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HOWLING VS. CHEERING.

On last Friday night the girls gave a splendid exhibition of basket ball skill in the gymnasium; on the same night, at the same time, and in the same place the boys gave the most uncalled for exhibition of ungentlemanly behaviour that has characterized their conduct during the entire year. To any unbiased mind both statements will be recognized as true. Skilful passing, clever shooting, careful guarding, and all round fast work on the part of both teams establish the truth of the first statement. Vociferous yelling, barbarian shrieks, wild animal cries, hoots and jeers were a partial return which the girls received for their skilful efforts—a fact which proves conclusively the second statement. Now against the well-organized cheering the GUILFORDIAN has not a word to say. Such was gentlemanly and respectful and be it far from the purpose of this paper to discourage any legitimate expression of athletic enthusiasm. On the contrary it greatly desires to encourage such expressions. But with quite a bit of the so-called enthusiasm which was expressed in certain parts of the cheering section in the form of shrieks, hoots, jeers and boorish rooting the GUILFORDIAN has no sympathy. Such conduct was not, to say the least, gentlemanly. No gentleman would give vent to such noises; they could only come from the animal, not the human element in the crowd. And to any casual observer this fact was obvious. A sense of common decency, not to say a gentlemanly respect for the players would have prevented such an exhibition of the lack of culture. Who would think in a rational moment of putting a huge 36-inch megaphone to a girl's ear and then howling with all the power of one's lungs? Truly the leaven of culture has yet to do its work. A repetition of such conduct should be followed by the most stringent possible action on

the part of the Student Council

It is not necessary to add that only a small part of our number indulged in such outbursts, but their actions were so violent as to characterize the whole crowd.

Within a few days we are going to hold some mass meetings to arouse enthusiasm and organize our cheering for the basket ball team. Every man in College should be present, learn the yells, and take his part in every one of them. It is *our* team and let us make it realize that every single student is behind it every minute; that its defeats are *our* defeats, its victories, *our* victories.

Let us refrain from all howling and jeering, all outbursts of a personal nature. Let us follow the cheer-leader, and cheer with him, as a unit, not as an unorganized howling mob. With the entire student body cheering as one man our team will put forth its utmost strength and skill, and realize that the honor of Guilford is in its hands, and we do not fear for the result.

CALENDAR.

Wednesday: 6.30, Sophomore class meeting; 7.00, Science Club.

Thursday: 6.30, Regular mid-week prayer meetings.

Friday: 7.00, Literary Societies.

Saturday: 8.00, Basket ball game at home, Greensboro Y. M. C. A. vs. Guilford.

Sunday: Regular religious services.

Monday: 7.30, First choir practice.

Thursday: 6.30, Junior class meeting; 7.00, second choir practice.

LETTERS TO THE GUILFORDIAN.

Articles Under This Head Do Not Necessarily Mean That Their Sentiments Are Endorsed by the Board.

An Alumnus Approves of Student Government.

I have noticed in the columns of the GUILFORDIAN that student government has been established in part at Guilford. This has been long needed, not that the governors have not been efficient, for they certainly have filled their post well, but that in such an institution as Guilford now is, the power of setting standards certainly remains with the student body. Guilford is not a "prep" school, and should not be governed as such.

College we all admit is a training institution and certainly one should be trained to rely on one's self. At Guilford, the student is closely watched one day, and the next is given a diploma and is sent out into the world alone. If Guilford has faith enough in her sons and daughters to send them out as graduates, then why doesn't

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she trust them more in the class room? Confidence certainly should be fostered in college life. All business is based on the confidence of one man in another. If the student is suspected and constantly watched while in the class room and during examinations, he most certainly goes out a weaker man. The step made toward the Honor System is a good one. I believe that no greater good could come to Guilford than that necessarily following the adoption of the Honor System by the four college classes.

I believe that not only the oversight at athletic games and of the general department should be given into the hands of the Council, but that the class room work and examinations should also be based on the Honor System. Student government is a great credit and strength to any institution. The foremost colleges and universities of America have already adopted such measures. I hope the day is not far off when Guilford also will have faith enough in her students to give them this cherished right. ALVA E. LINDLEY, '08.

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