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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"There are now over ten thousand volumes in the library. The reading room is well supplied with the state papers, and the best of magazines and periodicals representing general literature and the special departments." Thus says the Guilford Bulletin. How we are using this material is a matter which we might consider with some degree of seriousness. The probabilities are that many of us are losing more than we sometimes think, by neglecting it.

Guilford students are probably no less interested in this part of their college work than students of other institutions. Doubtless they make better use of their library than many other students, because they have a freer use of it. In some colleges, the student's access to library material is almost entirely through the librarian, as for example where only seniors are allowed in the stack rooms. Here, however, any student has direct access to practically all of the material in the library for eight hours each day.

A great part of the work done by students in the library is that done through assignments in connection with class room work, society work and with other activities which require a knowledge along some specific line. In this sense the library is truly the work-shop of the college and is an indispensable part of it.

There is yet another side to the matter, which we believe is not emphasized enough. Although not separated entirely from work, it does carry less of the idea of the work-shop with it. The idea of the library as a place of recreation, and a place to spend spare moments is one which it might be worth while to get. An enormous amount of time is spent each day which can neither be considered as work nor recreation. Most of this time is loafed away without any thought of what it might have meant had it been spent in the library with individuals who doubtless know more about us than we ourselves do.

If any doubt the advisability of spending spare moments among books, let him consider the English writer, Samuel Johnson, who himself states that what success he attained in the literary world was largely due to the fact that during his leisure time he was always to be found among the best books. A few minutes spent in the library each day aside from required work may mean more to us than we think. We shall all, most likely be citizens of some kind. How nearly we shall measure up to the ideal citizen will depend to a great extent upon our opinions and how we express them with the pen, the tongue and with the ballot. How nearly our opinions shall coincide with the

best interests of our state and nation will depend upon our knowledge of the problems which confront them. How far our knowledge reaches on these problems will depend largely upon how well we read the newspapers and periodicals which deal with them. We are not compelled to read the newspapers, but if we do not we shall find one day, that a knowledge gained by doing so would have been a valuable asset, and that an hour spent in the library each day could have given it to us.

Again think of the library as a place for recreation. Aside from searching for the solution of political and economic problems, it is well to read merely for the pleasure that we get out of reading, to read just for the sake of reading. Happily, we are no longer told of the sin of novel reading as such, so we can proceed without fear along this line.

If students would cultivate the habit of using the library aside from the required work, it is obvious that we should have a more intelligent group.

For more years than we can count the Founders Hall clock has been the standard for college time. By it the ringing of old Founders Bell has been timed and students have risen in the morning, eaten oatmeal, started with reluctant feet to 8:20 classes and been guided throughout the day by its version of standard time.

The program attachment which first recommended it, which rang a bell at the close of each period to summon the faithful bell ringer, has long since ceased to function and now the clock itself is tottering toward final dissolution with uncertain steps. A careful comparison with standard time as received from Arlington by wireless has resulted in the following table of variations. This set of readings, taken over more than a month, was made after an effort had been made to regulate the clock. During the period of observation the regulating device was not touched. The changes in clock rate may be due to the weather but is it any wonder the day students cannot keep track of college time?

Feb 9	Clock set
Feb. 12	1-2 minute slow—set
Feb. 14	33-4 minutes fast—set
Feb. 17	3 minutes fast—set
Feb. 21	1-2 minute fast
Feb. 26	5 minutes slow—set
Feb. 27	11-2 minutes fast
Mar. 2	2 minutes 1/2 fast—set
Mar. 8	correct
Mar. 10	31-2 minutes slow—set
Mar. 12	13-4 minutes fast
Mar. 18	6 minutes slow—set

On Feb. 9 the clock was set. In the next three days it lost a half a minute then it suddenly took

courage and in nine days it gained over seven minutes. Then followed a slump, losing five minutes in as many days. It then gained more slowly than before two minutes in four days. Then for six days it ticked in perfect unison with the stars (marvel of marvels) only to lose three and a half minutes in two days. In the next two it gained two minutes and then started losing at the same rate for six days. Now—what time is it please.

Now we would like to make a suggestion. Last year one of the graduation classes at Earlham presented the college with an excellent program clock which automatically rings electric bells in all the buildings on the campus. Can we not hang the old Founders clock in the museum with Nathan Hunt's hat? What class will speak up?

TRUSTEES APPROVE PLANS TO KEEP GUILFORD IN LIST OF ACCREDITED COLLEGES

The Board of Trustees of Guilford College met Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the President's office, in order to consider the obligations of the college under the regulations adopted by the North Carolina Association of Presidents. The trustees approved of such steps as will be necessary in order to make Guilford College fully accredited under these principles.

GUILFORD OPENS SEASON AT HIGH POINT

Guilford will open her baseball season March 25 at High Point when she takes on Mars Hill as a preliminary to the collegiate season.

The game should prove interesting in that it will offer the first opportunity to see the squad in action against an outside team. Coach Doak will likely try out a number of new men to find out who's who in the slugging and fielding game for the Quakers.

Mars Hill, which is a junior college near Asheville, comes with a good record and a team which will test the abilities of the players.

Captain Babe Shore, E. McBane, and Ferrall may all get a chance on the mound, while Hayworth will do the receiving.

Cummings or Tate will likely cover the initial sack. At second Winn and N. English will both be given a tryout. J. T. Frazier will be back in his old position at short stop. And "Shorty" Frazier, playing his first game at the bat corner, will complete the infield.

The out-field will find Newlin back in the left garden, and Smith in the center, while the two Shores are running a race for the third position.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. BINFORD AT HOME TO JUNIORS

A lovely St. Patrick's party was given the Juniors by President and Mrs. Binford last Wednesday evening. Then the Juniors forgot for a time their trials and tribulations of work and study.

The hostess had planned several interesting games, which soon had everyone laughing and using his thinking cap. One of these was a guessing contest, in which all of the answers contained the word "green". One question, "What is a harmless stimulant?", received the answer "Green River". Dr. Binford said "You'll have to prove it!" The answer was "green tea". Miss Ruth Pearson received the prize in this contest. In another, Misses Helen Bostick and Hope Motley tied the score, and both received prizes. All the prizes were candy wrapped in green paper.

During the evening hot chocolate with marshmallows, doughnuts, pickles, and green candies were served. All to soon came the time to depart, but the guests voted their party at the President's certainly one of the happiest events of their Junior year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, of Woodland, visited their son Edwin on Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall of Cleveland, Ohio, who preached for us Sunday, was also the guest of Miss Benbow for the day.

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