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A Grand Finale

Today's game climaxes Carolina's football season. It climaxes the careers of eleven Carolina players. By reason of the keen rivalry, the records of the teams involved, and the styles of football employed, the game today should climax both Carolina's and Duke's schedule.

Thousands of supporters of both Duke and Carolina will be in the stands today expecting 60 minutes of real football. Past records and past upsets will be examined to see what if any bearing they may have on today's game.

We are not interested in what has happened in years gone by. We are not concerned with the performance of the team in other games this season. Nothing in the past will determine today's score. The play of each individual as part of the Carolina team will determine whether we win or lose. And that play must be up to par every minute of the game.

Along with thousands of alumni and students we expect Carolina to win today. Good football alone is not enough; it must be great football for 60 minutes. Carolina expects great football from every man playing but more so of those eleven men who play their last games as Carolina men.

We know you can play football. We expect you to do it this afternoon.

Extracurricular Inertia

Observant students and faculty members are complaining that student interest in the many extracurricular pursuits on the campus is fading. This lessening of interest seems to be a creature of the elapsed part of the present fall quarter. Is general participation and interest in our various non-academic activities below par, we ask? In the light of observation, we answer without hesitation that it is.

With the exception of the Di and Phi literary societies, which have for some reason gotten into their second wind, campus organizations are suffering from student inertia more than at any previous time in the writer's stay on this campus. The Daily Tar Heel management has been forced to "fire" no small number of staff members for non-performance of assigned duties. Were it not for four faithful contributors, the Carolina Magazine would doubtless be nothing other than eight blank sheets of paper. Judges for debates are rather frequently recruited from the audience about ten minutes prior to the debate. Even though the membership of the debate squad shows no decline, tryouts to date have been suggestive of no research on the part of candidates for the teams.

Is there an explanation of such a situation? If so, does it constitute a valid reason? These are questions which are foremost in the writer's mind, an attempted answer to which is the remainder of this editorial.

The intensely hard fought campus political campaign of last spring has undoubtedly sown the seeds of bitterness and non-interest in the hearts of many. Even the victorious party in this struggle worked so hard that they have not yet fully emerged from their appointed rest. These are not reasons of sufficiently high caliber to thwart the work of those students who hide themselves and personal gain behind the movement and the organization with which they are connected. But there are few of us who are willing to do so. The student body seems to be at rest. If extreme activity in the past is not the reason for such a state of affairs, then there is a storm brewing now.

The student body will rise from its slumber in time, no doubt. The status of campus organization must be determined by the nearness of this event.—J. C. W.

A Fight To The Finish

This afternoon in Kenan stadium a young giant, confident of his potential strength and ability, will swagger forth to engage a battle scarred veteran for the state's gridiron championship. Duke University has just this year reached manhood and come into its heritage, in football as well as in other things. Throughout the early part of the present season it has ridden on the crest of a wave of victory, the ease of which surprised even the members of its team.

Now the Blue Devils come to Chapel Hill with the hope of defeating the most formidable of their traditional enemies, the Carolina Tar Heels. For thirty-seven years past, Duke has been unable to down the University in a football contest. It is its intention to demonstrate its newly acquired prowess by breaking the record this afternoon. The Tar Heels are determined, of course, that "they shall not pass," so it will probably be a fight to the finish with the best team (which we naturally believe to be Carolina) eventually winning.

It is indeed commendable that both schools, engaging thus in such intense rivalry, should meet with the best of good will and harmonious relations. Hoping to improve the feeling between Duke and Carolina, campus leaders and journalists have been sponsoring a movement for the accomplishment of that end both here and at Duke. And the most friendly gesture of all will be made on the field this afternoon, when, after the game, the captain of the winning team will be given a trophy, awarded by the senior classes of the two schools, to be held until the next Carolina-Duke meeting.—E. C. D.

