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YE GAY YOUNG PESSIMIST

A pessimist has rather aptly been defined as a man who was not satisfied with a belt, but insisted on wearing galluses as well. Safety First! When Hi Johnson went to the Senate his suspenders went along too, but then there was some excuse for that as he expected to engage in mental gymnastics and gyrations. Now ye fair young Converse maid makes her appearance with the time honored and trustworthy servant of her forebears. We have heard much talk of the abbreviations and modernity of the wearing apparel amongst college misses, but when galluses make their appearance in the place of safeties, we can but feebly and with a sense of faintness exclaim, "OH, ye pessimist of little faith." The tea hounds, lounge lizards and cake-eaters should now, with bowed heads, return to the good old homespun and knit yarn socks of their granddad's in igominious shame at having been so far outstripped.

ATHLETICS OPTIMISTIC

Athletic contests between schools are for the purpose of measuring strength, becoming better acquainted, and exalting a more sincere amity between the contesting institutions. Although this purpose is too often defeated, the opposite was true in the Guilford-Lenoir Rhyne game played here last Thursday night. A more exciting game has not been witnessed here in several years. Several fans remarked that they had never seen a better exhibition of true sportsmanship than was shown by both the teams. The Lenoir Rhynean says that the same was true when Guilford played Lenoir there. We were also encouraged by the spirit shown by State College when we visited them.

Most all of the college teams of the state are beginning to realize the true purpose of athletics. The side lines are swiftly coming to the same realization. Athletic advocates are now able to look optimistically into the future.

SEMESTER FAILURES

Hundreds of students are sent away from higher institutions of learning every second semester on account of failures in their work. Many set up the hue and cry that they have not had justice and that such a rule is absurd. They may be right but there are two sides to most questions.

The institutions just mentioned because of their limited capacity, turn away many at the beginning of every year. A large number of those whose are refused at the beginning of the term are ambitious for an education and are willing to work. It is safe to assume that the greater part of the failures are due to poor high school preparation, laziness, lack of interest, and lack of gray matter.

Obviously it is hardly fair to allow the irresponsible type to remain in college just because their parents are

fortunate enough to have a little money. Suppose a student does fail, due to lack of high school preparation. Should he be allowed to stay in college to waste his time and money when he could make up his deficiency in some high school? College standards should not be lowered just to please a few unprepared students. An "A" class college cannot run a prep school and keep its standing. If a student cannot pass the college requirements why should he not get out and let someone else have a chance?

If such a ruling were made by all colleges would it be unfair to those who are naturally mentally deficient? Many claim that it would not. Our best psychologists tell us that there are many students not capable of taking a college education, no matter how long they go to school. If this is true it seems that the colleges would be doing these individuals an invaluable service, by refusing to let them spend their money in a futile attempt to get a college education.

The question now being raised more and more is whether the unfit should be failed before they are allowed to enter and start their college work. In other words, regardless of the diplomas applicants for admission may have received from standard high schools, require them to measure up to certain minimum standards in educational and mental tests. This policy has been praised and advocated as the one which insures wise recognition of the intellectual aristocracy. Others refer to it as looking towards an intellectual imperialism. We are living in a day which apparently promises significant changes in college policies.

CLEANING UP A COLLEGE

I believe that education, especially in a small christian college, has a duty of reclamation; that it should neglect no opportunity to save a boy or girl from folly; and that often a little patience will make good men and women out of mighty questionable material. On the other hand I believe that the time has come to cease tolerating in American colleges and universities. If college students persist in breaking the law of the land, if they persist in gambling, in breaking college rules, and in other evil practices, they should be dismissed from our campuses.

The college has a duty to them, perhaps, but it has a duty to those others upon whom their influence is not good and with whose progress they are interfering. Furthermore, education is too expensive to permit wasted energies and wasted resources. Furthermore we have educated too many men and women with warped moral conceptions and turned them out in the world with degress, and the mark of the approval of higher education upon them. Lastly, if the institutions of higher learning do not take a decided stand against violations of the law of the land and the laws of decency, by the "cream of the earth," where shall we look for a check, and what shall we hope for the future?

And I also believe that if faculties and administrations, both in endowed and in public institutions, would make an effort to rid their institutions of the moral degenerates, destructive apitators, and social parasites who masquerade under the guise of students, regardless of whether they have money and position or not, regardless of whether their friends or parents may or may not give to the next endowment campaign, and regardless of the fact that any school has enough enemies without increasing the list, these same faculties and administrators would find the best students right behind them. Our schools would be more wholesome places for young people to live in. There would be fewer casualties and fewer disappointed parents. Higher education would accomplish more. The standard of the college bred would be raised. There would be greater respect for law

Scholarship would be higher and more highly regarded. Athletics would future of the nation be more secure—be cleaner and more valuable. The HERMAN SWEET, in The Educational Review.

OPEN FORUM

Society Attendance

For a considerable length of time it has been clearly noticeable that the attendance at both the girls' and boys' literary societies has been slowly but surely on the decline. There may be an exception to this distressing state of affairs, and that is, at or about the time for a reception, when everyone, especially those who least often attend, are seen once more within the fold to receive their lucrative and profitable reward for their untiring efforts and interest in the welfare of the society.

Now, since these are the facts, what are the causes? Oh yes, we say that we are so very, very busy that we can't possible attend because all of us have not less than three classes and two labs on every Saturday. And of course we stay in our room every other night and faithfully burn the midnight oil, never thinking of going to Greensboro or elsewhere. After all, are we so rushed in our work that we can't spare an hour or so in constructive and beneficial literary work? Certainly here the answer must be obvious. Now we come to a startling confession. "Well, I'll just tell you, I'm not interested in Society work." Do we actually confess that we are so entirely absorbed in boyish bobs, latest this and latest that, fad here and fad there, that we can't think to condescend and have a least one serious thought occasionally? Do we admit that Burns was right by "A set o' dull conceited hashes, Confess their brains in college classes! They gang in sticks and come out asses."

If we as college men and women, who are expected some day to be leaders in our different lines of work, cannot stop for an hour or so a week and do some serious and reflective thinking or our nations' problems, what can we think of others? Speakers often shower complimentary remarks on us, telling us we are the leaders to be, the "cream of the land." If that reasonably can be the case, and considering what we are sometimes, did we ever take time to consider the condition of the "skimmed milk."

Whenever a man joins a literary society, a club, or an organization of any kind did it ever occur to him that he thereby obligates himself to be a loyal, faithful, and whole-hearted supporter of that organization. The world doesn't have room for slackers, for half-hearted workers, nor for those who aren't interested in their work. If the world on the outside discriminates thus, isn't it well that we learn the lesson of loyal support here?

Charles S. Veir.

TOM SYKES ADDRESSES MISSION SCHOOL ON CAMPUS

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