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**What Are You Doing at Guilford?**

How many students at Guilford College have any real interest in the institution or its extra-curricular activities?

It is hard to find an adjective that will adequately describe the attitude or industry of the student body as a whole. Lazy, indifferent, unloyal group of winter resorters might apply to 50 per cent who neither study nor take an interest in anything at Guilford.

Last half there were 32 people out of 250 who failed to pass nine hours' works, most of this because of laziness and inadaptation. The remaining 50 per cent of the student body is composed of book worms and students having an education as their aim.

Agitations and criticism of the administration of the college, especially on subjects pertaining to athletics, are continually arising and it is interesting to note that they have their greatest backing among the students who never do anything constructive for the college, or come out in the open and discuss questions. It only takes one irrational and non-constructive man about five minutes to get a room full of his collegiate colleagues vociferously denouncing some stand of the administration.

None of the groups have enough foresight or insight, fairmindedness or reasoning power to go into the question thoroughly with the idea of arriving at the best solution. What they want is their own free way, but the only thing they are accomplishing is the forming of more and more factions in the student body and more misunderstanding between the administration and students. The administration is to blame to a degree for allowing itself to be misinterpreted.

These factions are Guilford's greatest danger. Open discussion and fair criticism never will do harm; but to work from the inside, more or less secretly, to cause some desired change, will only undermine the feeling of loyalty to Guilford that is held by most of the students.

**OPEN FORUM**

By Worth Mackie

In the edition of the Guilfordian for February 16 there was an article in regard to athletics at Guilford. I want to say a few things not only about athletics but also about things in general.

I think there can be no doubt about Guilford's being moral victory champions. At present Guilford has played 12 games. Out of those twelve games, Guilford has been victor in two, one against White Oak "Y" and one against Greensboro "Y". Those "Y" teams are not considered in the race for they are of another class. When it is said that Guilford is champion it means that as far as other institutions and colleges are concerned. If any other college has such a record, let us see it.

In football the record was slightly better. Guilford won two games out of nine. This probably is the best record in moral victories, but it is supposed that another institution not so far away has better claims.

There is no need of saying anything about other sports. This is enough evidence.

Not so long ago I was in the "Y" building. I noticed on the wall pictures of former Guilford teams. Among these was picture after picture of a former championship team, not of moral victories but actual victories. Unless something has been seriously misrepresented, Guilford has actually had a championship team. Can those former athletes look back upon Guilford with pride and admiration? If they can they are a most peculiar bunch. The fact is they do not. The question generally is "What in the world is wrong with Guilford?"

Here is the problem. What is wrong at Guilford? While Guilford does not profess to fit an athlete for a professional career, it does profess to fit a man for work. I believe no sensible man could say that an institution excels in one field and is at the bottom in another. When Guilford put out championship teams, more than likely she trained championship teams, men who have made an enviable record in their career.

It would not be so bad if athletics were the only thing on a decline at Guilford. If I can see straight there are several things on the decline. The time has come for an awaking, awaking to some of the existing conditions. This student body will no longer endure some of the things they have endured in time past. Most of the students pay for their stay here and they want their money's worth. Some people may think classes can be conducted in any haphazardous sort of way, any topic can be discussed and make it fit in, that dining room conditions will be tolerated and there will be no complaint, but somebody is going to be fooled. Most of the student body are mature persons. They cannot be driven, they will not be driven. They have a right and they are going to assert it as long as this is a land of free speech. Guilford cannot exist on its reputation; it cannot stand on its history, its membership in the Southern Association of Colleges will not hold it up.

If you differ with any other faction of the student body, come out in the open and discuss it with the intention of arriving at the best solution. If you think the administration isn't doing the best thing for the college, then for Guilford's sake, say so in the open. But keep your mouth shut if all you want is success for your own small and easily dispensable desires. Work for a Guilford that is united. Don't always agree with everybody else, for you may see how you can improve Guilford by a change, but at the same time, back what we are doing and don't pull for your own personal wants.

