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CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES

What is the aim and purpose of college athletics? Is it to advertise the collegiate institution, to build up a tradition and a practice of college spirit, to furnish excitement for the alumni and the public as well as for the student body? Or is it to endow the individual members of the student body with health and strength? At Carolina both of these objectives are aimed at, but the benefit to the individual student is paramount.

Proselyting, paying men to come to college to play on the various teams, encouraging the tramp athlete to drift to the institution in order that athletic prestige might be made powerful; these are some of the evils which the one-year rule was adopted to eliminate. Under the old regime, the great fault of college athletics was that it magnified the institution, glorified the prowess of its "teams," professionalized the participants—those who had not already been "professionalized," while minimizing their number, made of itself a gainful business—and all at the expense of the individual student's health and strength, which were not benefited at all unless he was susceptible of being developed into a super-athlete—all this under the old regime.

Three years ago when the one-year rule was proposed there was a storm of opposition to its adoption. The student body, as a block, and a great number of alumni opposed it as a thing that would weaken our athletic position to such an extent that success in athletics would be impossible. Now, that the one-year rule has been temporarily suspended, there are students who demand an explanation be forthcoming as to why it should be suspended—even temporarily. This fact shows that the Carolina student body realizes the advantages of the one-year rule and is behind a straightforward, honest, sportsmanlike athletic policy.

Last fall University athletics were suspended—the army took them over! The Faculty Committee on Athletics had nothing to do with it. The army had its own committee which handled the situation. The rules that were made were formulated by the military authorities without consulting any of the responsible authorities of the University.

It has developed since that the attitude of the military authorities here toward our athletic situation prevailed in all of the collegiate institutions with the S. A. T. C. organizations—and to such an extent that the National Collegiate Athletic Association which met in New York in December concluded that all athletic activities last fall were not collegiate but military; that therefore the fact that a man played on an S. A. T. C. team ought not to affect his status in college athletics; in other words, the period last fall should not count as one of the four years a man may play on a college varsity team.

At the beginning of this term, the University Committee on Athletics, Dr. Charles Mangum, Chairman, was asked to take control again of Carolina athletics. With the return of the University to normal conditions, the question arose: Should the one-year rule be enforced for the spring term? Information was sought from the faculty, alumni, and representative students who had shown interest in Carolina athletics before the establishment of the S. A. T. C. here.

The following facts were taken into consideration: In the first place, college spirit was gone. There was not among the new men here that same love for Carolina that was here before the establishment of the S. A. T. C. In the second place, we had no source of income save the Athletic Association fees for the carrying out of a big athletic program. The Athletic Association was in debt. With no money it was impossible to finance a first year reserve team and class squads, providing for them an able coach. And in the third place, the conditions under which we existed last fall made it impossible for the

tramp athlete to come here for the mere purpose of playing ball. These were the facts that enabled the Faculty Committee to act justly and wisely in temporary suspension of the one-year rule.

Upon the Committee rested the first responsibility of bringing back to Carolina that Carolina spirit which had not time to advance far from the University. If we had returned immediately to the one-year rule, there would doubtless have been much complaint on the part of some of the men who had the right to play on the team last fall, but who would of necessity have been debarred from varsity athletics this spring. The Committee took the stand that would guarantee the most willing, enthusiastic, and general support of the student body.

The Committee had not only to think of this year's athletics—they had to think in terms of next year's athletics; the Committee evidently realized that whatever action was taken by them would yield results in a stronger or weaker athletic position for Carolina next year. After looking over the material out for the various phases of athletics, the Committee found that in baseball practically all the old men were back, that the personnel of the team would not be vitally affected. The old men out for the team this spring will be practically all gone next year. Material must be found, then, for our next year's team, and that material must be trained. Since there is no chance for a first year reserve team, all men are urged to go out for practice. Every man in college is eligible for a place on the varsity nine. We realize that a cannot be trained for the best results without having something to work for. The Freshmen are given the chance at the varsity, and even if they do not make places on the team they will be sufficiently trained to furnish in themselves very favorable prospects for next year's varsity. The men who go out for varsity athletics this spring, in other words, will form the nucleus around which next year's varsity will be moulded into shape.

