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**EDITORIAL**

**KNOCKERS VS. BOOSTERS**

In every college we find two classes of students who have an entirely different attitude toward all college activities and organizations. These are the knockers and the boosters.

The knockers are those whose sole purpose it is to find fault. They have no definite aim in view and never offer a better solution for a problem but can always point out the mistakes made by others. They do it not with the idea of doing any real harm, but it is just their habitual method of expression and is usually caused by a bad temper or by poor digestion.

Opposed to the knockers are the boosters. They have a good word for everybody and everything. Their business is to help and more is accomplished by their smile and contagious enthusiasm than by twice the amount of criticism.

The last named class are those to be most desired in college, for with only a few such students interested in the college they will make the various organizations successful. Such students become the leaders in college, are the life of all student activities, and are more appreciated than are the knockers.

Moral: if you want to be a helper and be appreciated by your associates, follow the advice of the near poet who said:

"Boost and the world boosts with you;  
Knock and you are on the shelf,  
For the world gets sick of one who'll kick

And wishes he'd kick himself.  
"Boost for your own achievements,  
Boost for the things sublime,  
For the one who is found on the top-

most rung,  
Is the booster, every time."

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**SENIOR GIRLS WIN**

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the various classes during this basketball season. But the thing which has meant the most to the Women's Athletic association for the past weeks is after all not entirely in the scoreboard. It is the increasing of lively interest in this sport, and the spirit of sportsmanship manifested, which really marks the success of the closing tournament, and the major part of credit for this success is due to the interest and fine work of the coach, Miss Elizabeth Parker.

**PHILS GUESTS OF WEBS**

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who acted as critic for the evening, the society repaired to the men's society halls where the rest of the evening was spent in partaking of delightful refreshments and engaging in pleasant conversation.

In addition to the Philomatheans, the Websterians had as their guests Misses Emma King and Elma Rayle, Professor Pancoast, Mr. William Hammond, of Asheboro, and Addison Smith, of Greensboro.

**OPEN FORUM**

**DO YOU AGREE?**

Changes in a social system must of necessity come slowly or all concerned will suffer because of the violence of the change. A change usually comes as the result of a felt need. A satisfied people demands few changes. The writers of this article are not after violent changes; nor do they desire a shifting of conditions that will result badly for those concerned. But the writers do question whether more harm *does* come from the present state of affairs, than *would* come if some changes were made.

Apropos an editorial in last week's Guilfordian suppose we go to the bottom of things and find just what is the matter. It says, "At nearly every public gathering there are several men who persist in talking out loud . . ."—an ungentlemanly thing to do, indeed! But where else have they a chance to converse? according to the customs at Guilford, we understand that seniors are allowed one hour a week for social meetings between the sexes. All underclassmen are allowed 30 minutes! To be more graphic, for upper-classmen, this means a little over eight and a half minutes a day and for lower classmen a trifle over four minutes a day! What does this mean? It means that the young men and women of the College are either going to obey the rules or violate them. If they violate the rules, they suffer. We will not discuss that side of the question. What will happen if they obey the rules? The answer is simple. A young man and woman might keep company at Guilford for four years and emerge from the institution such total strangers that neither would know to what political party the other belonged! Someone has even made the statement in jest, that the young men, if they adhere strictly to Guilford regulations, would become so unfamiliar with the ways of the fairer sex that they would be justified in their ignorance, if they reverted to the Club and hair-caring methods of approach used by their caveman ancestors.

On what grounds do we make these statements? Upon the grounds that the men and women of the College are not allowed a reasonable amount of time for social affairs. The hour and half-hour dates that are allowed have been earned by some of the girls "The privilege to sit in the showcase" for such a length of time.

Of what value are they? Three hours a week for 18 weeks is considered by the faculty the necessary time for acquainting oneself with some of the simplest courses offered in College. Yet officials have decreed that one-sixth of that time is all that is necessary for a student of Guilford College to cultivate the friendship of the members of the opposite sex, under conditions where they may discuss matters not usually intended for publication. If this *were* indeed enough time, the condition attending its allotment and use, are intolerable.

