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To the students and athletic management at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, we wish to express the sincerest thanks of the students of the University of North Carolina for the treatment accorded their representatives on the track team during the recent meet. The track athletes report one of the most enjoyable times of their life, in spite of their defeat.

We are printing below portions of an editorial which appeared in the latest number of the student publication of Washington and Lee University. Since Carolina was not in a position to make such a kick when Virginia won two games from her we refrained from any remarks on the subject. We may however endorse the words of the following article, and since the main point is not whether "Chapel Hill's" team is fourth among Carolina colleges, we shall not even ask which are the first three.

The "Southern Championship" is a strange sort of a thing—if it is a "thing" at all. Some how, strive as we may to gain a clear conception of what, when and how it is, it always eludes us and escapes in a dense mist of comparative scores. Of course, every infant knows it is a special perquisite of the University of Virginia, and no doubt that is as it should be, tho even in this misgivings sometimes assail us. The Southern Championship may be best defined, indeed, as what Virginia claims whenever an athletic team wearing the orange and blue wins half the games played during the season. When Virginia does not win one-half her games, counting in prep schools and "colleges having fewer than one hundred and fifty matriculates," then the S. C. does not pass to some other institution, which has made a better record, as an ignorant foreigner might imagine. Of course not! It simply ceases to exist for the time being. It is relegated to the limbo of innocuous desuetude until the next time Virginia gets a fairly decent, mediocre team on which to base her claim.

Of course, as we have said, this is as it should be. We were raised on it. We imbibed it in our youth along with the almanac and the catechism and we would no more think of questioning the divine prerogative of Virginia to "adopt" a schedule, consisting of Randolph-Macon, Hampden Sidney, Woodberry Forest and the Charlottesville high school, and then claim the championship on the strength of winning from Woodberry and the high school, than we would eat with a nigger; vote

the Republican ticket, or blaspheme against mint-julip. It is part of our religion.

But having confessed to the essentials of the creed, there is just one little perplexity which we must needs unburden on our brother editors. This Southern championship—is it double-barrelled, reversible, made-in-duplicate? Is it arrived at on the installment plan? Or has the Lambertine genius actually evolved an improvement on the old system whereby Virginia is enabled to win the Southern championship once a day thruout the season—provided, of course, she wins.

When, after winning the series from Carolina press dispatches from Charlottesville and College Topics proudly proclaimed that Virginia now held the Southern championship, altho Chapel Hill ranks probably third or fourth among Carolina teams this year, not to mention the rest of the South, we were not surprised. But when a few days later College Topics, and the press dispatches simultaneously announced that Virginia would play Georgetown to decide the championship of the South (Georgetown having won two games out of twenty odd played this season, if our records are correct and having lost the right to claim the championship of Washington city, not to mention Maryland), then the demon of intellectual honesty awoke to torment us. How can this be? Never since first we encountered, "How old is Ann?" have we wrestled with so baffling a problem!

Meanwhile having won decisively from Holy Cross, which for the past several years has been ranked at the top in college baseball, why shall not Washington and Lee claim the whole darn inter-collegiate championship right now while the season is young and before we lose any more games? —Ring Tum Phi.

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The standing of the teams:

	W	L	P	C
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