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### University of Georgia.

State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Office at the President.

Athens, Georgia,

I have no doubt they were largely the work of irresponsible scribblers in the first instance. If copied into any student publication, without censorship of authorities which we have constituted for such purposes, it was a grave breach of discipline. No considerable as number of our students could possibly have knowledge of the facts in the premises, as they were not in Knoxville. Without knowing anything particularly about it I am inclined to think the "fussing" was probably largely instigated by, if not confined to, . the "coach" whose "professional" standing is affected by defeat.

of course I agree heartially with every word you say on the subject of the athletic sports of college men. The current mode of conducting intercollogiate contests has occasioned me much disquietude for several years. It may be that we shall have to "smash" them if we cannot control them. Rest assured that I stand ready at all times to cooperate in the maintenance of relations of mutual respect and good-will between the students of our institutions. I regret most sincerely the present unpleasant incident.

With kindest regards from all our household to you and yours, believe me,

Faithfully Yours.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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Nov. 17, 1899.

University of Georgia,

Athens, Ga.

interview published in the Athens Banner last week charging our University team with discourtesy and unfairness to the University of Georgia team was unauthorized. The statements in the interview show that the person writing it was not acquainted with the facts of the game or even with football rules. This leads us to believe that it is the work of some newspaper scribbler and not an authorized expression of anyone connected with your great University. The article would require no attention whatever if it had not been re-published in Tennessee, where it may injure this institution. To some of us it appears remarkable that the Athens Banner should have reached so many Tennessee people and newspapers, without design to injure this institution. For this reason we feel that a statement from us is Whancellor Hell

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Please det the article referred to and read it in connection with my letter if you have not done so / First, with regard to the They were the very best enaccomodations provided for the team. joyed by our own students. Members of the team and other students

gave up to your men their best rooms, and they ate at tables with our students; and in order to give them the best that was afforded; they were put at the training table together in advance or the other students at med time, and waited on by our students. Our coach locked after this and himself actually waited upon your men at one meal in order to prevent delay and make them more comfortable. If the domitories were not satisfactory and the fare riserable it was the hast out the fare riserable it was southern gentlemen are in the habit of criticising the entertainment afforded them by their heats. To home

Secondly, it is charged that the students jeered them and disturbed their rest at night. The Georgia team slept in the same the responsible of building with our team, and there was no more noise than college boys are likely to make upon such an occasion. The charges of steal-unit at the Georgia and their elothing are too contemptible for reply.

the referee. The facts are as follows: Our manager affered your follows: Our manager and the Georgia manager made a special request that Mr. Pierce, the coach of the Tenmessee team, should be referee. The reason for this was that Mr. Pierce comes from fayette College, and was a fraternity brother of the Georgia manager and of several men on his team, and they thought the fellow out the fellow of the field continuous continuous they would like him. The selection was somewhat of a surprise to our side and involved a change, but was not objected to. Mr. Pierce asked the coach of the Georgia team before he went upon the field whether it was satisfactory, and was told that it was. The decisions in the game were in accordance with the rules, as I am

ward impartial football men who were present next paragraph the interview says: "Our men would advance the ball without any trouble whatsoever, until near the Tennessee goal, when the referee would give to the other side every time, without any legitimate cause whatsoever ", This is totally untrue, and could not have been uttered by any man who saw the game. The whole of the first half was in the Georgia territory and within ten to twenty Only on yards of their goal. during the entire game did the Georgia men carry the ball near the Tennessee goal, when he vale promptly on a thousall was Kicked the Annel: anywhere near formessees goal again. All the rest of the game was in Georgia territory. The interview says next, "The referee would give off side plays against us when none existed". This could not be, as the referee does not give off side plays. This is the duty of the umpire. "This continued until the umpire refused to officiate further". This is not true. The umpire did not refuse to officiate further, and a written statement to this effect can be produced if necessary. The next statement is \_ "Our team started to leave the field, but the captain of the Tennessee team informed us that he would not give us a cent if we refused to play, and we were forced to go ahead". The captain of the Tennessee team and t Ja leave Kee manager both deny this. No such thing happened . I was present during low the game, part of an interview between the managers at the close of the first half, when the Georgia manager made a protest against some of the referee's decisions, but none of these things were mentioned, and no threat was made to leave the field. the Georgia men did say that they would play the second half under protest, common on such occasions that little attention was paid to it

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will State Know give it fair Consideration -I regret the occurrence Ex Tremely - Otis calculated to higure both institutions y yours most of all. Surce your Side Started The quarter. I restrain myself from Comment upon these feathers that in the Red and Black to the Banner of Callinge Altheries are going to Introduce the methods of the prize ring trace course Coops are to Reconciliant lifting vulgar mouna & allette, Ithing our hand all league forms a league Moure Sincerely