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The article run in last Tuesday's issue of The Tar Heel under the caption "Philosophy Club tackles Carolina Spirit" has been checked up as to fact, and the Club approved the write up. Our interest in it is as a news item.

The following men were at this club meeting: J. L. Aycock, Nat Mobley, I. J. Stephenson, P. E. Greene, H. C. Heffner, B. C. Brown, D. R. Hodgins, T. C. Taylor, C. J. Taylor and C. T. Boyd.

CAROLINA SPIRIT

On Thanksgiving Day, the University registered another football victory over North Carolina, but it is good to know that no number of defeats will dampen the enthusiasm of the Tar heel supporters, nor take the fight out of the elevens that will face us on the Thanksgiving days of the future. Modest in victory, the Carolinians are even more to be admired in defeat. Their hopes of victory spring eternal, and, as a lost game is chalked up, they turn their eyes and hearts a year ahead, confident of success.

At one time during the game last Thursday, Virginia was penalized fifteen yards for holding. Quick as a flash the Carolina cheerleader called out to his rooters: "We don't cheer penalties!" Just such a remark sums up the spirit of the men from Chapel Hill, and it typifies the feeling which, we trust, will always be maintained between the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina.

Such spirit, and such feeling of mutual respect, vindicate our stand for clean athletics. They make us look with scorn on the little, yapping curs, who are constantly snapping at our heels on account of our athletic policy.—College Topics, University of Va.

As further illustrating the magnificence with which the students who went to Charlottesville got behind the team in the Thanksgiving Contest, we should like to quote the following excerpts from a letter that a professor of the University, who went to the game, received from President Alderman, of the University of Virginia: "Another little thing. I do hope you will somehow get it to the ears of the splendid young man that led the cheering for Carolina that everybody in the University is singing his praises. His pep, and devotion, and pluck from first to last made him popular here. I don't know his name. I would like to send him my love and good wishes."

"It is needless to tell you how much we appreciate the spirit and fineness of the Carolina men. They are easily the most popular rivals that this University has, and our feeling for them is not only one of respect but affection. This feeling pervades the entire student body."

Such statements, coming from our "dyed in the wool" rivals and opponents can't help but lend a sort of glory to us, for the manner in which we fought, even though in defeat, and lift us above the defeats that the season chalked up against us. There is a philosophy that says the glory of life comes in intent,—in manner, rather than in accomplishment. For the moment, we almost wish we could accept it.

METHOD

Following, apparently, Goethe in his argument when he asked, "Do I gain by calling bad bad?" some have criticized the Tar Heel for exposing some of our weaknesses. We are glad of it, because we believe that it is by criticism and examination that we progress.

But by our criticising some of our faults does not mean that we have denied all the good that is ours, as some of these critics contend. We are charged with leaving the impression that all the University is going to the bows. Far from it.

We all know that Carolina is sound at bottom—not only sound, but better than most institutions of learning. We know that we have something in our honor system that is unique and know that we have an exceptional group of men in our faculty, that it is a privilege for us to come in contact with. All in all, we know that the University is the finest institution of higher learning in the South; or at least we firmly believe it, and has a great future before it. If we did not, we should never have come here; or have left and gone elsewhere when we concluded that there were other places better.

But with all that, Carolina is not perfect. She is in a transition stage; and is in the second year of her life with the "size" problem on her hands. And when we persist in studying ourselves, in criticising our weaknesses, we in no way deny the part of Carolina that is high and fine. When a court uncovers a scandal in a single home, it does not mean that every home in North Carolina is corrupt; when one man is shipped, it does not mean that every man in the University should be shipped; when one professor tells his students that he is going to be sick on a certain day, it does not mean that every professor in the University has told his classes that he is going to be sick on a certain day. And when he choose to criticize a single spot, it does not mean that there are not ninety-nine spots in the University life that are sound.

Like most flashy statements, Goethe's is only a half truth. One of the very men that was criticising us for our critical method, ended by asking if a certain thing, that we have called attention to, should be remedied, would we (the Tar Heel) write a complimentary editorial? Sure we will for then we will have accomplished our object. That in itself, is a partial vindication.

But it is possible that the whole trend of editorial comment in the Tar Heel has been a bit unfair, if it is to be considered a mirror for University life at present, in toto, and from it people are to gather their complete impressions. The news stories are the mirror, or, at least, should be. When a thing is fine, and complete, the editorial column has paid it no particularly great attention.

We have faith in Carolina—just as much as anyone. And the only purpose of this statement is to make our method clear, for we also have faith in our method. And the things that have been said about it, are a vindication, rather than a condemnation. We should like to close by saying, as we have before, that the columns of this paper are open to both faculty and students. We invite opinions, especially of the Tar Heel.

THE DANCES

The Fall dances are over. They were the highest toned, we believe, of any dances of this college generation. They were an illustration of the fine in Carolina's life, and a full vindication of the faith expressed recently that they would be placed on a high level when University men interested themselves in this question. Nor is this a sudden outgrowth. For the last two or three years University men have directed their efforts toward removing the last vestige of the undesirable in the dances. Though at first hampered by some of our own men, and later by visitors who were beyond our control, the effort to make the dances high and fine has persisted until its realization was epitomized in the dances just over.

About a year ago, according to report, some ladies of a nearby town interested themselves in University dances, and expressed great anxiety because our dances were not as they would have them. Since that time the public dances of their own home has been stopped by official decree, while the University dances have moved upwards. And we only wish that those ladies could have attended the recent dances.

This is a great achievement—one of the finest, we believe, of this student generation.

The music furnished by the Weidemeyer Saxophone Orchestra was uniformly good, and the members of the Orchestra lent every co-operation in making the dances a success.

FACULTY STILL AT WORK TO PREVENT GRATS OF STUDES

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mittee in its discussion of holidays. It has asked "Scrubby" Rives and Tyre Taylor to meet with the committee at that time. The committee is especially anxious that a system of holidays be worked out that will enable a student to do his best work under the best possible conditions of recreation, and at the same time will enable the entire college and community to move with precision from a period of work to a period of recreation and back to a period of work again.

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