

### SOME TRIBUTES TO STORY

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should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." No boy ever exemplified more in after life the way in which he was reared than did Romy Story. He was brought up under extreme, though not dogmatic, religious influences, and under these influences and the guidance of a good father and mother he always lived and was as we knew him here at the University, the same sincere, upright, honest, self-reliant Romy. Everybody in his community loved him, for they knew that he was Romy all the time. He was affectionate as a son, loving as a brother, and sincere as a friend.

C. B. SPICER.

#### Story, the Gentleman Athlete.

That a man can be a gentleman on the athletic field as well as upon the campus and in the class room seems to me to have been better demonstrated in the person of our captain who has gone before than in other athlete in my memory.

The most prominent features to be drawn from his life, were, that he was a hard fighter yet a cheerful loser, ever forgetting the last defeat and always looking toward the victorious future—always ready to do that which was right, always working to honorably win. In critical moments he possessed one of the coolest heads ever placed upon human shoulders, never quitting, often defeated, but never conquered.

I candidly believe him to have been one of the cleanest athletes that ever trod upon any gridiron or circled the bases of any diamond; in fact it would be the height of impossibility to think of old Romy as any other than in the superlative of everything that is laudable.

If we are to be judged by a higher power according to our good deeds, manner of living and uprightness in every walk of life, surely, this man, whom we all loved as much as one man is capable of loving another, will share measureless blessings to infinity.

FLOYD SIMMONS.

#### One of Nature's Noblemen.

I wish to add my tribute to the memory of Romy Story. Quiet, self-contained, manly; he stood for the highest and best in University life. He was faithful in the performance of every duty and dealt straightly with the work and problems which faced him. Upright, honest, true, he was every inch a man—one of nature's noblemen.

We shall miss him in our life here and my sympathy goes out to those who also mourn him in his quiet mountain home.

FRANCIS P. VENABLE.

#### Story as I Knew Him.

I first met Romy Story at the University in the fall of 1903. I last saw him in Charlotte about the middle of August past. For these four years I had known him as a student, an athlete and a friend. Knowing him intimately in these phases of college life, I say without hesitation: the University shall not see his like again.

As a student Story's career was

one of wonderful development. He was miserably prepared for the University. He, unfortunately, had no High School training. And what little preparation he did have was given him in a crude, unsystematic manner. Hence, he entered college handicapped. Naturally then, we find him for the first year, groping in darkness, feeling his way into the vast, varied problems of the student's life. In his Sophomore year light began to penetrate the blackness. He "found himself" and the remainder of his college life as a student, though not brilliant, was all that could be expected or hoped for. He was practical, not theoretical—a student rather than a book-worm.

For two years I played with Romy Story. No profane or unworthy word ever passed his lips and no questionable act was ever associated with his name. He was the squarest, whitest, most gentlemanly athlete I have ever known.

Story was one of those rare characters, whom you meet in college, who never change. His every act was as pure as the air of his own native mountains. Fearless, self-sacrificing, modest, true as steel, he was a man whom we all love to call our friend. Success and popularity never changed him—whether a crude, rugged Freshman or a college hero he was the same old Romy. Coming from a victory over some other great University, crowned a hero and a Carolina idol, he sought his old mountain friends and here he was content and satisfied.

He sleeps in peace on the old mountain side at whose foot he learned the lessons of childhood. He is gone from us for a while, yet let us all look with unfaltering confidence and abiding faith to that future day when we shall meet him in the Great University of Eternity.

R. S. STEWART.

#### Perseverance the Secret of Story's Success.

Romy Story's career in college was a career successful because it was persevering. Those of us who have been here longest know that Story was not always the hero of the diamond and the gridiron. When, fresh from his native mountains, he entered the University four years ago, not even his friends suspected that he would be the idol of the student body, having made the most brilliant athletic record in the memory of the University. As a freshman, he was a man of only ordinary strength and stature, uncouth in appearance and reserved in his manners. It is interesting to note that he was elected captain of his class baseball team in his freshman year, and had to resign because a large part of his team absolutely refused to play under him. Here was where the character of the man showed itself. He recognized that the possibility of the class's getting out a good team depended on harmony among the players. He accordingly resigned and played cheerfully under one of the men who had refused to play under him. Put although Story at this time was not making much of a show, he was laying the foundation of his future athletic success. In

the face of rebuffs and discouragement, he worked away, learning a lot about the rules of athletics and gradually bringing himself into fine physical trim. He studied hard the rules of the games; he worked hard to put what he had learned into practice and he kept his body up to the highest notch physically by shunning every form of vice and dissipation. It is said by those who know that he had practically no bad habits.

To a man who worked and planned for success in this way, success was bound to come. And it came to Story. When he returned to college in his sophomore year, he easily made the football team. In his junior year he succeeded in making himself indispensable to both the football and baseball teams. In his senior year he was captain of the football team, commanding the most loyal support of some of the very men who had refused to play under him when he was a freshman.

Had he returned to college this year, he would have been captain of both the football and baseball teams.

Story's career here was a successful one. He started out without any prospect and his career proved brilliant, because he worked hard, because he lived a clean life, and because he kept his head in the midst of success. His life should be a force for good in this University as long as his memory is cherished; for his career was a living example of what perseverance can do in the face of obstacles and what a man of character should do in the face of defeat.

J. J. PARKER.

#### Meds Against Hazing.

The first year Medical Class at a meeting held Saturday morning immediately after the anatomy lecture, held a meeting and adopted the following resolution:

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