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VIRGINIA GAME TO BE PLAYED IN NORFOLK.

The Virginia game will be played in Norfolk next fall. The last word was said on the subject as far as the managers are concerned when Virginia accepted Assistant Manager Bahnson's proposal to have the game there. Perhaps it would be better to say no more of it anywhere but we feel it our duty to say that the students here who know the circumstances feel that the Virginia athletic committee insulted North Carolina and that our own committee did themselves and this University but little credit when they accepted Norfolk's proposition.

As to the first of these opinions, we have held that for some time, but circumstances made it impossible for us to express it. Manager Stewart has been detained at his home this spring and we were unable to find out exactly what correspondence he had with the Virginia authorities. We now know that the executive committee of the Virginia Athletic Association made an agreement with the Norfolk authorities to play Carolina there without consulting Carolina. In other words, they ignored the rival that gives Virginia her most important game. At first it was difficult to believe that the Virginians could be guilty of such discourtesy. Even when we became convinced of it we waited to learn positively that it was true before saying anything of it. There is no doubt of its truth and we repeat that the students here feel that this committee has insulted a rival who is entitled by what she has done on more than one football field to all the courtesy that a true Virginian is capable of.

A prominent member of the Advisory Committee said that Carolina should be congratulated on the fact that she had overlooked the discourtesy. That is not our opinion. Where the virtue of taking an insult lies we fail to see. It is certainly not the kind of virtue that football is supposed to foster. As long as a rival shows the civility that is due from gentlemen to gentlemen, good. But when that civility no longer exists and is no longer shown, the time for passiveness is gone.

It is difficult to believe that the Virginia student body can sanction the discourteous act of their committee. For our part we do not believe it. The students here will certainly not give their own committee great honor for ignoring the insult.

Too little attention has been paid to the students throughout this matter anyway. It is evident that the Virginia committee made its decision contrary to the wishes of very many of the students there. The protest against their action which recently appeared in Topics was a clear, manly statement of a student's position. Here there was

still less desire to go to Norfolk. The Advisory Committee knew this and disregarded it simply because of the arrogant action of Virginia—the very fact which, as much as anything else, should have made them refuse to play. It is not the purpose of this article to discuss the merits of Richmond and of Norfolk as claimants for the game. That is of secondary importance. The real question is, why did the committees act as they did. Virginia gives as her reason for going to Norfolk the statement that she was under obligations to that city. What reason does she give for ignoring her rival? None at all, so far as we have been able to find out. It would be unable to give any. Why did our own committee take no notice of the insult? An answer to this would be quite interesting. The only explanation apparent is that Norfolk played a sharp game of politics and won.

The situation was this: Norfolk wanted the game; Richmond had the advantage of location and of being a better football city. How were these advantages to be overcome? By a very clever scheme—by offering special inducements to one of the teams, getting them to agree to go to Norfolk, leaving nothing for the other team to do but play there or not at all. She threw the bait to Virginia and offered to pay the expenses of her team to Norfolk, taking care to inform the Virginians that this inducement would not be offered the Carolinians—that it was a "special". The Virginia committee took the bait and made the contract. The Carolina committee instead of making a vigorous and manly protest, refusing if necessary to play the game, allowed themselves to be hoodwinked and duped. Carolina is thus placed in a position that little becomes her dignity.

Football

Captain Foye Roberson has already gone to work on the football team, and if he continues his good work Carolina will have a winning team next fall. It is his intention to get all the scrubs and Varsity football men on the track this spring so that next fall they will be able to handle the pigskin swiftly and roughly.

An excellent schedule is being arranged for next season and there will most probably be some hot practice games on the Chapel Hill gridiron, and some hot-shots for the respective places on the team. As yet the coach for next year has not been selected.

In the Societies.

Resolved, That the Solid South is detrimental to the South's best interest, was the question discussed in each of the Societies Saturday night. In the Di the affirmative won and Mr. Reynolds made the best speech, while in the Phi the negative won and Mr. Jenkins made the best speech.

