

## Guilford versus Peace: a match to dive for

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Two hours, five sets, one decision.

On Sept 2, Quaker volleyball recorded their first home match of the 2009 season as a victory over the Peace College Pacers: three sets to two.

The start of the match looked promising for the lady-Quakers. First-year Brittany Freeman contributed several vital kills to lead the Quakers to rapid victories in the first two sets, winning 25-11, 25-13. But a blowout quickly turned into a grudge match.

Both teams had undergone a change between the second and third sets, and momentum shifted from the home bench to the visitors' after the Pacers took a 7-1 lead.

The set continued as it started, ending in a 16-25 Quaker loss. The frustration became apparent.

"We were doing so well," said sophomore Laura Kopald. "We became unfocused and lost our intensity in the third and fourth sets."

Sophomore Mary Moody, the game's Most Valuable Player, led the Quakers with 16 kills and 16 digs against the Pacers, and had several key kills in the fourth set to keep the Quakers in reaching distance.

Although the Quakers started to crawl back in the fourth set, it was too little too late, as they fell 25-23. The match was tied at two.

The fifth set began as the fourth ended, with the Quakers behind, and fighting their way back into the set. The Quakers found themselves running out of time. The fifth and final set was shorter than the first four: The first team to 15 would win the game.

"We thought we had it after the second set," said Kopald. "We got caught off guard."

The Quakers nor the Pacers took long to reach the decisive 15-point mark in the fifth set. However, in volleyball you must win by two.

In several Pacer match points, the Quakers prevailed with a strong defensive effort from junior Courtney Kozar, and senior Bethany Hawks.

The defense, and a kill by Taylor Phillips at 17-17, led to an 18-17 lead.

The Quakers had the final knockout



(Above) Sophomore **Mary Moody** leans back for a full-on hit. (Right) Senior **Bethany Hawks** pops up the ball with a solid dig. Guilford women's volleyball played Peace College on Sept. 2.

punch when Taylor Phillips set-up Freeman for a game-winning kill.

"I thought the match was going to go on forever," said sophomore fan Alexandria Miles. "It was nerve-wracking."

Moody rallied and led the Quakers to their first victory of the season, winning 25-11, 25-13, 16-25, 23-25, 19-17.

"We did well the first and second sets," said an exhausted Moody in a post-game interview. "We started slipping in the third and fourth but we managed to pull it together at the end."

"It came down to who wanted it more," said head coach Emily Gann.

With the confidence from the Sept. 2 match, the lady-Quakers were able to beat Greensboro College for the first time since 1997 on Sept. 5, in straight sets.



## CANS

### Soup Bowl participants fighting hunger one can at a time

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understand the need and the positive impact of the food drive.

"There are a lot more people going hungry now," said Carrington.

The 2009 food drive mirrored the new conditions of a shrinking economy with a greater need and less ability to give. As the unemployment rate in the U.S. came close to 10%, our local United Way food pantry was almost empty.

Unfortunately, the can drive didn't reach the high numbers that were seen before the economy dove. In 2007, Greensboro College won the food drive competition with over 8,000 cans. This year,

the combined total from the two schools was less than 6,000.

The good news is that a matching donation doubled the Guilford contribution. Our Guilford cafeteria food vendor Meriwether Godsey gave 5,000 pounds of cans and dried food.

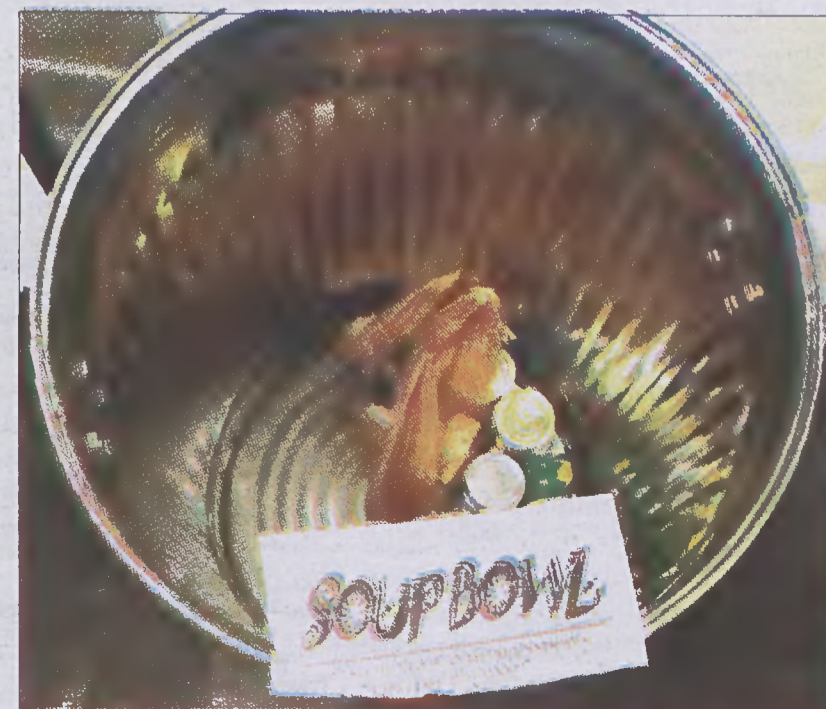
"This year was different," said Carrington. "A lot more people were involved and contributing creative ideas." The can drive began with an open mike night in Dana Auditorium. The talent show brought in \$50 and 50 cans. The RA's in Byran organized a pizza feast in their dorm to collect cans and raise money to buy more cans.

In addition, athletes distributed bins around campus and Bonner Hunger Fellows and others collected the cans every night. The Thursday before the game, food-drive organizers gathered cans by knocking on every door in every dorm.

"The whole community gets into the food drive. It's a big event," said sophomore football player Andre Thompson.

As always, the cost of admission to the football game was two cans. Guilford looks to extend their two-year winning streak in 2010.

Canned food can last over a year. So, it's not too soon to start stockpiling your cans for next year.



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One of the many locations on campus dedicated to collecting cans for the food drive. Despite Guilford's victory, less cans were collected this year than last.