Encourage your Cyclones

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DROP A PINCH of confetti in your hair, mix well with cheering in your ears and blend together with laughter. After baking slowly for 30 minutes in a warm sun, add cold drinks and ice cream bars. Top off with cow bells and pom-poms for the perfect football game.

These are this season's ingredients, enlivened with the spice of participation and flavored with enthusiasm. For once, too many cooks won't spoil the broth; we can all be a part in stirring up spirit. Just what part do we play in the success of this age-old recipe as the chief cooks?

According to Coach Vince Di Francesca, female support, enthusiasm and encouragement is really important. Our backing aids in creating fighting spirit among the players and, with good organization, can bring still more concentrated support. Unison tricks, such as hat waving in the direction of the goal or organized stunts using identification cards, are some of his suggestions.

Coed's Role

The role of female supporter does not end or begin just with the football game itself. Emphasizing this fact, Di Francesca stated that "Any girl who is really interested in the team's success will get the fellow home early the night before the game and do everything to keep the boy away from drinking and smoking at parties as well. A girl has a lot of influence, and I mean it."
Max Burkett, Big Seven all-conference fullback, feels that we need girls' as well as boys' enthusiasm behind the team, and Dean M. D. Helser, of the Junior College, said he does not favor banning women cheerleaders. He said, "They add enthusiasm which men alone can not achieve."

Along with the question of cheering and its importance, comes the matter of to what extent we should go in cheering. Should the top soprano in the church choir put a damper on her feelings while the lonely little cheerleader yells enough for three or four sopranos? At the same time, vulgar enthusiasm and sand-paper voices are hardly becoming to the female population of any campus. What are the exact measurements for that perfect recipe to preserve the natural sealed-in enthusiasm of cheering?

Professor Tolbert MacRae, past head of the Department of Music, was able to give us a few pointers on the limits of yelling. "There is very little danger of harming the vocal chords permanently, as a rule," he said. "If the person's vocal chords were in bad condition prior to the game, there might be an exception to this, however. An individual could yell until he was hoarse, but since it involves only the force of breath on the vocal chords, the condition is almost always temporary." MacRae did suggest that a good singer modify her yelling. A tiring of vocal chords would occur just as in constant vocal practice for over an hour. He advised members of the church choir for the next morning not to indulge in excessive yelling, although much wholehearted interest could be expressed without any harm. The cheerleader won't need to carry the burden alone if everyone takes part.

Refined Enthusiasm

"A college woman is not a high school girl anymore," MacRae said. "She can be enthusiastic with a certain amount of refinement, the lack of which might be excused in a high school girl. A girl can be lovely and not dumb in becoming a mature, cultured and refined woman." MacRae at the same time stressed that this refinement need not stop her eagerness to live or capacity for enjoyment.

The ingredients have been named and their measurements determined for a successful football game. Now it's time for the chefs to take over and make the most of the recipe. We've a coach and a team that deserve to be served the finest, and, with the whole-hearted enthusiasm of so many cooks, we are bound to find the way to our men's hearts and a touchdown!