Some may argue that the men and women are permitted to attend programs given at Memorial hall. Indeed, they are! And they are censured for their bad order, when as a matter of fact they are only availing themselves of the opportunity of becoming acquainted. They have had no other chance to do this. So what course is left? They use their half hour a week and find it all too short.

Were these the only grievances to be countenanced by the men and women of Guilford, they might be taken as a matter of course and overlooked. But conditions are aggravated by customs or regulations that have grown up regarding the difference between the attitude which is presented to the college men and that which is accorded to the outsiders. It seems that at present *any* outsider may visit with *any* college girl for the whole Sunday afternoon while the college boys are denied this privilege. These same outsiders may, by securing a faculty chaperone, go to ride with our college girls on Sunday afternoon with the lone requisition that they return by seven o'clock. In the eyes of many of the dormitory boys this is nothing less than a gross insult. Is it possible that the dormitory boys, who are known to the authorities are without the degree of honor and gentlemanly qualities that are possessed by the men

from the outside who visit the young women of the College? We hope this is not the case.

We do not ask for this latter privilege. This would be impractical for all concerned. But what harm could come from allowing the men and women to mingle on the campus Sunday afternoons?

We are not arguing for bad order at public programs. We do not advocate violation of rules. We do not favor violent changes in the regulations governing the social structures at Guilford. We simply voice our opinion which is that we are living in a highly artificial environment; that our social system is not even conservatively abreast with the times; that more social intercourse than is allowed at Guilford is necessary to the well rounded education which a college is expected to give. In this last idea we are supported by a statement made by a man once on the Guilford faculty, "No man should go through college without having a girl friend with whom he can discuss his problems privately. It is necessary to a liberal education."

Signed, Sam M. Keen, Jr.  
Max L. Kendall,  
Joseph J. Cox,  
Harvey Dinkins

**IDA M. TARBELL LECTURES**

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only soldier of the ages. "Woman naturally, cheerfully, carries on the life of the world without complaining."

Miss Tarbell asserted that woman through her isolation from the world has acquired an instinctive knowledge of the right thing to do, and that by virtue of this tremendous subconscious life she is right in ninety-nine out of a hundred cases. She further stated that the good woman generally gains her desires.

Among the things a woman can accomplish in the present day the speaker mentioned: first, the separation of business and politics in town and cities; second, the opposition to the foolish practice of multiplying laws; third, hold offices when they can do the work better; and fourth, attempt to find a substitute for war. She described the aid that women have already given in the first three. In regard to war she asserted that war destroys everything for which woman stands; that there must be more than mere opposition to war. Women must commence teaching people that it is possible to do without war. She maintained that if persons can be brought to a point where they oppose war then it will end. She presented the claim of certain persons that war makes men strong, courageous and good, and stated that the fine, courageous, and chivalrous soldiers of America acquired these qualities in times of peace.

The speaker further stated instead of history being the record of dramatic episodes, it is a long process of slowly moving causes. She favored the League of Nations as a step toward world peace, but asserted that the machinery to bring the end of war will be no better than the men and women who administer it. "Good will is what does the work," said she. "People must begin to build up good will in children—here is where woman's work begins. The basic thing is to create good will in children, which, although a slow process, will bring the desired result."

**GLEE CLUB PERFORMS**

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Mr. Pavlov, in a number entitled "Russian Folk Scenes," delighted the audience with characteristic songs and dances of his country. This number was very enthusiastically received.

A Hawaiian trio shifted the scenes again and delighted the audience with their selections. The concert ended with a Sailor quartet doing a hornpipe dance and the club singing a pair of sailor songs.

This last number will be done with the whole club in sailor costume as soon as the costumes are available.

The club was entertained by the Home Economics department of the high school and were served punch after the concert. The treatment they received was the subject of much favorable comments from members of the club.

The next appearance of the club will be made in Thomasville on Friday, March 14.

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**A SLIGHT ERROR**

A young man who had reached the stage at which his voice was changing went into a grocery store. In a deep bass voice he demanded, "a sack of flour," then, his voice suddenly changing to a high pitch, he added, "and a pound of coffee."  
"Just a minute, please," said the clerk, "I can't wait on both of you at once."

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