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Having profited by the bitter experience of past years, especially last year, the Tar Heel has had nothing to say this fall about "our prospects for the greatest football team in the world", about our private collection of All-South-Atlantic stars, about the tonnage of our line, or the smashing power of our back field. The paper has attempted to preserve a discreet silence concerning the team and our chances for a victorious season.

The Tar Heel has done this because in the first place, as has been said, the thoughts of our past seasons, when we had such glorious teams on paper, always leave us with an empty feeling. And again, because the team doesn't need to have some one continually dinning into its head what it can do or how great it is. Football has little connection with the art of suggestion, however fascinatingly elusive that art may be. One cannot by casually hinting at the idea make one team crush another. The team has got to have the confidence in itself born of long training and many a hard fought battle. Our team knew it could beat Davidson, and all the wise counsel that ever fell from the pen of a poor sportogram artist would not have made it do the job better.

And so the Tar Heel, not from lack of interest but from the belief that it was best to do so, has kept its mouth for the most part properly shut, and has left the team in wiser hands—those of the coach, for instance.

But the Tar Heel is afraid that its motives have been misunderstood. Certain it is the paper's apparent indifference to the success of the team, the paper's apparent failure to get behind the team and boost it, has been followed by the students of the University. A casual observer at the Athletic Field during the afternoon when the team is practicing, would come the conclusion that no one here cares a rap what the team is doing. Scarcely a hundred students are out there, and as for hearing a yell or other visible evidence of life and interest save the perpetual cry of "peanuts, apples, bananas, chewing gum, cigarettes, Hershey's chocolates, why the silence is like that of the tomb. Everything is quiet, lady-like, listless. Its time to wake up around the

campus. It's time for the students to begin to realize that the team this year is about the best Carolina has had for many a day. The team has not made any sensational records as far as big scores go, but it has won the games. And how long ago was it that Carolina had a team which won four games in a row? We have a splendid coach, we have the hardest working, best player, and most enthusiastic leader of many a day for a captain. We have a strong line and a fast back-field—we have a team, that's all.

The team needs to feel the support of this student body, needs to know that the students are behind them, that the students are proud of what the team has done already and are confident of what it will do in the future. From now till Thanksgiving the students must get busy, must get out and show their interest, for if this team realizes that this student body is solidly back of it, it will become irresistible. The team needs to see the students on the sidelines, needs to hear the roar of organized cheering, for in no other way can the presence of the student body be felt. The students have got to get busy.

It is up to the students of this institution to get out next Saturday and show their team what they think of it, what they think of the team that has won four straight games and has tied one of the strongest teams in Virginia. Orators and editors can tear their hair and howl for hours about college spirit and the like without doing a particle of damage. It's time now to show something, time for the students to get on the sidelines and produce something tangible in the way of "college spirit".

Next Saturday will be the last opportunity for the students to see in action on local grounds the finest team in years that has worn the White and Blue. It will be the last chance to let the team and coach know that every man here is solidly behind the team. Every student in college ought to be on the sidelines to see the game and cheer the team. The team doesn't need bon-fires and mass meetings to drive it on, but it does need to know that in every game and in every play the students are there heart and soul.

And besides, remember that this is the fourth game that has been played on the Hill this fall. We are always calling for more games, and when we get them we ought to, for the sake of consistency at least, go to see them. The attendance at the other three games has not of such enormous proportions as to warrant the hope that more or even as many games will be scheduled next year. The fourth game must show some decided improvement.

All the men who made the Georgia trip were struck with the uniform courtesy with which the Georgia rooters treated them. If a Sewanee man was hurt the Georgia cheer leader invariably came over to learn his name and then went back to his iron-lunged followers, and gave that Sewanee man three good cheers. This did not happen just once, but every time that one of our men took out time for injuries. We are, of course, sorry that we had to lose, but since we lost we are at least glad to say that we lost to gentlemen.—Sewanee Purple.

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