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THE BUYING OF ATHLETES

There seems to be a variety of sentiments expressed in the digerent college hiring of athletes. It is a known fact that in several of the leading colleges and univesities in the state, this practice goes on. In a recent editorial in the Technician the editor expressed the idea that it was about time to begin cleaning up colathletics in the state. The Old Gold and Black, of Wake Forest, broke the ice by coming out against the system. And the authorities at Wake Forest, it seems, have made a long stride toward cleaning up athleties there.

According to the New Student, there seems to be a tendency toward cleaning up college athletics in general, over all the United States. Harverford College, our sister Quaker institution, and one of the wealthiest colleges in the United States, has just had a revolution in athletics.

These upheavals in other colleges, though of interest to us, do not affect us in a material way for Guilford does not hire any athletes. No athlete who could punt the pigskin or twirl the apple is here because of tainted money shaken in his face. Fellow Guilfordians, this is an enviable record and one that makes the name of Guilford stand out every where in the state for clean and wholesome athletics. Some might say that we don't win so many games in football. Well we don't. But our teams are just about on an equal with any team which goes out from any college in North Carolina whose enrollment is near the 300 mark. Can Guilford with her fewer than 300 students, hope to put a team in the field which will be able, generally speaking, to stand up against a team picked from a student body of 2,000 or more? There would be something wrong if the team, under ordinary circumstances, did win from larger institutions. It is occasionally true, however, that the small college is able to win from the larger institutions.

But we are getting somewhat away from our main point, which we had started to bring out. Here on the campus, and among certain groups of alumni, there is a movement which will culminate in the bringing in of hired players to Guilford. This action would be a thrust at the very heart and purpose of our college and would mar the record which we now hold in state athletics. It would start something which we could not stop. True we might put Guilford's name in the newspapers for a short time. But this is CHEAP GLORY and is hardly possible, at all, with the limited amount of money which it would be possible to raise. It would also only spur on other small colleges to pit their financial resources against ours.

Here is the real need of Guilford, and the need of its students. We can rally around this point, ALUMNI, and raise money which will help our institution and its sons in a permanently beneficial way. First we need an adequate coaching system. We need to develop the manhood here on the campus, (and we have the best here, too); we need to systematize our physical education in general. There are many men on the campus who ought to develop into athletes of the first degree. But they do not. Because they are not forced to get out and face the fire and vim which comes from proper physical training. We have plenty of good material here for our teams. Help us develop it instead of spending money to bring in some idle waster who plays some sport well.

This article is not a thrust at Coach Doak. He has a place in this institution, but it is simply impossible for one coach to do all that needs to be done here and in developing the men on the campus. You men who are agitating the hiring of players, you men who want to make Guilford College to make a better showing on the athletic stage, you alumni, who want to help Guilford with your money, Get Busy. Help her in a permanent way. Give us better coaching and better physical training and thereby develop athletes here. What about it, Alumni and Students.

AUCTIONING ATHLETES

What is to be the future policy of North Carolina colleges regarding the hiring of athletes? Of course, this is a question to be discussed primarily in the dark, because it is generally practiced in such a place. However, since our contemporary, *The Old Gold and Black* of Wake Forest has broken the ice, we are constrained to shed some light upon the matter.

With all due apologies befitting such an outburst, we are wondering if there is not much house cleaning to be done by the colleges of this state in the matter of hiring high school boys to come to college to play football or baseball. Theoretically, no one receives pay for such service. The general public must not believe that colleges would tolerate such practices. As a matter of fact what happens is well it doesn't take a detective to find out. Not that the colleges do the hiring, for as it is pointed out by the editorial in *Old Gold and Black*, it is usually the Alumni who negotiate the purchase. It is possible for the college officials never to know what is going on. Again, it is possible for them to encourage the loyal sons in their grand and noble work for their Alma Mater.

The worst feature of the situation is its almost universal existence. Statements from faculty and students from many North Carolina colleges certainly are enough to give strong support to the belief that many of them have men on their teams who are being remunerated for their ability to play some popular game. The colleges have about reached the place where they must pay a good price or get what is left of the high school material. They find themselves in an endless circle. It is well-nigh impossible for any single college to quit. The only solution for the athletic directors is to keep pace with other schools and outbid them occasionally. Doubtless many of the officials are longing for some solution, but not daring to break away from the established custom.

The only solution we can see for this problem is a concerted effort on the part of all the colleges. The students must let their sentiments be known, as they have already done in a few colleges. Among these are Dartmouth and University of Alabama. With the support of the student bodies, the athletic committees could curb the enthusiasm of the Alumni, if it is this group who are causing the trouble. In the case of a student who was not financially able to pay his way through college,

but who could meet certain requirements, let him be given an athletic scholarship. Undesirable as this scheme might be, it would at least eliminate the element of secrecy attached to the old method.

Editorial Taken From The Technician

Is Dr. Paschal Right?

In a recent article which was given a prominent place on the sports page of the *News and Observer*, and which is reprinted in this issue, Dr. G. W. Paschal, formerly chairman of the faculty athletic committee, at Wake Forest, was quoted as saying: "From what I know about the matter, I should judge that not less than \$25,000 is spent every year in our colleges and universities in North Carolina in paying the expenses of members of football teams, baseball teams, and basketball teams." IS HE RIGHT?

The practice of hiring athletes has long been larried on extensively by North Carolina colleges and universities. Although we do not primarily attack the administration of athletics in the several colleges in North Carolina, much of the blame can be ascribed to them for the encouragement which they lend to Alumni in their efforts to "Raise the bid" on high school athletes. And so it is that the Alumni of the various institutions comb the nation for athletes, feverishly endeavoring to offer more financial inducements: to swing the dashing halfback or the no-hit pitcher to their respective Alma Maters." Only recently one of the Asheville dailies carried a news article in which there was the report of the visit of a Rollins College athletic official to that city, and the success of the manipulator in inducing seven Asheville athletes to return to Florida to enter Rollins. Incidentally, a Wake Forest freshman was among the "nomads." Another instance: it has been alleged that a small North Carolina college transported an entire football team from foreign parts, and last season created quite a stir in the "Little Five." Clearly it was a financial deal and evidently one that would make Florida realtors envious.

The sale is on. The market is open, and the "old grads" are crowding the auctioneer to have their bids registered. If the athlete is not yet ready to be sold, an option is granted and so the fight continues. Of course the deal is somewhat camouflaged, and the excuse of the purchaser is that he is especially interested in the boy on account of personal reasons and so much, et. ceiera ;but, as it always accidentally happens, the boy is an embryonic Red Grange or Steve Oberlander.—*Old Gold and Black.*

MANY MUSICAL PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO GUILFORD

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These classical concerts are always well attended by both the students and community folk of Guilford College.

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HAWORTH AND COX TO HEAD GUILFORDIAN STAFF

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the only freshman who has ever attained the position of associate editor. She will handle the special dramatic write ups and musical criticism. Mr. Newlin will be in charge of society notes and more routine news dispatches.

Murray White tendered his resignation as business manager but no new manager has been secured.

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