

THE SPORT PARADE

STATE NORMAL LOOKS AHEAD IN ATHLETICS

Now that we are a four year college it is only to be expected that our athletic program will undergo a change to keep pace with our other activities. We have long matched our musical organizations and dramatic organizations with those of other colleges. If we secure the co-operation of our students, alumni and friends we can put over a comparable athletic program.

In the past our teams have competed chiefly with the stronger high school and semi-pro teams in eastern and central North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia. There were several reasons for this. Little athletic money has been available. We have had few male students. We need only to go back five or six years to find the male students at State Normal totaling only about half the number we have now. Again we are located in a section that is quite removed from most of the schools in North Carolina and the neighboring states. For example a team that travels from here to Charlotte to play Johnson C. Smith and returns must cover over eight hundred miles on the trip. That is quite a jump.

Naturally, the school can't jump into college athletics with a big splash. The change must be a gradual one. Other colleges in the state have had to make the transition from athletics on a small scale to large scale athletics. They have done it gradually. We shall have to continue to play some of the teams we have been playing. (Moreover, if we judge by our records for the past three years, we can't be too sure that some of the high school and semi-pro teams won't beat or tie us now and then.) We shall have to add colleges one or two at a time.

Even if we were able to play eight college football games next year where could we get the games? Other colleges have two and three year contracts with their teams. They can't break these contracts just to play us. Certain games have grown traditional. The Shaw-St. Augustine football game is an example. There are others that have been played for years. Each school has several. Thus most schools have schedules that vary little from year to year. We would have to range far afield to pick up eight college football games by next year.

Despite obstacles we are going into athletics on a larger scale.

More equipment has been ordered for the women's basketball squad and the men's squad also. We plan to play Fayetteville again this year after having had to cancel last year's games with them because of not being able to secure an available place to play. For the first time we meet Saint Paul in basketball this year. Through the Herculean efforts of Mr. Clark a section of bleachers has been erected on our football field. We expect to do some grading on the field next year. Plans are underway to erect a fence around the field. Perhaps, more bleachers can be added next year.

State Normal is looking ahead and is going ahead. Plans are on foot. Some have not been completed. As the year rolls on further announcements will be made from time to time.

D. G. BRANDON.

GRIDIRON LOYALTY

The scene late Thanksgiving afternoon in the great S. N. S. stadium at Elizabeth City, N. C. could not have been more dramatic by a parade of bands and coeds from our C. I. A. A. colleges. It would have swelled the heart of the most fanciful coach.

The Fayetteville Greyhounds and the S. N. S. Buccaneers had locked in a struggle, and woe to the man that went under.

One thousand visitors and students watched in a rigid silence. S. N. S. had the ball on Fayetteville's ten yard line and was driving with all its strength and might to cross the goal line.

The team made six yards in three downs and goal to go. The ball was snapped to Reece, and that smashing fullback, with speed and ferocity of a jungle cat, strength of an elephant horde, charged through the forward wall of the opposing team, smashed their line to smithereens and went across the goal line standing up. The extra point was made by the combination, Woodhouse and Cur is.

The grandstand fairly rocked, the coach was nearly stricken with apoplexy and the team settled down to the business of keeping the seven point lead.

Fayetteville came back in a whirlwind of fury. They ripped, marled, sent the mighty Graham in on only to be thrown for a loss. They sent speedy Harris in a series of trick plays and field reverses, and he, the fastest of them, was caught and snuffed under. Not a

weak spot could be found on the field.

The game kept in this heated spirit of charges and counter-charges until the last half of the last quarter, when the Greyhounds by a lucky chance was able to score and made a field goal for the extra point.

Thus the game ended, a tie—7-7.

In the write-up that was sent to the various papers, what happened to the fellows that made that line a well of steel? Why was it that their names were not mentioned? Is it a fact that certain fellows controlled the spotlight, regardless of their playing ability?

In the Thanksgiving game there was Mizelle, the mightiest guard of the past season. A mountain that moved with disastrous results to the victim. He did so much damage that the opposing coach instructed his men not to run plays over the side of the line. All that Mizelle needed was a chance. He got it, and made good.

There was Morgan, the most scientific franksman S. N. S. has ever produced, a slashing, pass snaring end always on his feet. On offensive and defensive, he was there, meeting force with force, going down, getting up and sending down, charging, charging with the speed of a striking cobra and just as deadly as a jungle stalker.

There was White a quarterback who called play after play from a scientific angle, and used as much strategy as any first class C. I. A. A. quarterback. Always a dangerous man when ever a pass is in the air.

There was Coefield, one of the fleetest on the field, a slippery, hurdling back who is always willing to run.

There was Dickens, a famous bench holder, a bag of air that always let go with enough force to tear down any opposing wall. He hits them hard and they know it.

Woodhouse played the greatest game of his career

McCeease, a halfback is the best blocking back, the season has produced. He is a charging secondary tackler that never fails and a ground gainer always dependable.

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After the action and fighting spirit displayed by these fellows why is it, they are never mentioned in write ups?

This writer doesn't wish to take credit from the others, but it seems that credit and praise should be given to those who get on the gridiron and work and sweat for it, not to those fellows who sit around and talk for it. If these blowers deserve praise, then those unrecognized players should be famous.

During the last season, some players held their position according to the amount of talking they could do for themselves. While the player who didn't resort to self-praise stayed on the bench and was seldom given a chance to make good.

This condition which exist among the football players is something that should be corrected. Unless each player is given his ability to talk, there will be some very serious trouble in the football squad next year.

But regardless of this trouble, we the football squad of '37-'38, will not see the old school go down. This we pledge.

THE Y. W. C. A.

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