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THE result of the V. P. I. game Saturday has been the most remarkable occurrence we have ever known. Generally when a team suffers defeat the confidence of the students behind the team is shaken to a greater or less extent. All during the progress of the V. P. I. game Saturday, even when V. P. I. was running up the score so quickly in the first of the second half, the satisfaction of the crowd was always dominant. We had hoped to conquer V. P. I. it is true but we had not known that they had a man on their team capable of kicking the ball eighty-two yards. We played better football than our opponents except in this respect. They made five first downs and scored fifteen points we made twelve first downs and could not score. Our boys did all we could expect of them. They outplayed their opponents as far as physical ability and gritty stamina carry them. No one blames them at all for the loss of the game. We put the blame where it belongs, on V. P. I.'s punter. As is always the case however Saturday's game showed where we still have room for improvement. It seems that the team was slow in getting off. There was no lack of ginger after we once got started but we were slow in getting under way. Every man in college has figured out the situation we are in in regard to the Washington and Lee game in Newport News. We have tied that bunch for two successive years. Last year we quite evidently outplayed them but we could not score. This year we don't want any such result. We want to outplay them but we want to win, too.

THE growth of the \$100 swindle from the thoughtless raffle of a tennis racquet has been the mushroom growth that has sprung up in a night for the decaying morality of the student body. This way of paying anywhere from one cent to two dollars for a chance to win \$50 or \$100 is a worse form of gambling than poker can ever degenerate into. College opinion has pretty well stamped out poker simply because it is a game of chance. It is high time everybody was putting their foot upon this still more degrading gambler's trick. If some of the men here want to throw their money away—we give every one credit for knowing that the scheme is a skin game in which the promoters are sure to come out with the lion's share of the spoils—they might throw it away in some other way. That the whole thing is a swindle is evident from the fact that

those who run the scheme are simply robbing the sheep they shear of about forty or fifty dollars every crack. It is robbery pure and simple. If the student consciousness of right and wrong has become so rotten, so callous, that such a flagrant violation of morality and decency is allowed without a murmur then it seems that the council, which has done so much this year toward blotting out unclean spots, should take a hand. Unless an immediate halt is called we hope and believe that the council will "have a look into this."

THE alumni of the University, scattered as they are, are always, we believe, deeply interested in the affairs of their alma mater. The alumni associations bear witness to this fact. However, as a general rule they do not keep in close enough touch with what is actually going on at the university to help their alma mater tackle the questions that confront her. We believe that if the alumni would keep in closer touch with us here they could be of inestimable value to us. They have been out in life for many years, some of them, and have had experience in solving all sorts of questions. We have important questions always coming up for solution. If we had the experienced heads of our alumni to suggest to and advise us at these times we believe that we could do so many things better than we are doing them and do them more satisfactory to all concerned. This university of ours is of the state. The state must necessarily be interested in her welfare. The alumni are more liable to look at affairs of the university more from the view point of the people out in the state than we are. So they can advise us to our advantage in many ways. In some way the alumni ought to get in closer communication with the university.

As far as the students have been concerned the chapel exercises have been a distinct success. Their attendance has been more regular, we believe, than ever before. But Friday morning there was a screw loose evidently. All the students were all there. The speaker was there. But "where, Oh! where the faculty?" A whole long row of chairs in a conspicuous place on the rostrum! The principle involved in placing these chairs thus is that the faculty may furnish an example for the students. Friday morning only three members of the faculty were present. They did their best, no doubt, to fill that long line of empty chairs. But, as was to be expected, three men were hopelessly inadequate when it came to filling fifteen chairs. Those empty chairs were quite as impressive as the faculty themselves would have been. It won't take many such impressions to make the print indelible. Let the faculty go up or the chairs come down.

THOSE who sat in the gallery Saturday night or who were at the University Inn Sunday morning and jeered and hooted at those who were accompanied by ladies would poison a yellow cur if one should bite them. We don't say that they are the dirtiest, the cowardliest scum of bilgewater that the University has been befouled with for fear that we should be "shipped" for mentioning the University in even the slightest connection with their names. To think that here, where we feel so proud of our honor system and brag so much about the clean morality of the students, that at this place whence North Carolina is expecting her future rulers there should be an element to whom the principles of decency are unintelligible and the conduct of a gentleman unrecognizable. Some men whom we had considered pretty

decent stuck their heads from their windows the other morning and yelled at some passing ladies. There's the case; jeering at ladies in chapel, hooting at ladies at University Inn, yelling at ladies from the Old West Building. The defendants are unfit to come into court. The appearance of ladies on the campus has already become a rare occurrence. We wonder why they come not oftener. Yet when one dares to enter the grounds of the University enclosure she is insulted. Some most unprincipled of men are blighting the University as the blacking crowd and gamblers could never have done. It was to be expected that out of eight hundred men in the hot blood of their youth a few would seek some form of excitement but we had thought that eight hundred southern men, gathered from every spot in the land, would have held a lady's presence more sacred than and shrine could be. But here in the midst of a student body supposedly composed of the very pick of Southern chivalry there is that element which insults a lady even most publicly and openly. Already conditions are such here that one will not bring upon the campus a lady of one's acquaintance. It is up to the student consciousness of moral cleanliness to rectify this rotten condition by some caustic action. The council can hardly handle the case, the faculty would seem less adequate. The student consciousness is the only source of aid—but we are about to forget one sovereign remedy. We cordially recommend to the next man who is with a lady insulted that he be careful to pick out at least one of the insulters and the next chance he gets simply wallop him. Don't let the beating be a gentle reminder, let it be a lesson that will indelibly be stamped upon the memory of the offender. Stringent diseases demand stringent cures. The quicker we are in blotting out this curse by the most virile punishment the sooner will the students be able to hold up their heads in the presence of a lady.

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