Graduate of 1860 Recalls University Of His Youth

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supervisor, who reported all misbehavior at the end of each meeting and the offenders were fined. The extent of the fines ranged from twenty-five cents to a dollar.

Among the two societies there was great competition for out-of-state men. In 1859 the Phi sent a committee to meet President James Buchanan, who visited the University at commencement that year, and escorted him to Chapel Hill. With great pomp and ceremony the president was initiated into the society.

"There were few Greek-letter fraternities in that day," commented Captain Thorpe, "and they were considered 'upish.' The masses of students were not members of fraternities, and it was the best policy to run against them in politics."

There were no organized athletics at that time. "We never heard of such a thing," Captain Thorpe declared. Some students, sons of rich southern planters, kept house in club style. They brought servants, horses, dogs, and guns, and spent their holidays hunting and engaging in other field sports. Although there was no gymnasium, there was an unlimited field for such sports as were engaged in at that time.

At commencement the balls were gala affairs. Belles and rose-bud debutantes flocked from all parts of the state, and there was a carnival of lavish splendor both in dress and decorations. Smith hall, later the Library, served as the ball-room and was probably unequalled in the state for such an occasion. Much dancing, of the pigeon-wing order, was done and many speeches, both on the rostrum and in private ears, were made. These commencement balls were considered the most outstanding social events in the state.

During the time of his attendance here Captain Thorpe said that there was much hazing done but violence was hardly ever resorted to. No hair-cutting was done, and he never heard of any serious accident or injury resulting from horse-play. Most of the hazing consisted of playing pranks on unsuspecting freshmen but on many occasions paddling took place with much gusto on the part of the wielders of those instruments.

All students, except seniors, were required to attend chapel meetings in Gerrard hall both morning and evening to answer the roll call but freshmen were not allowed to enter the front door.

The initiations of the Mystic Tie, a sophomore secret society, were events of great interest on the campus. Once each year the entire student body would attend the initiation, and the rites were both amusing and impressive. The King sat on a high rostrum and supervised the initiation. His orders were carried out by twenty guards armed with pillows. The neophytes were forced to do almost everything they couldn't do. When one refused he was immediately set upon by the guards and beaten almost breathless with the pillows unless he did as ordered.

Captain Thorpe entered the University in 1856 and received his degree in 1860. When North Carolina ratified the Ordinance of Secession, he enlisted his services in the Confederate army and "walked from Bethel to Appomattox." He served for a short time in the A Bethel company but was later transferred to the A 47th, of which he was captain until Lee's surrender. In memory of his fall-

en comrades and through his love and admiration for them, he has compiled a roster of Nash County Confederate soldiers and has included in it the Edgecombe County roster.

After the War he turned his energies toward rebuilding his beloved state and sought to overthrow the scalawags and carpet-baggers who were sapping the life from her. With other "Bourbon Democrats," Captain Thorpe fought to safeguard Anglo-Saxon civilization and to perpetuate southern ideals and principles during the dark days of Reconstruction, a period in our history from which every self-respecting American citizen turns with shame and disgust. In October, 1875, the University was re-opened after being closed in 1870, and Captain Thorpe was elected one of its trustees. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1887.

With a calm satisfaction that only proceeds from the knowledge of duty honorably and nobly fulfilled, the old gentleman is ready to face his Maker as fearlessly as he charged the Yankee guns at Gettysburg. He has lived a long life of usefulness as a soldier, lawyer, and planter and is now ready to reap his reward by joining his comrades "in those green pastures beside the still waters." His shoulders are slightly bent but he walks with a firm tread. At present he is enjoying splendid health and delights in walking about and chatting with his friends. The glint of battle returns to his dimming eyes as he relates to them the stirring battles of the Civil War. He is as courteous as any young gallant of the Old South and he makes his visitors feel at home.

"My people have been very kind and good to me," he said, "And my Lord has been splendid, preserving me in body, physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually throughout the War and the trying days that followed."