A TROLLEY LINE TO DURHAM.

This Much Talked of Project Comes to the Front Again.

Monday evening Mr. Richard Wright, president of the Durham Trolley Company, accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Jones Manning, came over from Durham to see about the proposed Chapel Hill-Durham trolley line. He met a number of the leading citizens and business men of Chapel Hill at Dr. Venable's residence Monday night and proposed to them that, if they would get the people of Chapel Hill to petition the legislature to grant the Southern Railway Co. a permit to tear up the road between Chapel Hill and University Station, he would promise to build a full gauge road from Durham to Chapel Hill, suitable for operating both electric and steam cars. He promised that, if the legislature should grant this permit, he would build the proposed road and operate it for ninety days as an experiment before asking the Southern Railway to tear up their road from here to University Station.

Mr. Wright is enthusiastic over the project and proposes to expend one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the construction of the road. He does not ask the Chapel Hill or Durham people to contribute a cent toward it. He promises to give the people of Chapel Hill a station near the business part of town and also one where the Southern depot now is. We understand that Col. Anderson, vice-president of the Southern, said that the Southern will be glad to tear up the road from Chapel Hill to University Station, since of late it has been operated at an annual cost of several thousand dollars.

This trolley line has been talked of since the time of the oldest college inhabitant—the faculty perhaps excepted,—and it is welcome news that we may now have it completed. Chapel Hill is the most completely side-tracked town in North Carolina. Why the road should have been built from University Station instead of from Durham is a mystery that has puzzled many. Another thing that is hard to understand is the fact that the station is a mile from town. With a trolley line to Durham and a station where we can get to it, we will not feel so entirely out of the world.

As to the business side of the proposition the promoters have of course looked into that and must be convinced of the profitability of the venture. To an outsider the plan appears to have promise of a much more profitable nature than the present Chapel Hill-University Station track. Now it is impossible for anyone to go to Durham to a show without hiring a horse and buggy and riding over a bad road on a cold night or spending a whole day and night practically away from the Hill. If it were so that

one could go and come between here and Durham on a quicker and more certain schedule, there would be much more travelling than there is.

Enlargement of the Athletic Field.

Ever since the new athletic field has been used there has been a sore need for more room. Each year the need becomes more urgent, and only lack of money has prevented the enlargement. Fortunately the last football season was a financial success and left a balance in the treasury of the Athletic Association. This money will be used to make the improvements in the field.

As stated, one of the improvements will be to enlarge the space that is now enclosed. It is an unpleasant fact that we are not able now to accommodate a large crowd—such a crowd as the Virginia baseball game always draws, or as came to see the A. & M. football game last fall. In the future everybody can get in, and arrangements will be made for everybody to see. One who has watched a game over the heads of fifty men taller than himself, or from a fence that was constantly threatening to break, can appreciate the change. When the work on the new field has been finished there will be no excuse for the spectators to crawl under the side fence or ropes, causing delay and vexation to the players.

The field will not only be enlarged, but will be made something more than simply a place to play baseball and football. It will be made large enough to contain a race track, ample ground for track team work and several tennis courts. Heretofore it has been impossible to have an intercollegiate track meet here, because we had no enclosed space in which to have it. The Lake track has done good service, but it does not fill our needs now. The natural place to have a State track meet would be here. There is a strong probability that there will be such meets this year and afterward, and we must be prepared for them. Not only will this need be satisfied, but the opportunity to have a tennis tournament with the other colleges here will be offered. At present there is not a single enclosed court on the campus. The opportunity afforded by the new courts will doubtless cause a greatly increased interest in the Tennis Association and bring us some good tournaments.

A thorough system of underdrainage will be put in, so that the ground will never be too wet for use. With this and the thorough grading that will be done there will be nothing to keep us from having as fine a field as there is in the South.

As to when the work will be done it is impossible to say exactly. The contractor would be at work on it now if the bad weather had not prevented. There is danger that if the ground were torn up now it would not be in condition soon enough for the ball team. It is certain however, that the work will be done by next year.