As we have seen, the purpose of the one-year rule is to keep out tramp athletes in order that our own men may have the chance to make positions on our teams without having some fellow step in and assume an old position or acquire a new one. There were no tramp athletes here last fall. Therefore, in considering temporary suspension of the one-year rule, there was no matter of principle involved—merely a matter of expediency. To prevent any abuse and to maintain the purity of our athletics from any possible infringement we have debarred the spring registrants from varsity athletics. We have temporarily suspended the one-year rule, but the purpose which that rule fulfills will still be maintained through the term. The spirit of the one-year rule has not been suspended and we hope it never will be.

CALL FOR TRACK MEN

So far this year there seems to be very little interest in one of the major branches of athletics. There has been no call for track practice, although the time for such a call has been here for several weeks. There seems a tendency to let this sport sink into obscurity. This tendency, as it seems to us, is due not to any lack of interest on the part of the students, for many of them are vitally interested in this sport and wish to see it pushed. The trouble lies largely in the fact that the Athletic Committee and the management show absolutely no interest, and fail altogether to secure proper meets and equipment for the team, after it has spent several months in hard training.

This has been the situation for several years past, but it should not continue. In these past years we were hampered financially and otherwise by war conditions, and this was largely the cause of this failure in the faculty to properly support the track team. Previous to the war we had a good team, which was well backed, held good meets, and made good records.

Now that the war is over instead of going farther in the direction that we went during the war we should hasten to return to the pre-war basis. All men interested in track should meet at once and make arrangements with the management and the faculty for support, and they should then go to work and put out a team worthy of support. There is no doubt about the team if they can get the support, and we believe that if they go about it in the right way they should get it. The old track men should get together and see the managers and, together with the managers, they should go to the faculty committee and state the situation, and their support will doubtless be forthcoming. Then the students should go to work, to do their part to re-establish track on a strong foundation.

THE CAMPUS CABINET

In response to a call for constructive legislation so that the campus activities would mean the very most to the students and their life here on the campus would be more pleasant there has been organized the Campus Cabinet, composed of ten students from the various classes and schools. This cabinet is strictly a student organization and has for its purpose maximum service to the students and to the University. The Campus Cab-

net is supplanting the older organization known as the Greater Council which had the same purpose as the newer institution, but the body was too unwieldy to function properly and so has not been very much of a live force.

The Campus Cabinet wishes to take up any problem that the students have to suggest and see what can be done with it and would be very glad if any student will suggest things that he thinks might make our campus better or improve our living conditions. The Cabinet takes up such things as class athletics, social programs, etc. See your class president, or address your suggestion to "the Campus Cabinet."

UNIVERSITY PLANTS

North Carolina was not the first State to erect a University on paper—Georgia has that honor, we believe; but she was the first State in the Union to have a University in actual operation. She occupies a proud pre-eminence in this particular.

We began to erect University buildings ahead of all the other States, but we do not today rank first in the United States in the value of University properties. Twenty-five States stand ahead of us in the value of University plants.

The University of North Carolina opened its doors to students in 1795 and is therefore 124 years old. It was established in the last years of the 18th century, but the 20th century had dawned before the State began to appropriate money for buildings, equipments, and annual support in any noteworthy way. For a hundred years or so this child of the Commonwealth suffered the neglect of the ash-barrel baby.

We have always believed in the liberal arts and we have always cherished Learning as the handmaid of Religion—or said we did; but as a matter of fact, what we cherished in the South as a sentiment has been acted upon in the middle and far west as a sound business policy.

Thus it is that Nebraska has three million dollars invested in University properties, Iowa, four millions, Ohio and Illinois six millions each, Michigan seven millions, Minnesota ten millions, and California thirteen millions. These States have dared to manifest their faith by their works.

Our University plant in North Carolina after one and a quarter centuries is valued at only \$1,220,675.

In the south, North Carolina has been outstripped in the value of University plants by Texas, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, and Georgia; and in legislative appropriations for annual support, by Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Kentucky, and Georgia.

However, there is a brighter day ahead for our common schools, our church schools, our public and private institutions of benevolence, technical training, and liberal arts.

The fervor of the war purposes has brought into the open the amazing wealth of North Carolina. The people that have given outright two and a quarter million dollars to war benevolences alone, during the last eighteen months, are easily able and abundantly willing to give two or three times as much as they ever gave before for the support of all worthy enterprises, church and State.

In times of war, we have opened our hearts and purses gladly. It is impossible to believe that in times of peace, we will ever again draw into our shells like periwinkles.

"The finest memorial we can build to our brave," says Governor Bickett, "is a State that ranks as high over here as our boys did over there."

And it's true.—University News Letter.

