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## PARAGRAPHS

## Are We Down-Hearted?

If so, remember that the opponents' score has diminished each game. The next game should be a time. Poor Elton!

If it were possible to play four last quarters and leave off the first, second and third, there would be little cause for worry.

Miners! Are you hungry? Try a "walk out" instead of a strike or lockout. It proved effective at Guilford; it might for you—for a while.

Coach Doak appears to be as much at home on the stage as on the football field.

Most campuses are blessed or afflicted with two types of students: Those who think college is absolutely necessary and those who didn't make a team.

Reptile skins are greatly in vogue for women's wear. At least, this will be one case where the lounge lizard may prove useful.

Some C. O. D.; Another fish story! Seven silver coins were found inside a codfish caught in American waters.

Just why a professor will stick to a job for the salary he gets when he is smart enough to teach someone else the secret of a bigger salary is a question we have not been able to answer. Neither has the professor.

A college graduate has well been defined as a person who knows too much to accept a job at \$40 a week and not enough to accept one at \$15.

If rumors are true a new musical instrument has been introduced called the Hatchet. Had this been invented in George Washington's day he might have got out of his predicament by telling the old man that he was merely practicing the scales.

College Freshmen of today are perfectly safe—when they are in the hospital.

## "Bad Colds"

At a recent chapel the speaker for the morning averred that all bad colds are caused either by laziness, bad judgment or ignorance. Those who are prone to catch colds and who seem especially sensitive to the 100 or more little germs which are said to produce this dread state of affairs, but which have never yet been entirely conquered by science, were at first inclined to dispute the lecturer's statement. After due consideration these doubting Thomases decided that the speaker had artfully taken an invincible stand when he girded the armor of ignorance and used it as one of the bulwarks for his statement. Further consideration convinces these same doubters that the dread epidemics of small-pox which once swept Europe, leaving pitted faces, pox marks, and death in their wake, were after all merely the result of ignorance, since Jenner had not at that time told people of the immunity which might be secured by a simple vaccine. Likewise the yellow fever which held up the work of the Panama Canal was merely a result of ignorance which only a man like General Gorgas was able to dispel.

Yes, bad colds are the result of either laziness, bad judgment, or ignorance. But the doubting Thomases with one accord agree that ignorance covers a multitude of sins.

## Patched Breeches

The story is told of a North Carolina mountaineer who always wore patched breeches—patched at the knees and patched in the seat. Economy is not the explanation that his neighbors gave for the condition of his trousers. It was generally conceded that the knees were worn threadbare by fervent spirits of prayer, while the seat was entirely worn away by much back-sliding from the heights of religious ecstasy attained during such periods.

Many college students are like this mountaineer. Figuratively if not literally, their trousers are patched before and behind. As quarterly or mid-term examinations are all over he draws a deep breath of relief and sits down on the job for a good long period of back-sliding.

As he back-slides he and his fellow Solomons chortle in glee over the way in which they have passed by the narrowest hair's breadth—just enough to keep them in college. Such campus inhabitants are the ones who eventually get a degree and draw down scathing criticism upon the whole clan of college graduates. They can neither talk correctly nor write well.

During the college career the patched breeches type find ample time to complain loudly and long of the incompetency of instructors, and of the various hardships wilfully thrust upon them by those in authority.

According to new philosophy, or probably a left over of the old, a few collegians believe it permissible to hit another to assert their right. But then they had better dodge to avoid the other man's left.

## Popular Cant

Are the college youths of America actually losing their facility for expressing ideas—that is, if there be any to express? Has the standardization of slang phrases rendered the speech of the student body on college campuses as similar as Fords?

Whether the speech be as similar as Fords there is at least too much inclination to conform to certain college vernacular.

Hackneyed expressions are heard on all sides. "She's a peach" often describes everything from a fellow's best girl to the fat gray rat he has just finished killing for invading his sacred precincts. High-pitched voices shrilly declare that the owner "doesn't give a hang" for flunking the semester's work, for quarreling with the same selected affinity, for receiving faculty marks, *et cetera*.

Standardization slang has crept in until it is almost a sign language that is used by many. Who knows what is actually meant when one hears the expressions: "High hat him," "Give him the air," "Hot stuff," "The bee's knees," "Ain't goin' to do nothin' else," "Ain't nothin' different?"

Small talk and ribald laughter and monosyllabic questions and answers too often hold sway in college gatherings. After the talk has passed the stage of he's and she's, automobiles, flappers, sheiks, and motion pictures there is little left to do but to begin all over.

Now and then someone manifests some slight interest in the gentle art of conversation rather than the windy satisfaction of the tongue. An inclination to digress from the beaten trail in conversation at once marks one. Try it and see!

No special course will ever solve the problem. What is needed is a consciousness of the defects in conversation and an alertness and willingness to correct them with a strong determination not to become standardized. "Mend your speech a little lest it mar your fortunes."

