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## UNIVERSITY FORUM.

The University Forum, the new modern topics club recently organized, held its first meeting, which was successful in every way, last Wednesday evening in Gerrard Hall which was presided over by Mr. E. K. Graham, President of the club. Mr. Graham made a few remarks about the purposes, aims, and prospects of the organization, and said that now all rests on the students. The subject for discussion the first night was "The Transvaal War."

Dr. Linscott, by aid of a stereoptican map, gave the audience an excellent description of the Topographical and Geographical features of the country and showed the location of the different towns which have recently sprung into public notice. He gave a short history of the Europeans in South Africa and told of the Great Trek in 1866, when the Boers moved away just to rid themselves of the English. The only living Boer who was in that great movement is Kruger.

Dr. Alderman very ably presented the pleas of the English in this war. From a non-partial view he told just what an average Englishman would claim if called upon.

The facts he gave are interesting and some are as follows: The Dutch people went to South Africa after the Napoleonic Wars. English also went there. Then there was a clash. The Boers liked isolation, while the English people desired to get together and be friendly. English set free their slaves and the Boers left. 1864 was the first effort made to form any kind of government. Boers paid no attention to law and order and about 1877 England decided that she had better take in the country. Boers revolted and fought. In 1884 in City of London a committee claimed for England the right to control the foreign relations of the South African Republic. The world paid no attention to this young republic until one day by a geological accident, gold was discovered in abundance and people from all over the world went there. Johannesburg grew from a few scattered houses into a city of 100,000 population.

Cause of recent war, conditions in Johannesburg for example, 90 per cent of the population are English and 19-20 of the taxes are paid by them. Nearly all land is their property and yet these Uitlanders are absolutely helpless from a citizen's standpoint. Boers also raised franchise from 5 years to 14 years and then it can be arbitrarily refused, also allegiance to other country must be given up. English people are refused rights of association and no English taught. The English claim that they are fighting for the same principles which we Americans fought for, that is Taxation without Representation. Dr. Alderman's presentation.

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## FOOT BALL

### Facts About Carolina's Team.

Our team left Tuesday afternoon for its southern trip, in every way prepared to meet the well-trained teams whom they are to play. They play the University of Georgia Thanksgiving. This team is one of the strongest of Southern college teams and is going to firmly resist all ground-gaining over their line. It is a much stronger team than we met last year and anything like a large score for us is wholly unexpected.

On Saturday Carolina meets Sewanee, also in Atlanta. So far, this is the strongest team in the South, as it has not been defeated by any of its many opponents. So this game will be one of great interest to Southern foot-ball enthusiasts as it will decide the southern championship for this season. Altho we greatly miss our usual game with Virginia on Thanksgiving, yet for this time we will meet teams which will give us sufficient amusement and the student body will look for the news of the games with some doubts as to the results, as no one expects a walk-over on either day.

The following is the team that will represent us on the southern gridirons:

At right end is Osborne of '99, who is the fastest man on the team and one of the safest tackles. On the Northern trip he made an enviable record at tackling man for no gain, on both punt and kick-off. Weight 144 pounds, height 5 ft 10 inches, age 20 years.

At right tackle is Bennett of '00, who last season rightly made a position on "The All Southern" and who is this year playing excellent ball. Especially at breaking thro the line and throwing the runner back for losses. Weight 173 lbs., height 6 ft., age 20 years.

Phifer I. (Law) has yet his last year's position at our right guard and their are few men on the teams we have met that have found him out of his position. He is one of the hardest workers on the team. Weight 193 lbs., height 6 ft. 1 1/2 inches, age 21 years.

At centre is Elliot, of '02, who tho he is somewhat new at the game, even now has held the position against experienced contestants. He has also given considerable annoyance to the long-trained centres of our opponents. He bids fair to be the best centre on the Southern teams. On punts he often breaks thro and is on the runner by the time the ends get him. Weight 179, height 6 ft., age 21 years.

Left guard's position is filled by Rankin, '01. Tho to the Varsity he is a new man, yet he has had considerable experience before coming here. Altho he is the heaviest man on the team, weighing 198 lbs.,

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## HOWARD ALEXANDER DEAD.