**We Take Issue With Mr. Mackie!**

In an accompanying Open Forum article the point is brought out that Guilford used to put out championship teams, but that of late things have been changed. We respectfully ask Mr. Mackie if he has considered the fact that Guilford has put out teams in the past that were champions mainly because the men were athletes before they came here. No coach can take a bunch of inexperienced athletes and make of them a championship team. Tom Zachary could pitch baseball before he came to Guilford. To be sure, he improved while here; anybody does with practice. But Tom Zachary would have been tempted to go to some institution of learning that would give him free tuition if he was starting in college today. The practice of commercializing athletics has been growing since the time of Tom Zachary and Ernest Shore. Guilford does not practice the inducement of athletes. That is, the policy of the administration is against it. On the other hand the larger institutions of the state and certain of the smaller ones do use such means as free tuition to attract the best high school athletes. A few years ago, Guilford was able to compete with the now large institutions of the state but due to their growth we should limit out athletic activities to colleges of our own size.

Mr. Mackie seems to have "cut loose" rather eloquently in regard to the supposed decline of the conditions at Guilford since the "grand old days." We suggest that he has shown a slight ignorance, or shall we say uninformed, attitude about the "several things on decline at Guilford."

Eight years ago, Guilford College was on the rocks in more ways than one. She had a debt of \$60,000,000 and an endowment of only \$200,000. Today, because of the untiring and sacrificial work of a few and the help of many benefactors, Guilford has wiped out the debt and raised her endowment to \$600,000.

We would like to ask Mr. Mackie if he has noticed any great decline in the variety and quality of food in the dining hall in the past three years. To be sure, there are always things that can be found as excuses for grumbling, but why growl around all the time about the food? Institution food always gets monotonous and we don't claim that Guilford's culinary efforts are always palatable. Neither are the meals at home always delicious. We have heard of complaint of husbands about the grub, outside of funny papers. In the past three years, in the opinion of this column, there has been no decline in the dining room.

We admit that Guilford can not live on its past history, but we would like to remind the student body as a whole that Guilford can not live without unity in the college itself. Dissension seems to be a mark of intellectual prowess in the eyes of the average campus "constructionalist." What Guilford needs is less quibbling over little things of grievance and a better co-operative spirit in the student body to work with the administration in developing Guil-

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The Social Committee carried off every honor in planning and carrying out a unique and colorful social affair Saturday night, February 19.

The "Book Review" held in New Garden Hall from 7:30 to 10 o'clock was attended by many of the faculty members and most of the students, in costume. Among the numbers of clever costume representations of books were "Black Beauty," "A Tale of Two Cities," "The Little French Girl," "The Flapper Wife," "Little Red Riding Hood," and "Just David." The decision of the judges after the grand march gave the first prize, "The Rescue" by Conrad, to Ira Newlin who was remarkably convincing in his make up of "Peck's Bad Boy." Miss Sara Jinnette carried off the second prize, a book of poems by her picturesque "Freckles." Miss Eunice Lindley dressed as "Just David," Miss Holliday as "The Rainbow Trail," Mr. Alton Tew, representing "Pilgrim's Progress," and Mr. Floyd Pate as Kipling's "Light That Failed," were given honorable mention.

The Boys Orchestra played for the grand march and gave several other selections afterward. The performance of the orchestra was one of the most successful and enthusiastically received features of the evening.

Sally Wilkins, Elizabeth White, Red Ebert, and Hale Newlin, in a quartet, entertained with "I Was Sorry for Old Adam," "Hand Me Down Mah Walkin' Stick" and other similar numbers.

"The Soup Ladder's Union," composed of Red Ebert, Sidney Winslow, Justice Strickland, and William Ward, led by Floyd Pate, rendered "It was Sad When That Great Ship Went Down," to the delight of their audience.

Until ten o'clock games were played in the dining room and in the parlors the social was unusually animated.

ford so that it will be able to attain its goal set for 1937.

We apologize to Mr. Mackie for taking advantage of the last word, but we consider that his stand has enough publicity and therefore want to bring out another side for the consideration of the student body.

If anyone has any more argument, we will have space in the next issue for open forums.

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