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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

## Why Not Be Moderate

The question of dealing with freshmen, or "rats," as they are more commonly called, is one that has been given quite a bit of consideration by other members of the college group than merely the sophomores. Not only have the upper classes been discussing this proposition but it has become quite a concern to the faculty.

The whole idea involved in "rat life" should hinge around and serve as an advantage to the new comers, themselves, and not for the purpose of gratifying a desire for revenge on the part of one who was a "rat" only a few months before.

Assuming that the first hypothesis is the correct one, let us consider some of the things that are practiced on the new man:

First, of course, is the opening ball. This, no doubt, is one of the best things that the sophs give in honor of the new men. This is the one time all of the new men come to know each other better and realize their points of contact more fully and become more united by bonds of sympathy.

The second thing we might consider is the "rat tree." Very few of our readers will fail to understand what the "rat tree" means to every new man. This custom of requiring all new men to wait at this tree until all of the old men are in the dining hall is a very good thing for a while, but after its purpose has been accomplished and the new men know what is expected of them when entering the dining hall, why continue the rule when the object has been attained.

Another custom which is very dear to some of our boys is that of "rat trials." This is a procedure which might be used very effectively, but when abused it invariably fails to accomplish its purpose.

Taking for granted that all of these things are done in order to show the new man his place in the group, when they have accomplished their purpose, why not have some means by which the man who has found and accepts his new position will not be subjected to the same rules as the man who has failed to accept his place?

It has been suggested that a time limit should be set, during which all "rats" should come under the same rules. After this time any new man

may institute proceedings in the Sophomore Court for partial or complete suspension of the rules under which he must live. This action could be taken according to the discretion of the court.

We should like to bring this possibility of "rat rule" suspension to the attention of the sophomores together with the other old men for their consideration.

## Football Dope—Let's Go!

Football, as far as intercollegiate clashes go, is resting at Guilford for a fortnight and Coach Doak's huskies are laying on the avordupois in anticipation of the coming tussle with the strong Baptist aggregation from Wake Forest. A training table has been provided for the squad and steak is being converted into brawn with the usual stag technique.

The fact that Wake Forest played Davidson on neutral territory last Saturday for a 6-6 draw is a thing not to be winked at, and its going to mean the concerted effort on everybody's part to "show the old fight" on next Friday week, October 27.

At that time Guilford will meet Wake Forest on Hobbs field, and the game will be the one big home feature of football for Guilford this year. It will also be the one opportunity for Guilford's alumni around Greensboro and Winston-Salem and half-way stations to see how Cap'n Mac's team can handle the old pigskin on the home gridiron. There is no reason why there shouldn't be two hundred former Guilfordians out to help us root and to give the "Grand old cheer, boys, as the Guilford team goes by."

The forced vacation of the team will stand it in good stead for a heavy schedule at the last of the season. Guilford goes to Philadelphia to meet the speedy Haverford eleven the week following the Wake Forest game, and on November 11th comes the clash with Elon. Results of Saturday's game between Elon and Lenoir, to judge from parallel scores, puts all the dope on Elon's side. She has a 48-6 shingle against Guilford's 31-7. "All right team! The old life! Lets Go!"

Margaret Smith spent this week-end at her home in Greensboro.

Miss Teacy Beaman visited her sister, Marie today.

Raymond Ehert spent the week-end at his home near inston-Salem.

## DEPARTMENT NOTES

## New Faculty Ruling.

At a meeting of the faculty last Friday evening int was decided that henceforward the department of education would offer an hour's credit towards graduation for the work done in practice teaching.

As the work is now given, each student doing practice teaching has a class in the preparatory department for six weeks under charge of a supervisor. This is the equivalent of a third of a semester's work in a three hour course or one semester hour.

The supervisors in the various departments in which practice teaching is now being done are: Prof. Newlin, mathematics; Miss Robinson, history; Miss Smith, English; Miss Noles, home economics.

## Faculty Representatives.

The faculty representatives appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees and the alumni committee on policy and endowment at their annual meeting on Wednesday are: Dr. L. L. Hobbs, Miss Louise Osborne, Prof. L. L. White and Miss Katherine Ricks.

## Chorus on Tuesday.

The time of the meeting of the college choral society has been changed from Monday evening to Tuesday at the same hour, in order to fit in with the schedule of Prof. J. W. White, its director.

## Journalism Students Try Reporting.

The journalism class made its first venture into the real newspaper world last Sunday when its members were given the opportunity by A. L. Stockton, managing editor of the Greensboro Daily News, to cover some actual assignments for his paper.

This phase of the course in journalism is still in the experimental stage, but if it proves successful, it is hoped that an opportunity to secure a little real experience in newspaper work may develop.

## Field Trip for Biologists.

The biology department has two field trips to its credit this last week. The class in Biology spent the afternoon afield Wednesday in search of botanical specimens. Mr. Baker paid a visit to Hamburg pond Saturday, bringing home numerous specimens of small fish and water animalcules for laboratory study.

## Chemical Supplies Arrive.

The chemistry department is rejoicing over the final arrival of the fall supply of apparatus and chemicals. Laboratory work can now progress more rapidly.

## Program Committee Announced.

The program committee of the faculty literary club has been announced as follows: Mrs. Raymond Binford, chairman, Miss Katherine C. Ricks, Miss Hedwig Hoffmann, Prof. Robert H. Dann and Prof. J. D. White.

Professor R. L. Newlin spent the week-end in High Point.

Mr. Robert J. Royals was a visitor on the campus Sunday afternoon.

Earl Cummings spent the week-end at his home in Stokesdale.

Marvin Shore, Sam Harris, W. T. Outland and David Hodgins were callers at the North Carolina College for Women Sunday evening.

Shirley Beard visited on the campus Sunday.

William Blair, Addison Smith, and James Penny spent the week-end in Greensboro.

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