Last Friday morning at the home of his parents in this place, Mr. J. Howard Alexander, son of Dr. Eben Alexander, Professor of Greek, departed this life after an illness of several weeks. The news of his death, while not unexpected, has cast a deep gloom over the entire community. He was universally liked and his untimely end has caused much sorrow and sympathy for the bereaved family. Mr. Alexander attended the State Fair at Raleigh and while there was taken sick. He was brought home and from that time on, all that medical skill could do was done but with no avail. He was getting along very well until a few days ago when a relapse occurred from which he could not rally and for the last three days his life was despaired of.

He was a Sophomore and a member of the S.A.E. fraternity and of the Di. Society. He was seventeen years old and a communicant in the Episcopal Church. Friday afternoon at two o'clock a special meeting of the Di. society was held. A committee was appointed to drape the hall in mourning for thirty days and the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas God, the Allwise Father hath, in one of those mysterious workings of his Providence, which we cannot understand, removed from our midst our beloved friend and fellow member, John Howard Alexander, therefore be it Resolved

I, that while submitting in all humiliation to the divine will we, the members of the Dialectic Society, cannot but feel most deeply the loss we have sustained in his death.

II, that in his untimely death this society has lost an earnest and faithful member and one whose future was bright with promise.

III, that we extend our sincerest sympathy to the family so sadly bereaved.

IV, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Society, and copies be sent to the *Tar Heel and Magazine*.

R. S. Hatchison }  
W. Kluttz } Committee  
C. R. McIver }

At four o'clock the same afternoon the Soph class held a largely attended meeting and passed the following Resolutions:

Whereas, God, in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved friend and classmate, John Howard Alexander, therefore be it

Resolved I, that while bowing in humble submission to him who hath power to give and to take away we, the members of the Sophomore class cannot but lament the loss of such a true friend and class-mate.

Resolved II, that we extend to the bereaved family our sincerest and most heart-felt sympathy.

Resolved III, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the *Tar Heel* and to the *University Magazine*.

Ivey F. Lewis }  
W. F. Stafford } Committee  
D. P. Stern }

The class also decided to attend the funeral in a body. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from the Episcopal Church, which was filled to overflowing with the many friends of the deceased. The impressive Burial service was read by Dr. Meade, rector of the church.

Beautiful music was sung by a special choir of eight voices. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Halcott Anderson, W. K. Battle, R. H. Bellamy, H. C. Cowles Jr., E. K. Graham, E. V. Howell, R. S. Hutchison, O. A. Thompson, W. G. Wharton and W. B. Whitehead.

The body was interred in the Chapel Hill Cemetery and the floral designs were magnificent, among them were beautiful ones from his fraternity, Zeta Psi, ΔKE, ATO, ΣN, and those from the Di. Society and Sophomore class.

### Resolution of Respect Adopted By S.A.E. Fraternity

Inasmuch as Almighty God has seen fit to take from us our friend and brother, John Howard Alexander, we, the members of Xi Chapter of The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, desire to express our sorrow in the loss that we so keenly feel: by his death we have lost one of our Order whom we loved well and highly esteemed.

We who have known and loved him take this means of extending to his family and relatives our heart-felt sympathy.

And furthermore we have resolved to have a copy of these resolutions put among the records of The Chapter, and a copy sent to THE TAR HEEL.

Edw. K. Graham }  
Halcott Anderson } Com.

Miss Boylan, who has been visiting with Miss Snow at Mrs. Baskerville's, returned to her home in Raleigh last Wednesday.

Dr. Pratt has returned to the Hill.

### A Gimghoul Dance.

The order of Gimghoul gave a most pleasurable dance on Tuesday of last week, to the young ladies visiting on the Hill, and it was given in the unique lodge of the order. Dancing was in order from nine until one o'clock, and the hours passed only too swiftly. Those at the dance were Miss Newman of Atlanta, Miss Bynum, Miss Moses, Misses Boylan and Snow of Raleigh, Miss Vanderbilt of New York, Mrs. Pratt, and Messrs. Mangum, May, Howell, Brem, Anderson, Moore, Berkeley, Bryan, Osborne, Murphy, Gibson, Jno. Carr and Henderson.