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WE WANT THINGS

Our work begins. We look to the past in appreciation for the things which have been accomplished. The financial situation of the paper has changed from one of questionable instability to that of firmness. The patronage of the publication has been transferred from the Literary Societies alone to the student body. It is a period of expansion which is worthy of tribute that has been the achievement of the retiring officials.

And so, we, the new Guilfordian board are dedicating ourselves to goals we wish to achieve. We want the Guilfordian to be an original representation of the spirit of Guilford students. We want it to express their feelings and finest thoughts. The Open Forum column is one means for individuality based on creative purposes, so we need discussions of campus problems. We want it to show a school spirit which is not sentimental, but deep and ardent. We want to draw the alumni as close as they were back in "the good old days" when they were here in college—for the play goes on even as the actors change. We want sincerity and straightforwardness in reporting and editing. We want those things which will make our paper a part of us. In fact, we want to continue the Guilfordian's policy and intensify it.

WE NEED CLASS SPIRIT

We do not approve of the haughty dignified senior, the pretentious junior, the taunting sneering sophomore, or the slinking freshmen, who are generally reported as the classes that make up the average campus. Visitors who are only acquainted with college life through rumors and stories would expect to find a sarcastic sneer from a sophomore, sufficient to send a trembling freshman scurrying to a place of safety, or the bombastic dialect of a senior causing his inferiors to run for a dictionary with awe. Such a college life is fictitious, we are proud to say. The frequent intermingling of the student body at social affairs tended to overcome the many barriers which formerly existed between the classes and has laid a broad foundation for unity in college spirit.

However this common feeling of unity has almost reached the brink here at Guilford. Class spirit and interest in class activities ebbs extremely low. This is evidenced by the fact that the sophomores have recently called two meetings, and the attendance at neither one of them was sufficient to elect officers. A class election should be an exciting occasion, as the importance of a capable selection cannot be overstressed. Many students do not even know or care who their class officers are. Such ignorance is inexcusable. At the recent preliminary debates held among the classes the attendance was so low that the speakers were discouraged at the support. Unless the class backs its men a good team will be an impossibility as the debaters will not strive near so hard when they know that their classmates are indifferent. The intraclass athletic contests, formed to build up class spirit and interest seems to have no attraction for anyone except the contestants.

The condition is sadly deplorable. Students are not concerned with whether they keep up with their class or not as there is no apparent difference, and as a result grades are affected. The need for class spirit is the

cries need of the hour, and an essential necessity to a successful college career.

Let us, as students take greater interest in class activities, encourage our classmates who strive to bring honor to us, and enter with zeal in undertaking what will accomplish something, and as a result college life will take on a more helpful and enjoyable aspect.

ROBERT CARROLL, '33.

OPEN FORUM

Miss Editor:

The last edition of the Guilfordian contained two clever letters on the Websterian Literary Society.

The first one was probably written more in the spirit of fun than anything else. The second one, while containing some good points, was spoiled by several untruths. The writer was either trying to create false impressions or else was very much misinformed.

To begin with, let us quote from the article in question: "The old social system remains in force. We say this realizing that certain mild changes were made in the 'December Revolution.' We are happy to know that the members of the Henry Clay and the editors of the Guilfordian have been and still are the leaders in this needed reform."

That is one of the untruths. Does anyone remember that the president of the Men's Student Council is not a member of that august Clay Society? We ask this because we believe in giving credit where credit is due. The statement about the Editors of the Guilfordian being leaders in the movement causes us to laugh long and loudly.

Furthermore, the attitude the writer took toward the new rules is entirely wrong. Such statements as he made are apt to cause the faculty to think we are unappreciative, and that we are going to try to stretch our inch to a mile.

I think the students are satisfied at the present with the rules granted them. It is up to the councils to get to work on them and have them put in definite form before they are changed through their negligence.

However, I am getting off the subject. I think the writer of last week's article was more or less confused and didn't know much about what he was talking of. His was the kind of letter I hate to see in print. But then, maybe he'll hate to see this one.

ANOTHER SOCIETY MEMBER.

Dear Editor:

I feel that the students here at Guilford College are about to witness one of the greatest changes that has ever come about on the campus. I wonder if they are aware of the great responsibility that they are going to have put on them by their own asking? Do they realize fully that they are alone responsible for their conduct? Do they know exactly what the Honor System means? I want to express my opinion as to what it should be.

The honor system can live on this campus only when there is mutual confidence and good faith between the faculty and students. What the faculty expects of the students, that is, entire confidence, without any shadow of suspicion. Even with this confidence there are going to be some instances of unthoughtfulness, in which the student will break faith. This is only to be expected and therefore these times will not be alarming to us. I shall quote Edward S. Joynes, emeritus professor of the University of South Carolina: "Of course under any system, occasional lapses will occur, but it is better to be sometimes deceived than to destroy the basis of mutual confidence. Yet I am sure that, under the honor system such lapses will be fewer than under any other; for the wit of a student, or of a group of students, intent to deceive, is always sharper than any possible professor's eye."

