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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADOPTED

Since the appearance of an editorial, in the second issue, on the proposed system of student government at Guilford, the question has been taken up by the students. After some discussion among themselves, each of the college classes and the preparatory students have decided to adopt the form and have elected councilmen.

The members elected to represent the various classes in the council are as follows: Seniors, C. W. Stewart, J. D. Wood and J. R. Brown; Juniors, T. G. Perry, T. R. Short and A. L. Riddick; Sophomores, J. P. Garner and H. Budd; Freshmen, J. H. Beeson; Preparatory, Jno. R. Armstrong.

This council has organized and will meet weekly. If you have any complaint or suggestion to make tell your representative and he will present it at the meeting of the council.

Just what will come under the jurisdiction of the council has not yet been fully decided nor has anything yet been given over by the faculty. But it is understood that it will have control of the general order on the campus and under this head might be included "rough housing" in the dormitories, behavior at all public games and occasions, order about the dining rooms and unnecessary abuse of the new men. These things are not definite and we hope soon to have a general meeting at which the governor will designate the power entrusted to the council.

It is true there are disadvantages here which do not favor student government, still there are advantages. The question at stake is this—are the students of Guilford rational minded enough to govern themselves? Have they reached the stage of development where they can discriminate between right and wrong and are manly enough to stand up for the former? If so the system will work here.

This is not to be government by

the council, but through the council, and since you have voted for it, you are supposed to stand by it. If it is to be student government in the real sense of the word, every student must feel upon himself a certain obligation to see that the privilege given him is not mistreated. Do not stand off and criticize the council, its members, its actions unjustly, but support it by your actions as you have by your vote.

In every efficient organization four chief factors are to be considered, first, it must have a purpose; second, it must benefit the organized; third, its members must have mental and moral qualities, and fourth, it must recognize the expert ability of its men. In our student government system we have embodied all four of these to a fair degree. Our purpose is to improve our student life, we, if any, are certainly the ones to be benefitted; we undoubtedly have mental and moral qualities enough to appreciate the situation and lastly each class is supposed to have chosen its best men for councilmen.

If we students stand by it we see no reason why it should not work successfully—at least we can test it.

CALENDAR.

Thursday—6:30, Y. M. and Y. W. prayer meeting.

Friday—7, Literary Societies.

Saturday—8, Play given by Y. W. C. A. in Memorial Hall. "Breezy Point."

Sunday—9:30, Miss Lela Guitner, a secretary of Y. W. C. A. to India, will talk on some phase of mission work. Other religious services.

Monday—7, first chorus practice.

Tuesday—6:30, Senior class meeting. 7, second chorus practice.

Wednesday—6:30, Sophomore class meeting. 7, Literary Club.

LETTERS TO GUILFORDIAN.

(Publication of letters does not necessarily imply that their sentiments are endorsed by the Board.)

Our Trade With Germany.

The United States should not expect England to allow American copper and other contraband goods to go to Germany unmolested, nor should our government make any demands of England about the matter. Our type of government and civilization is on trial. The English and French are not only suffering losses of money and of private convenience but are laying down their lives for free government. Can we not afford to suffer a little inconvenience in our pursuit of happiness? Cannot our rich business men afford to have their enormous incomes cut down a few dollars for

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a time? Are we such grasping after wealth that we cannot see the principle in anything? While our cousins over the seas are being butchered for the things our country stands for, are we going to demand that no hint of hardship show itself to us?

Sunday Afternoon.

Yes, it is Sunday afternoon! The boys begin putting on old shoes and sweaters preparatory to a long walk. Some few of the less energetic actually study! Others, more adventurous, wend their way toward the library either to read the Saturday papers or catch a fleeting smile from a passing fair one. Possibly if no one is looking they speak or laugh out loud (only when no one is looking).

Later in the afternoon the girls may promenade or play on their side of the campus, while the boys may congregate before their dormitories and look that way—"Nothingmore."

The girls soon seek their rooms. Then the group on the opposite side of the road dissolves into walking parties and still smaller units. Possibly some one in a more thoughtful mood goes off alone and thinks. Thinks of what he has missed that afternoon of the spiritual uplift he might have gotten from a scriptural conversation with a member of the fair sex; that he will go through College only once; of his limited opportunity for social development; that time is fleeting, and that he will soon be twenty, then thirty, then forty and the habits of life are formed in youth.

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