STUDENT FORUM

"ON TO RALEIGH"

Curious things sometimes happen. This is the only way in which we can account for Virginia's victory last Saturday night. Of course "Renny" Cuthbertson, our captain, was put out of the game with a sprained ankle in the first half, and Virginia's floor is a little unusual in the matter of length, etc. and, possibly a few other little points had a slight effect in our morale; but it's not the Carolina pep to look back upon any game and grieve because we happened to lose. It's Carolina spirit to look ahead and to arouse all the more enthusiasm over a defeat.

Just the other night we trimmed the Washington and Lee quint recognized to be the fastest in the State of Virginia. It is becoming more apparent every day that we are the class of this State. It's this team that clashes with our old rival, Virginia, in Raleigh, on Thursday night, February 27th. This throws a challenge to full-blooded Carolina men. Shall we allow our former enthusiasm to be dampened by our recent defeat, when our team played under adverse circumstances? If we hold true to our traditional athletic support, we'll go to Raleigh student body strong. With 500 roters in Raleigh there can be no doubt as to the outcome of the game. So to every man who reads this: determine right off that you are going to be in the bunch.

Efforts are at present being made by Business Manager Woollen to secure a special train for the occasion. This will probably leave Thursday af-

ternoon, and return sometime in the "wee" hours of the night.

After the game there is to be a dance in Raleigh. Ladies will be there in profusion and a Carolina man will be "the" thing in the Capital City. The Wieder Myer Orchestra has been engaged, and hence the vivacious music is guaranteed.

Our team has the necessary (that has been shown), and if we hold up our end of the bargain, the result will be an overwhelming defeat for Virginia and a "capital" demonstration of Carolina pep.

Make it your business to be there.

THE TENNIS COURTS

Now that spring is almost here and so many students are taking racquets in hand and wending their way to the tennis courts, a very apparent need comes to our minds. We have eight courts that can be played on, which, when each accommodates eight a day can supply for only sixty-four students, and many times when sets are played one court will furnish room for only four players. Now it is evident that there are more than thirty-two, and even more than sixty-four of the tennis fans who wish to play each afternoon. Hence there is a great need of additional courts.

This need can be easily supplied by fixing up the additional six courts, which are across the path, so that they may be used. This has not been done in several years and they will require quite a lot of fixing, but the demand is for them.

Another condition noted in relation to the tennis equipment is the dilapidated condition of the nets. All other athletics of the University are kept supplied with good equipment, but the nets that are being used now are over two years old, and not more than three of the eight in use are really fit to be used. The others are full of holes and the support ropes are broken.

Therefore, in behalf of the student body of the University, I suggest that the Athletic Council, or those persons who control such matters, investigate this matter, and have the additional courts fixed up just as soon as the weather permits; and in the meantime, the needed nets could be arranged for.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Univ. Orchestra Will Set High Water Mark

The University orchestra has been rehearsing steadily for several weeks and is making satisfactory progress in spite of the fact that over-eager listeners are constantly intruding at rehearsals and disturbing the practice. The successful appearance of the orchestra in a musical program in Chapel Hill proved conclusively that we have this year a real orchestra that can play real music in good style. The policy has been to restrict the personnel to good players able to handle high grade music. This does not mean that only classical music will be played. It does mean, however, that all music played in public, ragtime included, will be music instead of merely a joyful noise. The orchestra will assist with incidental music at the coming theatrical performances of the Carolina Playmakers. A regular concert is also being planned for the near future.

For the benefit of men who prefer to play ragtime a jazz band will soon be organized in which all the available noise producing instruments will be employed to great advantage.

The University Extension Department gave a reception to Dr. Henry Jackson and his wife after the lecture on Monday, February the third. The reception was held in the Woman's associate room and about fifty people were present, members of the Extension Department, representatives of the Y. M. C. A. and the class and of the Community Club. Refreshments were served by members of the Extension Department and of the Woman's Association.

Meanwhile the Yackety Yack begins to emerge from its present somewhat nebulous state and to assume tangible form if not its holiday clothes.

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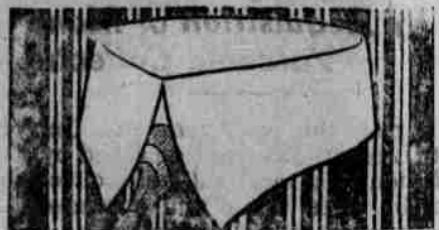
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