Again Mr. Joynes says, "The honor system, rightly conceived is only the honor principle, such as exists everywhere among gentlemen (and ladies), applied to conditions of college life. It means that the faculty are gentlemen, the students are gentlemen; and the relations between them, always and everywhere, are such as should mark the intercourse of gentlemen, whether singly or in groups. It is a low and degrading conception of the honor system that confines it to examinations or to the class room. It should govern the conduct of professors and students always and everywhere."

These extracts taken from The Nation express exactly what I think the honor system on Guilford Campus should be. Guilfordians, we have challenged the faculty and they have taken up that challenge with perfect faith and confidence. They are willing to let us show that we are ladies and gentlemen, men and women of whom they may be proud. Come on, let's live up to our end of the bargain!

WAFFORD, '31.



QUAKER QUIPS

"Leperosity" (Inspired by Mush Barney's famous short story "Schnitzed"). I wish I were a leper As filthy as could be For then the bill-collectors Would not bother me.

"Horrible Harper" the demon satirist says he thinks, "New Jersey ought to be a god place to live in, now that all the bad element has moved to Guilford."

Being a tried and true Yank, we would usually have been aroused at such a statement, but we just consider the source and pass it off.

Our friend Singletery did a dive out of a window on the second floor of Archdale the other day. Some of these boys are to be avoided when they get their ire up.

Doris Sapp is one of those people who thinks photographers should be magicians.

Lucille Patterson's ring is not a real diamond. That engagement was all a joke.

ALUMNI NOTES

1910

John E. Sawyer is superintendent of the Cherokee Indian Normal School at Pembroke, N. C. He is also the pastor of the Pembroke Baptist church.

1916

Laura Davis is teaching sections of second, third, and fourth grades in Trinity, N. C.

1923

Helen Bostick is teacher of French, Biology and General Science in the Wilkesboro High School, Wilkesboro, N. C.

1925

Ruth C. Hodges teaches French and English in Griffith High School. Her Address is 537 N. Spruce St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. White announce the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, on February 19. Mrs. White, before her marriage, was Ruth Levering.

1930

George Yelverton is teaching and coaching at King High School, King, N. C.

1923

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Crews, announce the birth of a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, on January 27. Mrs. Crews was Josephine Mock before her marriage.

REV. D. CLAY LILLY DISCUSSES COST OF WAR

Rev. D. Clay Lilly of Winston-Salem spoke at the School of Missions on February 8, on the cost of war. He discussed four aspects of the problem.

The enormous cost in money was given first. "If we had started 1000 B. C. paying for the world war, we would be paying \$20,000 an hour now." 40,000,000 the approximate number of deaths shows the price paid in human lives. Biologically war degenerates a nation because the best men are always killed and the others remain behind. He closed by showing that war from a moral standpoint destroys the commandments.

INDIVIDUAL CHAPEL GROUPS

Classes met in individual groups in their assigned places on Thursday, February 19. The Seniors held a business meeting discussing invitations and a class gift.

A program committee consisting of Wilbert Braxton, Grace Hassell and Margaret Warner was appointed by the president in the Junior class to prepare programs for Thursday chapel periods. Mrs. Milner discussed different phases of vocational guidance with the Sophomores.

The student program given by the Freshmen was as follows: vocal duet, Earline Adams, Nell Ellington, Mabelle Teague and Mildred Beasley; reading, Ralph Edwards; and jokes, Emma Buckner.

"Will you please tell me, conductor, when we are coming to the next tunnel? I want to change my dress."

Next to children playing with matches, the most dangerous recreation is day-dreaming on a golf course.

SIR ROGER VISITS OUR CAMPUS CLEAN-UP DAY

(Editor's Note: This adaptation of a literary character to modern circumstances was submitted by Ruth Hiller to the English Department.)

It is not always good for a man to say what he thinks. The better part of wisdom is to know when to speak and when to remain silent. Many good institutions have been overturned because of the haste with which a man stated his opinion. If a view point is well taken, how much more satisfaction does it give a person to express himself after due consideration.

My worthy friend Sir Roger is a most pleasurable companion; his company gratifies me greatly. Accordingly, I had cause to rejoice when he asked me to go with him to visit the piece of the charming widow. The scorn of that lady for my dear friend has always been a matter of my deep concern. Why he should be so anxious to play court to her is to me a mystery, but the niece, Faith, is a comely lady who is well established at Guilford College, and it was indeed pleasant to contemplate the six mile ride into the country where the school stands.

One morning after breakfast we ordered our horses brought around to the front of the O. Henry Hotel. We started off in fine spirits, but the red lights, methinks, are a great bother, always hindering our progress. We moved very haltingly until we had passed the railroad track and were ascending the hill, where we could breathe calmly once more.

For a mile we rid in silence. Then Sir Roger asked me what I thought of the Guilford-Elon game. There is no other subject on which I am so touchy, for I had placed three pounds on the score in favor of Elon, and were it not for the flying leaps of Guilford players, I am quite certain that I would be richer by some small sum. In short our remarks grew so rash that I was glad when the driver of a heavy truck blew the horn so violently that we were forced to ride in single file. These trucks are still a mighty cause of annoyance, for the freshness of the morning never seems the same after one passes by.

