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All communications for this paper should be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief by Monday at noon to insure publication the same week. We shall be glad to publish pertinent discussions of college topics. The Tar Heel will welcome news items, and hopes the whole college will aid it along this line.

Carolina in Debate.

Now that the football season is over it might be well to direct the attention of the University to two contests of vital import that are drawing on. Carolina meets Georgia and Vanderbilt in the arena of debate early next Spring, the Georgians fighting on their home ground at Athens and the Tennesseans coming here. Both are smarting under defeat at our hands and will put out their ablest men. This University must sustain its past by winning both debates. If we are in earnest about this, we must support, assist and encourage our debaters by every means in our power. We must get behind the team just as in our athletics. Debate is the highest form of intellectual athletics, and the debaters an educational institution puts out to stand for it in an intercollegiate and inter-State contest are supposed to represent the brain force that is in it. Shouldn't this college stand like one man behind the team that represents it in a trial of that kind of strength?

The student body has not yet realized the full significance of these debates in the life of the institution. The intelligence of the State knows of them, is interested in them, and regards them as one of the best criticisms by which to judge of the mental training given here. The lawyer, the physician, the minister—all the silent, thinking forces—know and care about the stand the University takes in her intercollegiate debates. Many to whom an athletic victory means little have become enthused over the laurels the University has won for itself and the State upon the rostrum.

This spirit is growing outside the University; let it grow yet more rapidly within. Let all debating be warmly encouraged by the unanimous sentiment of the college. When an inter-society contest is held, let everybody turn out. What kind of 'Varsity' would we have without encouraging and developing 'scrubs?' Let us have a University spirit that will enthrone over debate.

The Georgetown Game.

There is vindication, as well as retribution, in history. This time it came quickly, for five days after her defeat at the hands of Virginia, Carolina took the sting out of that defeat. We have have tied the college that won over Virginia and had the best claim to the Southern championship.

If we haven't won the championship ourselves, we last Thursday debarred any other from making a rational claim to that primacy. It is just as well to be honest and admit that the splendid record of the team on its last trip surprised, almost as much as it delighted most of us.

A word needs to be said, though it is neither easy nor pleasant to say it, and the short-sighted would either gloss the matter over or mention it not at all. It is quite true that recently in the hour when the football team was bearing the burden of defeat and cast down by what was even more a calamity to it than to the college, and stood most in need of sympathy and encouragement, many of those who should have strongly stood behind it, turned their faces from it in disapproval and even often in disgust. This thing must never occur again; it is positively wrong and unjust. The greatest, the bravest and truest man is he who draws ever closer to his friend as the clouds of adversity gather about him. A fair-weather friend isn't a friend at all; and a college spirit that flags and almost fails in support of the institution's representatives when calamity comes is a not inapt parallel. We must cultivate such a spirit that the men who fight for us in athletics and in debate, may never be hurt to the quick because of unsympathetic hearts and stony faces in their day of defeat. They ought under all circumstances to feel the beating of sympathetic hearts near and the strong arms underneath.

The football team had the stuff in it that made it greatest in defeat. It came back from Norfolk and went to work to win in Washington. It worked with grim, dogged, invincible determination in the face of a college which looked on, most with apathy, some with disgust, a few faithful ones with sympathy. In Washington they made the manfullest fight ever seen on the gridiron there. The football team ought to be remembered in the history of the University as the team that wouldn't stay beat, the team that went from a bad defeat straight to a glorious success.

As we stand at the close of the season of 1900, and look back upon our football record, the retrospect is pleasing. We didn't beat Virginia, but we tied a greater, for while Virginia has slain her thousands, Georgetown has slain her tens of thousands, Virginia among the number. Let us rejoice and be both glad and proud. We have fought a good fight and are well entitled, athletically speaking, to hibernate for a while and enjoy pleasant dreams.

Manners here seem to be in a crude state. When the college assembles for any purpose, the behavior of many of the students is unworthy of the kindergarten, much less of the University. Shuffling of feet, stamping like wild things, caterwauling, and calling for speeches by students are common, and sometimes Bedlam breaks loose. How long is this sort of thing, disgraceful to the institution as it is, going to last? Where is that gentle breeding of which our people are wont to boast? Visitors to the University have gone away disgusted at the ill-mannered conduct of students in the mass. It is true that there are extenuating circumstances. We are indeed far removed from "the culture and refinement of the province." But let us not on that account degenerate into barbarism. There are enough students with a sense of propriety to put a stop to public rowdyism. By all means let them exert their influence to stop a disgrace that cries to heaven to be stopped.

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