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EDITORIAL COMMENT

More College and University Alumni are concerned about Athletics at their Alma Mater than are concerned in any other one feature of college life, according to one of the State newspapers, which raises the question whether or not these alumni are emphasizing the most important thing in the college in which they are interested, and whether the present tendency is not running to an extreme in one direction.

We do not wish to comment on the right or wrong of this question here, but realizing that the interest of college supporters lies in this direction, it is of the greatest importance that they become acquainted with the efforts which are being made to safeguard their interest by keeping our American College Sports upon the highest possible level. The aim is to keep intercollegiate contests in the hands of bona fide college students, who play for the love of the game and the institution which they represent in the class room as well as on the field, rather than to let it drift into the hands of the professional and the ringer.

We are glad to note that at last the unfair practice which certain institutions made on offering financial inducements to Athletic Stars, in order that they may lure them from institutions which will not stoop to a sacrifice of scholastic standard and sportsmanlike conduct in order to collect a winning team, is receiving the attention of the colleges and that a united effort is being made to rule out all such practices. Various associations and individual regulations have been in operation among the larger Universities for some time. These have excluded all students who fail to make passing grades in their scholastic work and have resulted in the adoption of the one year rule and in the limitation of the number of years for participating to four.

Princeton has gone even a step further than this in proposing that the Tiger Athletes who fail to maintain their scholastic eligibility shall have their awards revoked and lose the right to wear the Varsity insignia which they may have won previously. To quote from the Tiger Athletics, "The plan will not only lend an added incentive to the efforts of athletics who become delinquent in their work but will elevate the premium at which the insignia is held, and in general will raise the tone of athletics. The athlete will realize that the curriculum is not to be slighted."

All the rules of course which are applicable to the large college will not meet the situation confronting the small institution. To meet the need of the latter the "Virginia and North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference," which is now in the making, promises to be the biggest step yet taken. That the rules to

which the contracting colleges agree will work a certain amount of hardship and inconvenience, goes without saying. The college whose student body is small, will of necessity have a handicap in playing under these regulations against colleges which are not subject to such stringent rules. But to eliminate the player who shifts from school to school and to out-law the hired professional is a cause worthy of the sacrifice.

The Alumni and Student bodies of our Colleges, must wake up to the danger of professionalism and the demand for a winning team at all costs. The fight for clean athletics must be carried on. Intercollegiate sports exist for one purpose, to develop character. According to President Tucker of Dartmouth the three points that justify college sports are, "that they make a great school for training in leadership, that participation in them is beneficial to the members of the team because of the character of democracy it inculcates; and because they provide great moral training and development."

Guilford should take her place among the other colleges of North Carolina and Virginia in putting across this forward step.

FRENCH STUDENTS ENJOY FRENCH PARTY

Miss Roberts, Professor of French, entertained the members of her class in advanced French with a French party Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 8, from four to five-thirty. French conversations and games were the features of the afternoon. The refreshments were Cafe au Lait and French pastry. Those who enjoyed this novel party were, Mable Ward, Ruth Pearson, Hope Motley, Esther White, Ruth Reynolds, Lois Rabey, Clara Henley, Blanche Lindley and Hellen Bostic.

OFF AND ON THE CAMPUS

Mrs. Raymond Binford, who has been in Richmond, Indiana, for the past week has returned to the college.

Misses Evelyn and Clara Henley and Carrie Edmund were visiting in Winston-Salem last week-end.

Mr. Gladstone Hodgkin spent the past few days visiting friends in Raleigh.

Miss Hope Motley spent the past few days in Greensboro with Mabel Lewis.

Miss Margaret Smith spent the week-end at her home in Greensboro.

Miss Josephine Mock spent last week-end at her home in Clemmons.

Miss Eurie Teague was called home last week to attend the funeral of her grandfather, Mr. Thos. Dixon of Snow Camp.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson, '97, is president of the National Association of Audubon Societies. Last Spring Mr. Pearson, while working on the interests of this society, made a field trip through some of the Southern states since then he has published a very interesting illustrated Monograph on Bird-life of Southeastern Texas. This is a region which has been little visited by Ornithologists in recent years and Mr. Pearson has collected some very valuable information concerning bird life in this territory.

Miss Beatrice Crouch, a former Guilfordian who has been in Asheville for the past year, has returned to her home in High Point, where she is teaching in the City Schools.

Mrs. C. T. Knight, formerly Miss Lillian Beers a student at Guilford College in 1909-10 is now living in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Knight is a prominent business man of that city.

Mr. Gordon Gainey, '04, has a daughter, Sarah Amelia, born last November.

Miss Laura Cox is teaching in High Point Graded Schools.

Miss Thelma Cloud, '18, is teaching in the High School at Ivor, Va.

Mr. Leslie W. Pearson, '09, has a daughter, Annie Katherine, born February 2.

POETICS AND OTHERWISE

We had quite a sociable social the other night. More couples have learned the difference between dates and socials.

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Four components of a perfect day:
No oatmeal for breakfast.
Weather dry; hair stayed in curl.
Check from home.
Professors cut class.

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In a fit of malice, the Guilfordian editors have instituted this column. 'Tis not our fault, but beware, defenseless reader, beware.

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Don't get desperate when you read this stuff, or you'll be the same way we are.

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We hate to spoil beautiful paper like this, but our conscience is on a vacation.

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Berry (on walk) "Hello Red".
Marie Beaman,—"Don't you speak to me! I ain't met you."

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Miss Roberts (on French class) "For next lesson we shall study Jeanne d'Arc."

Sam Harris (puzzled) "John Dark—who's he?"

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Mr. Anscombe (on History) "Mr. Gray, what was the religion of the Catholics?"

Earnest Gray (drowsily) "Uh—they was Protestants, wasn't they?"

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Once I met my girl ideal;
I married her right off the reel;
She cooked for me so fine a meal.
Dyspeptic pangs I could soon feel.
I ate and ate till there was dearth,
And greatly did increase my girth;
I became so very ill,
The doctor came with healing pill;
I soon got well, but had a chill
When he presented me his bill
Which gave no thought of mirth.

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Verne would be a beautiful name for the new spring month proposed. Also a great help to the poetically inclined. Thus the lovesick rhymers could warble:

Love, dost remember the month of Verne,
When on my tongue love words did burn,
Thou wouldst not passion's offering spurn;
Why dost thy brow with frowns grow stern?
Thy wondrous gaze upon me turn.
For but one glance from thee I yearn,
That from it I my fate may learn,
My heart within my breast doth churn,
I am sure I show my great concern.

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