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THE RESPONSIBILITY SHIFTED.

We said a few days ago that the responsibility was on the State. Now it is on the University.

It never was a question before the legislature of whether or not the state should support the University. It was always a question of how much can we give to the state institutions in this year when people of North Carolina are pinched under the present situation when farm products are selling for far below what it cost to produce them. Never in the history of the state has the attitude of the people toward their University been more favorable than it is today. From every corner of the state have come voices of approval—from alumni of other institutions, and from people who have never had the privilege of going to college. Not for a moment has it been a partisan fight. North Carolina has realized that educational opportunity for its peoples is vital, and that money given to its educational institutions is only a method of pouring it back into the life of the state multiplied a thousand fold. Men have come to regard appropriations not as donations to the several institutions but as a means of the state fulfilling its obligations to its citizenry.

And so this year the legislature has appropriated one and a half times as much for the University for the coming two years than it has appropriated during the last century and a quarter. This is not quite as much as the University had asked for, to be sure, but we have every assurance from the people of North Carolina that if this money is wisely and discriminately used within the coming two years that the legislature in 1923 will be in a position to meet out every need. We asked for a five year building program. We have been given two, with opportunity to be considered again at the end of that time for further appropriations. We have all the money that we can well spend until 1923.

And so the scene has shifted from Raleigh to Chapel Hill. What will we do to use for North Carolina the money that has been entrusted to us? There could be no more solemn responsibility than this. And we of the University, although we have been living under all sorts of conditions for the last few years, and although the University has not been able to meet the demands that the state has made upon her, should remember that the people of North Carolina, who have far outstripped what they have ever done before, are in just as deplorable conditions in the rural farming districts as any man in Chapel Hill. They will not be so two years hence. In the meantime let's vindicate the trust that has been reposed in us and never again shall the University suffer for want of funds. The people have settled the issue. They want a great state University that will meet their needs, and they are going to have it.

DECK NUMBER ONE.

We believe that the general spring elections should be held at least a month before commencement, and that the incoming officers, insofar as possible, should take over their positions and get themselves geared up this spring.

Last year, we understand, the elections were held somewhat earlier than usual, but none of the new officers were installed until the opening of the present college year. The elections ought to take place at least a month before commencement and those immediately installed that can be installed and those that cannot be installed can busy themselves in getting ready to take over the new responsibility when the time comes.

In the case of class elections, we realize, it would not be possible for the incoming presidents to take over the work of the Student Council for the last month of the year. But they can use the benefit of this last month in getting ready for the work for next year, forming their cabinet, etc. These positions are not unduly important from the standpoint of a month's time this spring in which to get organized, although it would be better.

But there are others that vitally need this month. The editors and managers of publications, and the managers of the teams, both varsity and first year should have this month in which to work. The publication men could prepare their contracts and organize their work before leaving college this spring, and not have to use a part of their vacation in order to do this work, and not be handicapped by having to handle all the work incident to getting under way in the early days of the coming college year when everything is in an upheaval.

The managers of the several teams are up against the same sort of problem that the publication men are. Intercollegiate schedules now are made a year or more in advance, and it is perfectly obvious if the incoming manager can't be at work on our schedule when the institutions that we desire to play are making their schedules it is impossible for Carolina to have the sort of schedule that she is due and can get, if the proper precautions are taken.

At the present time everything of our college life is broken at a single period—commencement, and renewed at a single period—the opening of

college. This is too much to have everything undergoing a change at the same hour. If this present system were changed we could run with continued ease and smoothness and not experience the single period of a complete upheaval. Many of the institutions of the country begin making their changes immediately after the Christmas holidays and distribute them all the way to commencement.

THE NEW CONFERENCE.

Beyond the securing of a director of athletics and the beginning of a department of physical education, nothing more significant has happened for the cause of our athletics than the formation of the southern conference which includes the leading institutions of this section of the country.

The rulings are strict, but it seems that rigidity is now required in order to preserve intercollegiate athletics on the proper basis.

By arranging our schedules with the member institutions of this conference means an interest that will maintain throughout the schedule for we will continuously be bound together and seeking the championship from this group of fifteen. Now interest attaches to the games within the state on account of the state championship, and also to the Virginia games. Other games that we play are only for the sake of the schedule. There is no particular interest in the game.

This is significant for southern intercollegiate athletics and we hope to see this conference receive the support of not only our student body, but of all the institutions that compose it. It means a bringing together in closer association the outstanding institutions—the controlling forces in southern life. Let it prosper!

SECOND DOWN: FIVE TO GO.

At the first meeting of the members of the newly formed Southern Oratorical League held in Lexington, Ky., last year some had the feeling that the league might not continue.

A year has passed, and the league members have come together for the second contest in Chapel Hill. This contest was of a high quality and the league shows every quality of being able to preserve itself. It should. We should build up here, in a contest that brings together the best oratorical talent of the South Atlantic, an intercollegiate forensic event that takes place on our schedules of this sort. If the contest held here can be taken as an indicator we believe it will soon become the great event of our forensic year. It means much for those interested in oratory and debate in our student body, it means much for the University of North Carolina, and it means much for this section of the country to have the best representatives of the best institutions brought into closer, more intimate contact with each other.

The Di and Phi Literary societies and the University are glad to have been the hosts for the league's second contest and to have had the representatives of Alabama, Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Hopkins and Virginia visit us. We regret that it will be so long until they can come again in this capacity.

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