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FRATERNITY ET SORORITY

Next Friday morning at 12:01 A. M., the students who have averaged 80% on the past semester's work will be eligible for membership in some fraternity or sorority. After due time, the ones receiving bids will accept or reject. This event is one of major importance in the life of any student, and each candidate will choose of his own free will and accord, the group that he wishes to affiliate with. There will be a lot of rushing, a lot of facts have been misrepresented; it is, then, the duty of the one expecting a bid to be careful and inquire into the authenticity of these statements.

Before accepting a bid from a Fraternity or Sorority, the student must realize that it costs money to run any kind of an organization. He should be sure that he is financially able to meet his part of the expenses. Fraternity or sorority costs are not alarmingly great; but each student should be sure that he isn't bringing too great a financial burden on the people sending him to school.

The fact that you receive a bid assures you that each member of that organization wants you to be their brother or sister, and that they will be brothers and sisters to you. But before you go any farther ask yourself this question, "Do I want these men to be my brothers and associates throughout the rest of my stay in college?" There are advantages and disadvantages at being a fraternity man or sorority woman. Careful consideration should be given of every conceivable "pro" and "con" before accepting.

The fraternity or sorority extending a bid to a student should place him in the balance and be doubly careful in judging him or her. There have been mistakes made. There are misfits in almost every fraternity or sorority, and these misfits are always known by every student on the campus.

The matter of judging and choosing is at hand. Pick your fraternity or sorority carefully. Pick your men for your fraternity or sorority carefully. These men and women will be associated with you throughout the rest of your school life, and maybe in after life. You will either be glad to call them brother or sister on meeting them, or you will shun or be ashamed of them when you meet.

SPLUTTERFUSS

After many hectic squabbles and lamentations, ye writer wishes to state in behalf of the Staff that they will have ye Kampus Ket or some such article in all succeeding issues. It might be added, that if we had a few more subscriptions, we could cut down on advertising space and put more literary content in our paper. To the alumni who happen to read this article, please bear in mind that we want to place your names on the mailing list, with your promise to pay at some future date. It is logical enough to say that we don't wish to place the name of a disinterested alumnus on the mailing list, for all that he or she would do, would be to fling it into the ash can. Therefore, dear old Alumni, if you want a weekly letter from your Alma Mater, just let us know. And if you can't afford to put out two bucks now, we don't care. Send it later.

THE AFTERMATH

Why are we in college? This topic was taken up in class last Sunday. It was found out that the economic advantage and cultural satisfaction that each student receives will be of service to humanity, provided that the right motive was involved.

Editor "Maroon and Gold"
Dear Mr. Editor:

I feel like saying a word in the college paper about the thing that has saddened us all, the death of that dear girl, but a little while ago so full of joyous anticipation and fine enthusiasm. In a test that I gave to all my classes in French, she was one of six who were able to understand at least fairly well the story that I read to them in French. Only a very few days before her illness, she came to me to ask if I would not like to see a French club formed at Elon. I told her I should be delighted if any considerable number of my students showed enough interest and enterprise to start such an organization; but that the initiative must come from them; that if I organized it, it would be sure to be regarded as just another class. She agreed with me, and said she was going to see what she could do to interest others. Later she came to me to discuss an article she

thought of writing for your paper. And she came a third time to tell me about it. This was just before her illness, and you published her article in your last number.

May I not express here the hope that the good little enterprise that this fine girl started will not be allowed to fall to the ground? Would not Miss Curtis be glad to know that her hopeful efforts had borne fruit?

Yours sincerely,
C. Guillet.

We regret that the above letter, though in our hands in good time, was omitted from our last issue through an oversight.

—Editor.

"I'm going to have to stop drinking coffee for breakfast."
"Why so?"
"I can't sleep in any of my classes any more."

—Texas Ranger.

X-Ray Sermon

The Greatest Values

In business we sometimes hear of tangible and intangible assets. The intangible assets of a business, such as the confidence and good will which the people have for it, may be worth more than all the actual property owned.

As the success or failure of a business may be determined by the value which is put upon intangible assets, likewise the success of life may depend upon a careful study of the comparative values of things which men have sought to obtain. What are the true and great values? Shall my heart seek to be satisfied with physical sensations, with business, or social success? or is there something which touches all these, but is different from any of them? If we choose wrong, our course of action will be wrong. If gold is worth more than character and the things which character entitle us to receive, then the money-shark is the really sensible man and the saint is to be pitied for his lack of judgment.

Here are some of the unseen riches of those who have "the kingdom of God within" them. They have truth and honesty of heart, and this brings them the confidence and esteem which help them to build up permanent businesses. They have love and patience—qualities which inspire consideration and love in others (for the treatment which we receive from others is an echo of ourselves). They are entitled to the friendship of the Eternal God and to the hope of a happy immortality. These last rewards can not be disproved by any, and they have been heartily believed by the greatest of the world's teachers. Can we afford to ignore them? What do they mean to your life?

To the great Moses they meant so much that when he came of age and had to decide his own course in life he "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of reward."

HOLDING TO AN ANCIENT IDEA

Since coming to college I have changed my mind about many things. I used to be hopelessly convinced that suspenders were commodities of unexcelled merit in securing essential service and bodily comfort. But now I am thoroughly convinced that modern encke-eater belts are equally as serviceable and far less expensive. This is just one instance in which I have changed my mind. Nearly all of my little pet ideas of how the world ought to be run have taken the air and been reduced to static.