## Why?

Although student activities may not be of much importance in the eyes of some and an impediment in the path of good students in the eyes of others, it is an almost undebatable fact that the advertising value of good, constructive and instructive extra curricular work is one of the best drawing cards that the extension division of an institution can mention. The average student leaving high school is still seeking some work that will interest him other than cut and dried book study. A college with only academic study would be uninteresting to a youth of seventeen, who is just beginning to "feel his oats," as the saying goes. Youth wants something with a life in it. Something that is producing, not something that is static. Some groups of youth will follow the football team, others the musical clubs, and a few the publications of colleges which they hope to attend.

It is about time we were arriving at the excuse for this outburst. Here it is: Guilford is not doing all she can to foster constructive and beneficial activities among its student body. The most noticeable

thing at present is the adverse attitude taken toward the publishing of an annual. Last year a spasmodic effort was made to arouse interest along this line. There was a little flare of enthusiasm that met with opposition and flickered out. Nothing was done and it seems as though Guilford college is for the fourth consecutive year to be without an annual, incidentally alone in her class. The question is often raised as to whether or not athletics should be given an important place in college life. As a creator of school spirit, inter-scholastic games are unrivalled by any other form of activity, and as an advertisement it is indispensable. The fact of whether it should or should not be does not affect its indispensability. Youth is of a certain mental makeup that demands activity and athletics fulfill this requirement to a certain degree, and musical clubs and publications follow in close order. To interest youth, a college must be in sympathy with the mind of youth and lead, rather than piously and intolerantly drive, toward a goal of life.

Returning to the annual—There is ability enough among the students of Guilford to publish an annual every year, if some incentive and aid was given by the school at large. Due to our small student body we cannot compete in all lines with large state institutions on an equal basis, in football, for example, but there is absolutely no excuse for the unspeakable inactivity and disinterested inertia on the part of the remainder of the student body and faculty relative to an annual. There is as much advantage in a year-book as in the weekly publication. There seems to be no objection to the GUILFORDIAN, mainly because the work is done by about 10 people, and the rest of the college is left to occupy the seat of critic. An annual, however, would necessitate the united effort of the college body. By this united effort an annual can be made a financial and literary success. A publication fee of only \$5 a year would take care of the GUILFORDIAN and annual. The advisability of this plan will be discussed at a future date.

Now as to the advantages of an annual. There are very few forms of advertising that have definite and concrete results. The average ad has an indirect result on the reader. An annual is more or less in this class when considering the public at large. However, practically every student at Guilford at some time before coming to college has looked through old Quakers and formed opinions about the various activities of the college. For an example, there is an annual in the library at present which is published by a small teacher's college that few Guilford students have heard of. Most of the students who go in the library have looked through it and formed an opinion of that institution that is favorable because of the attractive aspect of its annual. Back in the days when annuals were published occasionally, the Quaker was a noticeable book in the home of alumni and Friends of this section. All outsiders coming into these homes

thus had the opportunity to see what Guilford was doing. People outside the Society of Friends know little or nothing of Guilford.

A professor on the faculty at the present time states that he thought of Guilford as a solemn and straight-laced institution where no one ever laughed or had a good time. We need some medium such as an annual to inform the public of our true selves. The advertising value is not paramount. The largest dividend paid will be to the students themselves who will have something concrete showing their activities during the four years of college life. All this side of the question can be hashed out later, but we want to know the *why* of the reason, if such there be, for not publishing an annual either this year or next.

J. C. C.

## OPEN FORUM

It seems that there are a few men on the campus who consider the Y. M. C. A. as a worthless organization and hence don't find that they have the time and dollar to throw away on such an organization.

Careful observation and investigation has proved that those who bear such an attitude of disinterest are those who do not attend the regular Thursday evening meetings and are also ignorant of the fact that all the regular campus socials and special socials, hikes and receptions are sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A.

Had it not been for the efforts of these two organizations the casting of shy, distant glances would still be in vogue.

A knowledge of these facts alone is enough to prove that such an association is well worth while, but the social side of the organization is merely a side line.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s meet every Thursday evening. At these meetings student leaders are developed and the spiritual side of life is emphasized. Perhaps there are a few on the campus who do not need any spiritual training, but, strange to say, this type never misses a Y meeting.

Those who say "I don't care to be associated with that bunch" when asked for a dollar, which is the membership fee this year, could probably use the Y to good advantage. Just what bunch they think they are referring to when they say "that bunch" no one knows. Certainly every organization is represented at Y, both literary, musical, and athletic, and all other respectable ones. Since this is all inclusive it seems that those who don't care to link up with either of these two influential associations are treading on thin ice.

IRA G. NEWLIN.

If no one ever dared break the rule of doing as father did, we still would be living in caves and trading stone hatchets for juicy roots.

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