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The crystal ball: Predictions for fall sports

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In the sports world, everyone has an opinion, whether it's on the Super Bowl, a round of miniature golf, or college sports. ESPN analysts make predictions for sports played around the globe.

Here are my professional predictions for fall sports at Guilford.

Football (4-6; 1-5 ODAC)

Overview: The Quaker football team will have their work cut out for them in 2009. For starters, they will need to shake the last-place prediction handed down from the ODAC's latest preseason poll. The biggest question lies on the offense, where the coaching staff will need to fill the shoes of Vogelbach.

Good Answer to a Tough Question: Guilford does return with the speedy Justin Parker, who tallied a school-record 10 rushing touchdowns a season ago. Parker established himself as a premier back last season, turning in five 100+ yard games.

Fresh Faces: Richie Paul, Ryan Hammond, and Chris Jessup all return to solidify the linebacker position, providing some veteran stability to a defense that will scatter new faces. Senior Markas Brunson, the lone returner on the defensive line, will try to lead by example.

They said it: "We played a lot of young players last year, so we have a lot of guys that have

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Jim Dees, environmental sustainability coordinator, explains the new community garden.



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GREEN SUMMER

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN OVER BREAK HELP GUILFORD'S SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

By Abbey Dean
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As the old saying goes, while the students are away, Jim Dees will play.

This past summer, Dees, the environmental sustainability coordinator, along with the other representatives of the Sustainability Council and Facilities, delved into several of the many projects designed to make Guilford more environmentally sustainable.

One catalyst of the green transformations transpired in

spring 2007 when President Kent Chabotar penned his name to the President's Climate Commitment, thus pledging Guilford College to be carbon neutral in the future.

"We're not changing what we do, but how we do what we do," said Dees. "It is our job to assist in this cultural shift of living green, and that's what we are doing."

The most detectable renovation can be seen in the dining hall. Along the ceiling, the array of dispersed skylights is an energy-efficient shift, which allows

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Class of 2013 sets admission records

CAMPUS HOUSING AND DINING HALL MAKE CHANGES TO ABSORB 460 INCOMING FIRST-YEARS

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Dorm rooms are triple-bunked. Lunch lines stretch outside Founders' doors, sometimes scaling well past the brick gate and into the quad. Out of the 1,475 traditional students, 460 are first-years-- the largest admitted first-year class in Guilford history.

Last year Guilford accepted 2,327 students after receiving 3,756 applications.

"We didn't mean for it to be this big," says Aaron Fetrow, dean for Campus Life. Although the college controls admissions, it cannot determine a class figure until all of the students accept.

Randy Doss, vice president of enrollment services, says that many factors possibly affected student admission.

"There have been major facility improvements, the campus tour

guides do a remarkable job, and the retention and persistence number was fantastic," said Doss. "It appears that student satisfaction helps with enrollment."

Doss said that the Strategic Long Plan (SLRP), a five-year plan established in 2004, is what sets student enrollment.

As a result of the student increase, there is a need for housing. Currently, 27 triple-bunked students reside in either English dorm rooms or first-year lounges, all of whom are males.

Kris Gray, housing coordinator, said that students who applied after the May 31 housing application deadline were triple-bunked. She said that these living conditions are temporary and that when space becomes available she will do her best to move students as quickly as possible.

"It's difficult on my end to get these students into rooms because there's minimal space to work with," said Gray. "We have to work with what we have."

"I was disappointed when I found out that I would be living with two other people," said Darryl

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Fraudulence and uncertainty abound in Afghanistan's latest election

By Elisa Valbuena-Pfau
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The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, a country marred by a history of coups, violence, and an ever-changing slew of government systems, held its second democratic election on Aug. 20.

However, presidential candidates registering their militias as private security companies, more votes than voters, and a media blackout imposed two days before election day have plagued the election's legitimacy.

Hamid Karzai, the president of Afghanistan, and his rival, Abdullah

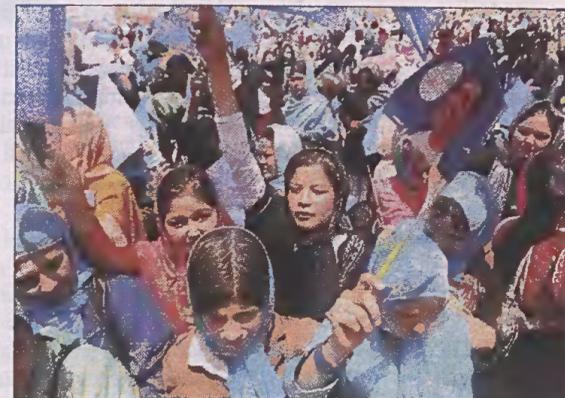
Abdullah, both declared victory this week in the latest election that has also been characterized by armed coercion by the Taliban (a Sunni-Islamist political movement) and general apathy among the populace.

According to The Wall Street Journal, Abdullah offered a bleak assessment of the consequences of a failed election.

"If the democratic process does not survive, then Afghanistan doesn't survive," said Abdullah to The Wall Street Journal.

The negative descriptions of the Afghan elections circulating through the press this week indicate the bigger challenges the country faces.

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Supporters of Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah rally in Kabul.

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