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EDITORIAL

WANTED: AN ASYLUM!

Guilford College students have been and are suffering from a chronic attack of TOO MANY student activities—or a serious absence of a committee to act as a schedule mediator.

It so happens that every man or woman on the campus of Guilford College is expected—seriously—to attend chorus practice on Monday night, Class meeting on Tuesday night, a Lecture—or its mental equivalent—on Wednesday night, a "Y." meeting on Thursday night, a Literary society on Friday night, a social or movie on Saturday night, Sunday-school, Church and Christian Endeavor on Sunday. If he can escape attending two of these functions during one week, it is a master stroke of evasion, and if he escapes three of them he is supposed not to be a supporter of anything.

In addition to the above, approximately 20 men must attend Glee Club rehearsals three to four nights a week for two months and give 12 concerts off the campus at certain intervals; 8 men must rehearse orchestra preparation at least four hours a week and accompany the Glee Club on its concerts, and in addition play at every gathering of a gala nature above twenty; 6 to 10 persons must rehearse strenuously for twelve weeks for a dramatic production; four men must prepare a strong inter-collegiate debate; four men must prepare an inter-class debate; 14 people must write weekly articles for the Guilfordian; 30 persons must write, memorize, and deliver orations during the year; 20 men must prepare debates or lectures and 10 girls must study for individual participation in the weekly literary societies; 30 men must practice for the varsity athletic teams, and spend at least two weeks on "trips," and every woman must get off three hours of physical culture per week. Then, of course, if a student has time he might have a half hour date during the week and if matters are not too pressing he should attend ata least 16 hours recitation per week and five hours laboratory. We even discount the possibility of preparation for these class attendances.

Any person could bore himself for a half hour enumerating the number of offices each junior or senior does possess, and how many mass meetings and committees both men and women have to attend. It is a mystery when a Guilford student studies, but it is assumed that he does for one must pass at least eight hours work to be respectable and allowed to remain at College. But fifty hours enumeration would only result in the conclusion that: There are too many student activities or . . . . . There should be appointed some sort of a committee to see to it that student activities do not conflict. There is a crying need for some sort of an arrangement to be made so that: Chorus, Glee Club and Orchestra, Dramatic Council seasons do not conflict; that senior functions, inter-collegiate and inter-class debates, baseball and tennis trips, do not happen within the same two weeks. If every man and woman had done everything placed on his schedule during the months of April and May, there would be about 50 raving maniacs sent out from Guilford this spring.

Charlotte Wins Field Honors

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Gallagher of Charlotte was the winner of the mile run. His time was four minutes, 56 and three-fifth seconds. Horrey of Greensboro came in second followed by Barkley of Statesville.

Chrismon, of Charlotte, took the low hurdles in 17 seconds. Whittington of Greensboro and Shepherd of Burlington took second and third places in this event.

Smith of Charlotte, clipped off the 220 yard dash in 24 and three-fifth seconds. He was closely followed by Cofer of Winston-Salem who crossed the line just in front of Anderson of Greensboro.

Rowe of Charlotte won over seven other contestants in the half-mile run. He covered the distance in a fraction over two minutes eighteen seconds. Second and third places were taken by Brooks of Greensboro and Ford of Winston-Salem, respectively.

Out of the seven men entering the 440-yard dash, Wilkins of Greensboro was the first to cross the line. He was closely followed in second and third places by Redfern of Charlotte and Litaker of Statesville.

Winston-Salem's group won the mile relay in a minute, forty-two and three-fifths seconds. Charlotte and Greensboro took second and third places, respectively.

McDaniel, of Rockingham high school carried off the laurels in the high jump contest. He crossed the bar at a height of five feet and seven inches. McIver of Chapel Hill took second place with a height of five feet four inches. Third place went to Summerville, of Charlotte, who took the bar at five feet two inches.

Besides the silver loving cup that went to Charlotte the winning school of the meet, the winners of first place in every event were presented with silver medals.

Man-Made Lightning

FRANKLIN removed some of the mystery. But only recently has science really explained the electrical phenomena of the thunderstorm.

Dr. C. P. Steinmetz expounds this theory. Raindrops retain on their surfaces electrical charges, given off by the sun and other incandescent bodies. In falling, raindrops combine, but their surfaces do not increase in proportion. Hence, the electrical pressure grows rapidly. Finally it reaches the limit the air can stand and the lightning flash results.

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