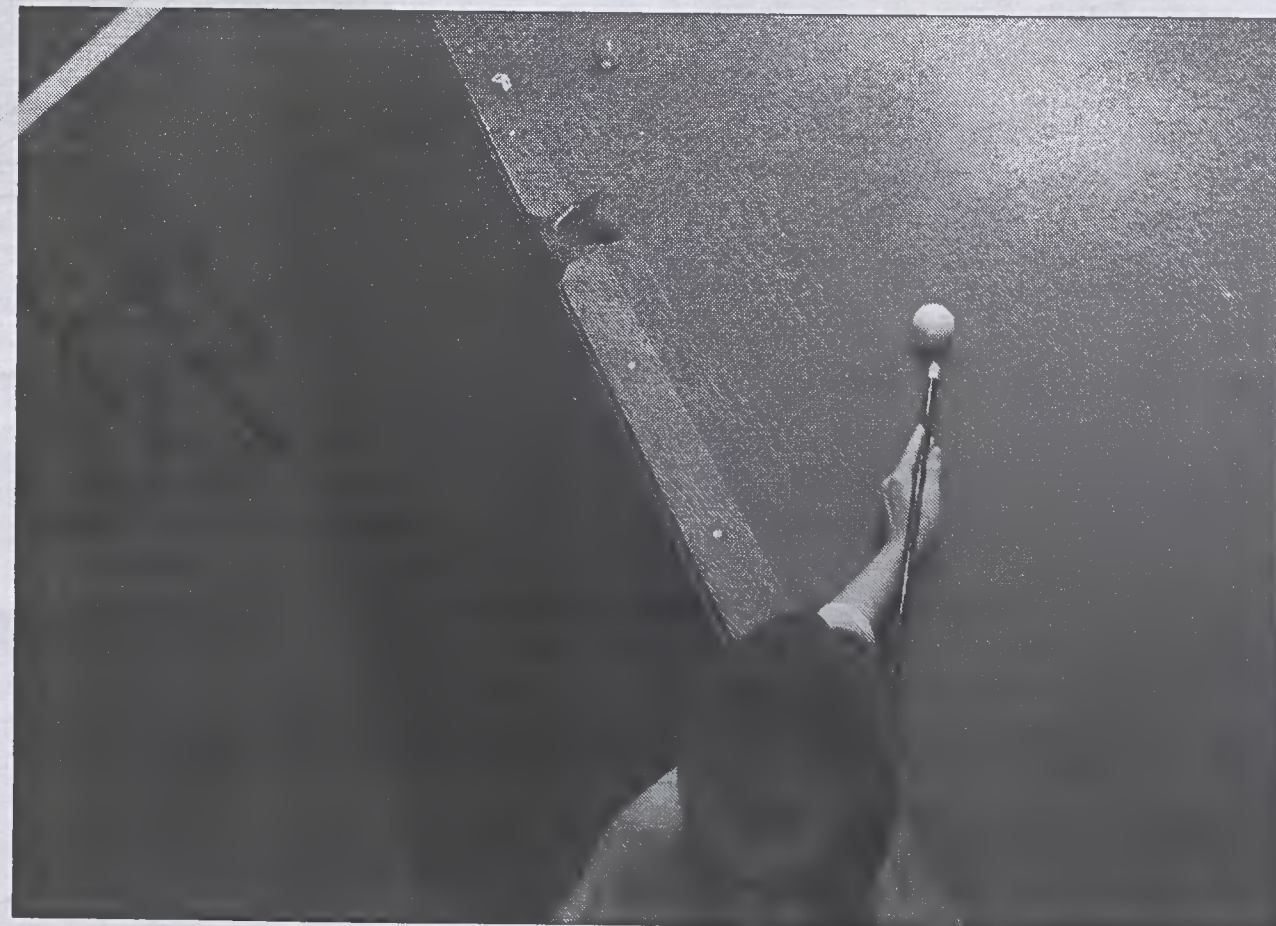
Guilford is not the only place the sport is growing. Almost every week, some type of billiards competition can be seen on ESPN. Various national 9-ball tournaments and trick shot exhibitions offer millions of dollars in prize money.

For the sober students of the Guilford community, Billiards is a great way to go out, meet people and not feel awkward or pressured to drink.

It's Guilford's turn to break and the students will need it now that finals have arrived. Mental fatigue could cause you to scratch on the 8 ball.

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BREAKERS, IN QUAKER VILLAGE, IS A POPULAR BILLIARDS VENUE FOR GUILFORD STUDENTS.

## Sports studies department offers variety of classes, career opportunities

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The Sport Studies department at Guilford is "a world unto itself," said Lavon Williams, department chair and coordinator of physical education.

"The great thing about sport studies is that it's not limiting," Williams said. "It gives you a foundation in different areas, which in turn provides different career opportunities."

Introduction to Sport Management, First Aid, Exercise Physiology, Psychology Sport and Exercise, and The Wonder of Dance are all classes that the department offers.

Within the Sport Studies department are three majors: Sport Management, Sport and Exercise Studies, and Sports Medicine.

Bob Malekoff, professor of Introduction to Sport Management, Sport Historical Perspective, and Intercollegiate Athletics, said, "The Sport Studies department is great because it causes the student to

think and investigate something critically."

"It's a major that prepares the student for grad school, but also provides entry-level work for people who don't go directly to grad school.

"A main focus of Sport Studies is the thought process; being able to analyze various components of sport and thinking things through. We stress thinking outside of the box."

Graduates with a Sport Studies degree give themselves the opportunity to pursue jobs in various fields. One example is Doug McConnell, a department alumnus. Doug

now works as a box office manager for the Potomac Nationals, a semi-pro baseball team.

Current Sport Management major Joe Rigert said, "All the classes I have taken in the Sports Studies department have really made me think. The classes focus on more

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than just facts and test answers; it's much more than that. A lot of my exam questions are essay; questions that test your ability to think, not just your ability to recall numbers and figures."

Bryce Hunsucker, also a Sport Management major, agreed: "I am taking one class right now where all the exam

questions are essay. It's not like other majors where you can study the facts and read the book and you'll be fine for the test. These classes are more in tune to the real world; things like creativity and the ability to think about more than just facts is a focus the professors tend to stress a lot."

"The first time I took a Sport Studies class I thought it would be really easy, but it turned out to be completely different," Rigert added. "It wasn't that simple at all. The first exam I had took me by surprise; it asked me all sorts of questions that didn't even involve things in the book or things in my notes."

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"You can go into a variety of jobs and learn the job with ease because the major you received in Sport Studies prepares you well."