It is only fitting to mention that Daniel R. Coleman, who shares with Captain Thorpe the honor of being the oldest living graduate of the University, now resides in Belleville, Ontario, Canada, after living a life of service as a teacher in schools for the deaf and dumb.

PARKER STRESSES NEED OF LEADERS IN NATION TODAY

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more than ever before, and they are still just as important as any other activity in the life of this institution.

Professor George McKie in his talk spoke of the fact that Judge Parker was the only man he knew of who had been twice elected president of his class while in school here. The English professor was much delighted in the fact that there seemed to be an apparent revival of the interest in the literary societies this year. He stated his hope that this interest would continue to increase.

After giving a little history of the societies, Dr. Collier Cobb, the next speaker, gave several examples which tended to show how the societies of the past stood out not only on the campus, but in all parts of the entire country.

In introducing the speaker of the occasion, President-elect Frank Porter Graham recalled some of his remembrances when Judge Parker was a student here. He stated that he was of the opinion that all the signs seemed to indicate that the societies were undergoing a true revival, and were becoming more as they were in former days.

The banquet, which was attended by sixty-one guests, was presided over by W. C. Medford, president of the senate.

DRINK TOPIC FOR CONTEST ESSAYS

A national essay contest, open to all college students in this country and culminating in an international contest, is being sponsored by the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association. The general theme for the contest is "Alcoholic Drink in Modern Society," but each entrant must choose a specific subject for himself. "The purpose of the contest is to increase intelligent interest in the problem of alcoholic drink in modern society, to encourage students to study it for themselves and to express the results of their study in a paper that will convey information and, at the same time, be interesting to the reader."

National prizes amount to one thousand dollars; first prize being five hundred dollars (in the form of a trip to Europe); second, three hundred dollars; third, a hundred and fifty; and fourth, fifty. The country is divided into eight interstate districts. Interstate prizes are one hundred dollars—divided into first, second, and third prizes of fifty, thirty, and twenty dollars. First is the interstate contest, the winners of which go to the national contest. The interstate contest closes March 31, 1931, and the papers, not exceeding two thousand words in length, must be in at the central office by that time.

For further information and an application card write to the Contest Secretary, Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, Driscoll Hotel, room 10, Washington, D. C.

Jefferson Letter Sells for \$23,000

Mrs. Raleigh Minor, sister of F. P. Venable, ex-president of this university, recently sold a letter written by Thomas Jefferson for \$23,000. The letter was signed July 1, 1776, just before the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. It is addressed to William Fleming, from whom Jefferson had just heard that he had been re-elected to Congress. He tells of the drafting of the Declaration, on which he had been working for several weeks. Then he recounts a conspiracy against Washington and the retreat of the American Army in the north after the siege of Quebec.

The sale was made to Dr. A. S. Rosenbach, a well-known agent of collectors. He purchased it at an auction in New York. "Combined in this letter to an exceptional extent," says the New York Times, "are the historical importance and sentimental interest dear to the heart of collectors."

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Venable hall was the scene of a small fire Thursday night. Mr. M. W. Conn was working in his private laboratory when a quantity of ether, with which he was working, caught fire. This in itself was not particularly dangerous but the fact that in the laboratory was a considerable amount of inflammable chemicals added to the hazard of a blaze breaking out.

Mr. Conn realized this and tried to get the container of burning ether outside. It was too hot to hold long however and Mr. Conn let it burn there on the floor where it would do no harm. The inside of the door and the window-shade were scorched but other than that no damage was done. Very few of the members of the department were aware that there had been a fire and did not find out about it until the next morning.

Engineering Students Interviewed Thursday

L. H. Means of Industrial Service department of the General Electric Company interviewed students in the electrical and mechanical engineering school Thursday for the purpose of securing jobs for them upon their graduation. No promises were made to the students. Mr. Means went to Raleigh yesterday to interview the engineering students at State.

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