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A FINE SEASON

That was distressing news that came from Atlanta Wednesday night—the notice of Carolina's defeat and elimination in the second game of the Southern Basketball Tournament.

The campus took it hard, because the team we sent to Atlanta had made such a brilliant record in the South Atlantic division and promised to be a favorite in the tournament. Everybody seemed more or less confident that the Tar Heel quint would have a comparatively easy time of it, and bring home the cup without much trouble. But the score told us another tale, and the unexpected defeat in the second round sent hopes and dope to the winds.

Perhaps it is not a bad thing. It teaches us that we cannot have everything we want, and that all teams are beatable, no matter how good they are. It teaches us the danger of over-confidence and it gives us an opportunity to take defeat as it should be taken, in the manner fitting the spirit of Carolina, and right now we can begin working again to come back strong again next year and go to Atlanta with the determination that victory will be ours.

The defeat in tournament does not mar the wonderful record made by the Carolina team very much. The basketball season has been a success from every standpoint, and the South Atlantic championship that was won is nothing to be sniffed at. The team did not lose a single game on the regular schedule, and numbered among its victims the best teams in the South Atlantic division. Carolina should be especially proud of these successes, and the misfortune in Atlanta should not lessen our applause for McDonald's trim outfit.

In view of the fact that the team went through the season without a regular coach, the splendid record seems all the more remarkable. Next year, with a special basketball coach to train the squad, Carolina's chances for another Southern Championship should be exceedingly good.

COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE.—This column is for the free exchange of opinion among our readers. Use it if you have anybody to kick or anything to praise. All articles must be accompanied by the name of the author; no anonymous communications will be published.

Mr. Editor:

There can be no doubt of the fact that there has been some drinking, gambling, dishonesty and lewdness in, on, around and about this fair campus. But I will venture to state that those who are fully aware of the true facts of the case will not say that there has been a general let-down of the standard of the student body as a whole. There will always be a certain amount of these actions, that is, unless we reach the Utopian

state where all forms of vice are eliminated.

To accuse the campus of having turned into a veritable Hell is a little unfair, and I do not think that the facts warrant such a statement.

If a man cannot stand such an amount, as one says, of vice, positively degrading: if he thinks that his character or reputation will be seriously impaired by further association with us and our vices; if he must, in order to live a virtuous life, be protected from all temptation and, like a hot-house plant, attain that great idealistic perfection of character which he seems to be seeking; then let him pack up his old kit bag and beat it for a "calmer and more virtuous clime." It might be a commendable act of charity if he would tell us where he is going to find that aforesaid clime. There are doubtless others who would like to go there also.

I think that there are several men on this campus who do not know of any campus that is more virtuous than this one, unless it be a monastery; and it would add to their knowledge if someone would be so kind as to tell them where it is, if such exists.

Your esteemed informant seems to have the wrong opinion of the duties of the Student Council. He seems to believe that the Student Council is a group of men whose duty is to ferret out each deviation from the straight and narrow path of each student and forthwith bring him to judgment. This is not the purpose of the Council. We did not organize a detective agency when we organized the Student Council. We rather organized a group of men whose duty was more like the duty of a judge. They should do all that is in their power to elevate our morals, but not by using the methods of Hawkshaw or Sherlock Holmes, not to mete out punishment to an individual as if he were a criminal, but rather to do as a father should do, to show a man who has fallen from grace the error of his ways and to show him how and help him to make up for his shortcomings.

An accusation that the Student Council has ceased to function and is afraid to mete out punishment is decidedly unfair. They have undoubtedly passed judgment upon all cases which have come to their notice. They have pursued the courses which seemed best to them.

They should not be denounced for their actions. They should be rather commended for their efforts to make this a better campus.

The best student council is not necessarily the one which ships the most students. One of the best councils, in the opinion of one of our professors, was one which shipped only four men during the year.

We may not have a perfect campus. We do not claim to have one; but we take offense in having the campus which we do have, called a Hell, and each one of us denounced as a gambling, drinking, dishonest and lascivious man, and not fit to associate with decent people. If any man thinks that his character will be harmed by remaining here, in Hell, and associating with us, devils, let him leave. Two trains and a large number of jitneys leave each day. The student body will not mourn his loss.