Seeing that I was somewhat put out, Sir Roger told me an incident to restore my good humor. We were just passing the very spot where a Guilford professor was surprised by having his horse stop late at night. Plead as he might the animal would proceed no further, so the man sat down to think of a remedy. At length he concluded that the horse must be hungry, and verily the professor had to walk back to the city to buy some hay; but while he was gone the horse tasted the sweetness of the grass beside the road and was so much revived that he continued on the way to the college, leaving the professor to follow and have his shoes re-soled.

The piquant tale was a source of much amusement and the remainder of the ride was spent in pleasant conversation.

When we had passed through the front gate of the college, we saw a strange sight. The entire campus was full of students with rakes and brushes, and truly the leaves were flying at a great rate. Presently a girl ran towards us, and it was Faith. She informed us that it was "clean up" day, and that she could not stop to talk to even so good a friend as Sir Roger. That gentleman was mightily shocked to see a sweet young girl in breeches, and it does seem that this generation is lacking in modesty. But my friend was greatly pleased with her industry, and lightly inquired if the gymnasium were to be a bonfire at the end of the task. Then Faith was offended and could not refrain from tears when she told Sir Roger how hard dear friends had worked to give the college that building. Sir Roger did apologize profusely, but the harm was done, and no words did make the tears stop flowing. So we slowly turned away and rid sadly in contemplation to the city.

"Asking God on our knees to bless everybody, isn't half as many as reaching down and helping somebody."

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Qualities Of Perfection In Vases Given By Dr. Binford

By LEWIS ROSENFELT

Dr. Raymond Binford, president of Guilford College not only leads a busy life but also manages to add to his collection of vases which is his hobby and recreation. Formerly Dr. Binford was professor of Biology, and Geology, and a noted authority on invertebrate Zoology at Earlham College and at Guilford College.

His array of vases are not only objects of art from various parts of the country and the vicinity of Greensboro but also among them is one bizarre vase which is a specimen of the art of Russia. Even while he was Scientific Assistant at the United States Fisheries Laboratory in Beaufort, N. C., interest in the symmetrical in vases was one of his chief pursuits.

President Binford says that different types of clay are used to form some of the strange colorings in vases. Heating, as done by the expert Indians, causes various shades to appear about the bottom of the jars. Some of the vases in the collection have an enlargement above the middle and some below the middle giving an effect that is odd.

The vases showing the Chinese art are probably among the prettiest of his collection with their oriental colorings of various hues of blue, white, and green. Dr. Binford says that to be appreciative of the workmanship of an object of art, as is the vase, one must take in consideration points of harmony, proportion, balance, rhythm and emphasis.

Curves in a vase are probably the most important for giving the beautiful effects and pleasure to the onlooker. One must take in consideration in judging a vase, its relationship to the base, the neck, and whether the decoration detracts from the use that the vase is intended.

"The criterion of the perfect form for a vase is taken from the female form," says Dr. Binford. "There must be harmony between decoration and form."

The vases have all shapes and sizes which attract the eye in its many curves. On the sides are many hand paintings of beautiful scenes, flowers, and futuristic designs. On one of them the decoration consists of blades of grass growing thickly from the bottom and spreading out in the ray of

the sun as they reach the top. Of all the types of vases that Dr. Binford has collected there is one which he most admires. It is a small highly polished vase of simple design and quiet curves. He says that there is the utmost beauty of simplicity. Modesty is also becoming to a vase.

Dr. Binford as a scientifically trained man has also developed a deep appreciation of the beauty of art. The cultural side of man's nature must be developed if one is to taste deeply of life and to live a full life in all its richness. The speed age of modern times is somewhat lessened in its intensity by the excellent qualities of leisure, quietness, and meditation as found in the study of a fine art.

MRS. BINFORD VISITS FRIENDS WHILE ON TRIP

On February 11, Mrs. Helen T. Binford spoke before the Parent-Teacher's Association at Aberdeen and while away from the college she visited several friends.

Mrs. Binford was entertained quite delightfully in various ways. At Aberdeen she was entertained at tea and spent the night at the home of Mrs. Talbot Johnson, who took her out to Pine Needles Inn. At Southern Pines she met a friend who she had not seen for thirty-four years. She also saw Mr. Orlando Maine, of New York, who is playing golf at Southern Pines. In Salisbury she was guest of honor at a tea. Mr. Edgar Luiher of Mooresville had Mrs. Binford as guest at dinner.

Among former Guilfordians whom she saw were: Dr. Davis, and Mr. H. S. Williams, of Concord; Eugene Coltrane, Charles Coble, and Lloyd Merrimon, of Salisbury, and Homer Ragan, of Thomasville.

Two Strikes

I went down to Major Pepperm's house party last week-end—and, bah Jove—I was struck by the beauty of the place."

"Oh—so you tried to kiss her, too!" "May I hold your hand?" "No, thanks; it isn't heavy!"

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