The most trying ordeals that I have to undergo are the ones that rob me of a long cherished idea and force me to confess to the world that I am wrong. But I have to do it. When one acquires an idea by long years of faithful practice and logical reasoning it is mighty hard to be laughed at and told that your idea is obsolete and unsound.

I used to think that it was very impolite to sleep, write notes and converse, during the one hour that was reserved each week for the purpose of holy worship and meditation.

Since coming to college I have seen many young men and women who congratulate themselves upon being typical examples of modern youth shamefully abuse that sacred hour that has been set aside for the purpose of worship.

But this is just one instance in which I have not changed. I still think that sleeping, writing notes, and conversing during church services are very impolite and uncalled for.

—Contributed.

"Did you ever hear of Helen of Troy?"
"No. But I know about the Sack of Rome."

—Williams Purple Cow.

"I think I can prove you insane," said the lawyer to the murderer; "I'll tell the judge you went to college to study."

—Black & Blue Jay.



"DR. DEBUNK"

Question—I've been feeling mighty queer for the few weeks. Lost my appetite and do not care for the company of my friends any more. I fear I'm in love. Does love effect a person in this manner?

"Need sympathy."

Answer—Ask Romie Davis, he knows

Question—I'm going with a boy now that I like very much. He insists on playing with my hands during church hour. What shall I do about it?

"Brown eyes."

Answer—I'd keep my hands in my pockets.

Question—I have fallen in love with a girl and cannot get interested in my studies. If I master my work I can never hope to give my girl the time I feel she deserves. Which should I give up?

"On the fence."

Answer—Give up your studies, fail your work and get kicked out at Christmas. That will make your friend proud of you. She can then write you thrilling letters telling you how much she misses you. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Question—Why do men prefer blonds?

Answer—They do not get gray so young.

Question—Who is the author of this verse? "If you love me say it with kisses."

Answer—Wonder if we all don't repeat it enough to claim the authorship.

Question—I'm going with two boys. I love one of them very dearly when I am with him but during his absence I forget him. I think of the other one almost constantly until I have his company then he gets monotonous. Which one do you think I love the better?

Answer—Little girls' minds are very fickle and changeable and in your case I should say you love one of them as well as the other and a little bit better.

Question—The only girl I ever loved quit me three weeks ago. Now she says she's sorry and wants me back. What would you do about it?

Answer—I would do everything within my power to make her regret her unpardonable act. Don't never speak to her again. Walk three blocks out of the way to keep from meeting her. If she tries to face an interview appeal to the Dean of Women.

Question—Should a young man ever kiss a girl?

Answer—If she objects he should not; it is far better for you to leave her sad, humiliated and unloved, than to transgress on the laws of sensation.

Question—Shortly after arriving on Elon's campus I fell for a sweet little google eyed girl with a where-is Jonnie smile and a string of admirers. She says she loves me very dearly, but she won't give me a date. When I ask her for a date she calls me silly, but she gives my friend a date at every social hour. She is a peach, and judging from the way she sticks to my friends, I would say she's of the Cling variety. Do you think she loves me?

"Anxious."

Answer—Yes, she loves you very much. She is just trying your patience. Don't give up. Keep on asking her for dates for three weeks and if she still refuses you write her a letter threatening to commit suicide. If she doesn't

share her company with you, do anything but get a date with another girl.

Old lovers, new lovers, co-lovers, and others, Dr. Debunk is doing his best for you and is asking you to hand in your problems, among them let him have some of the more serious ones. He has not stated how long his visit will be here, but nevertheless you fall in "line" and get "lined" up for he is in "line" with a "line" to hand you.

Clyde Foushee to Marion Nalle—We are running your picture in the Maroon and Gold this week and would like to use your pet name in referring to you.

Marion—You want my pet name? Why, I'm surprised at you, Clyde, you know I haven't acquired a pet name yet. I don't even like petting.

"Cliff" Thomas was riding away, away, away over on the highway and saw a sign that read something like this: "Death is on your trail." "Cliff" broke ever state speed law until he reached the dungeons of "Asheboro" where people live forever.

LET'S BALANCE THE SCALES

"It won't be long now"—until our faithful Maroon and Gold gridiron soldiers will be happily sailing toward the beautiful land of sunshine and flowers as fast as steam and steel can carry them. We are to play a football game with the University of Miami. Our players are wearing genial and contagious smiles that presage victory; the shock that followed our opening game with State has been absorbed by the announcement that our team would get to chase the pig skin down in the Palmetto State.

We are proud of our team, and we hope that victory will be their habit from now and on.

The grueling ordeals that our players have to undergo will help them to meet and grapple with the many perplexing problems that they will have to face in after life. But it takes only eleven men to play the game. A few more make the squad, but the vast majority of students must stand on the sidelines and yell to the eleven courageous men.

All of which is right and should be encouraged. But there is another side to college life. There is the literary side which is too often sadly neglected. Last year we had a debating team that was equal to any team in the State. Victory was our habit, and defeat we did not taste, yet our debaters did not get to make any such trips as our athletes made.

We should like to see our debating team get out (as our football team is doing) and get some of the experiences that will help them to meet and grapple with the perplexing problems of life.

Shortly after the debating season was over last year the following paragraph was clipped from Charity and Children:

We note with pleasure the interest that is being shown in the intercollegiate debates of the Wake Forest boys and the success that has attended their efforts. It means much more to a college and to the boys to have a vigorous and winning debating team than to have a successful baseball or football team. In other words, head work is always better than foot work or hand work, and it is gratifying to see a revival of interest in intellectual rather than in physical contests.



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