R. L. DULA.

Mr. Dula: That's the spirit, old boy. —our advice to said disturber of the peace was essentially the same as yours. We even offered to help buy a ticket.—Editor.

PICKING JUDGES

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

The luscious debating plums offered this year have naturally attracted a host of little Jack (not Willie) Horners who seek to reduce these plums to their individual possession and consumption. The aspirants for places on the debating teams have the power to select their own judges. This is as it should be. There can be no better proof of a virile and independent student body than this right. But as law students seek law professors for judges; as commerce students seek commerce professors; as philosophy students seek philosophy professors; as history students seek history professors, and as each special group seeks its own kind that will be sympathetic to its point of view and its particular brand of oratory, so let me give a few hints as to other tactics along this line. Why does not some bright debating candidate neglect to shave a small area under his mouth and above his chin and then insist that one of the well-known psychology professors be selected as one of the judges. Why does not some other debating aspirant quote freely from the scriptures and insist upon having a local minister on the board of judges? This has been successfully used before. Johns Hopkins won two votes this way in the debate against Carolina last year. Examples along this line can be multiplied ad infinitum. The individual candidate must shape

his own campaign. Such things as synchronizing clothes, neckties, tone of voice, politics, and breath (alcoholics or the reverse) with those of the judges exercise a subtle but potent influence upon the final decision and are not to be neglected in a contest where a hair will decide the winner. All is fair in love and debating. I am giving these hints gratuitously in the hope that they may be useful, leaving the exact choice of means to the individual so that I will in no way be incriminated by the appearance of one of the debaters in the exact manner or mode I have specified.

HOMER HOYT.

If the anonymous writer of "What is Discipline?" will send his name to the Editor, his article will be printed.—Editor.

SPORTOGRAPHS

R. C. M.

The Mississippi A. & M. quint has a splendid record, which includes victories over Georgia Tech and Alabama. Saturday night the Aggies dealt the Crimson outfit from Tusculouma a sad blow in the form of a 48 to 31 defeat. Perkins, at forward, is the outstanding offensive star of the A. & M. team, and upheld his reputation in the Alabama game by chalking up 28 points. Captain Anderson plays a fine guarding game for the Maroon.

Georgia Tech has beaten Mercer, Alabama and Clemson, but also suffered reverses at the hands of Mercer, Alabama, Chattanooga, Auburn, and Mississippi A. & M. "Baby" Roane is the shining light for Tech. He is the leading scorer for the Yellow Jackets this year, and will again be a serious candidate for All-Southern honors. He was selected for the all-star five at the close of the 1922 tournament, along with Carmichael, McDonald, Harmon, and Reid, the big Chattanooga center.

In 1921, Georgia and Georgia Tech met in the second round and some 8,000

people crowded into the Auditorium to see the struggle. The receipts at this game were enough to pay the expenses of the sixteen teams entered in the tournament that year. The shortage for each team last winter was just seventy dollars, but this figure is expected to be considerably lowered in the present tourney.

One of the outstanding centers in Dixie is Ed Gurr, captain of the Georgia Bulldogs. He rang seven baskets against Mercer on the Macon floor recently and his foul shooting has been very consistent all season.

Picking an all-Southern basketball team this year will be a tough job. Every member of the mythical quint selected by Atlanta sport writers in 1922 are playing in the tourney again. The collection of luminaries in Atlanta represents the cream of basketdom in the Southland, and to decide upon the five best performers is a difficult task for anyone.

The Southern Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament has become the biggest event of its kind in the United States. The so-called "National Collegiate Tournament," held at Indianapolis, and the national tourney of the Amateur Athletic Union, an annual event at Kansas City, were the only ones that could compare with the Atlanta title affair last winter. Twelve of the thirty-two entries at Kansas City were teams organized in that locality, thus making the A. A. U. meet something of a one-town contest. There were twenty-three teams, representing nine states, entered in the S. I. C. meet this week.

DEPARTMENTS MAKE CHART

The Department of Commerce and the School of Engineering have co-operated in making a chart entitled the "Circuit Flow of Money." Blue prints of the chart will be sent to thirty of the largest high schools in the State, and about twenty will be kept in various departments of the University. This is another step in the movement to graphically present Economics to the people of the State.

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