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## EDITORIAL

One month of this school year has passed. The new students have been very busy acquainting themselves with the various phases of college life. By this time we are all fairly acquainted with each other and the different organizations on the campus. Let us stop and think for a moment. What does all this mean? It means that we are living in a new environment, as one might say, in a little world to ourselves. We are learning to lie together as one big family and not as individuals, each in a world all to himself. As we must live together, we must learn to work together for the best and common good of our neighbors and friends.

There may be those among our number who are discouraged. Then as members of one family, should we not encourage these persons who seem to be all "down and out"?

We are largely what our environment and training have made us. But what we've got to remember is that we are a part of the "environment" of the folks around us. We can't just sit back and say we haven't anything to do with the people with whom we come in contact.

People are watching you every day! If you're on the level yourself the other fellow knows that's what you believe in. If you're a worker, maybe he'll take a brace and do some hustling himself. And if you show him you think he is worth helping, per-

haps he may try to prove that he is worth it.

If a man is going wrong and you know it, do you believe in sticking to him if he will not try to go right? We often hear fellows say, "Right or wrong, I'm with you three hundred and sixty-five days in the year!" Have you ever said that to a fellow?

A good many fellows who get in wrong aren't really always to blame. For one thing, you don't know how a man has been brought up. Maybe he has been taught to side-step and shirk. Well, give him a chance to learn something better. So it is, that we are largely what our environment and training have made us. A fellow may be down and out, or seem to be, because of hard luck. But there isn't any crime in that. He may be discouraged about his work—his daily lessons. A person who is discouraged generally doesn't do good work and so he goes on from bad to worse. Give him a good taste of success and it puts new life into him. If something you have done has helped him to get that taste, well, it was worth trying, wasn't it?

Let us look about us and help the fellow who seems to be all discouraged. Imbed in his memory that one flash doesn't make a successful career in any thing, any more than one victory wins a war. But the trouble with a great many people is that they think it does. They can't see that you've got to fight every battle just as hard as the one you happened to win. It is work that wins! Not worry, mind you, but hard work. We learn to understand human beings by rubbing shoulders with all kinds of men and women.

Though difficulties arise, let's be cheerful and try to live above them and make every difficulty a stepping stone to greater success.

Friends of Guilford College have now been able to see Coach Doak's football outfit in operation. It is true that the team did not win, but at least it did not lose. Every man who stayed in the game any length of time fought manfully. The strenuous work that Coach Doak has put the team through in preliminary practice was in evidence. The squad has been working hard, and as a result has become fairly well organized, and trained. The foot ball squad then has done its best. What has the student body done?

Up to the present time no effort at organized cheering has been made. No "yell leaders" have been elected. The new students have had only two or three chances to learn college songs and yells. These new students have expressed a willingness and a desire to use their lung power for their institution. It is now obvious that the older students have fallen short of their obligation to the new students, and to the College.

Let a yell leader be elected, who will organize the whole student body into a unit to support our team, and our college.

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