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University of Georgia.

State College of Agriculture
and Mechanic Arts.

Office of 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 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 intercollegiate 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,

A. C. White

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Nov. 17, 1899.

H. C. White
President H. C. White,

University of Georgia,

Athens, Ga.

Myd Dear ~~President~~ White:

would prefer to think

from your students

We ~~are bound to believe~~ that an alleged 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 called for.

Chancellor Hill

~~Not having the honour of an acquaintance with~~ ~~having been on the ground and present at the game and having~~ ~~since investigated the charges made,~~ I beg to submit to you this statement with regard to the ~~outstanding statements made~~ ~~therein~~

Please ~~see~~ see the article referred to ~~and read it in connection~~ with my letter if you have not done so. First, with regard to the accommodations provided for the team. They were the ~~very~~ best enjoyed 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 of the other students at meal time,~~ and waited on by our students. Our coach looked after this and himself ~~actually~~ waited upon your men at one meal in order to prevent delay and make them more comfortable. If the ~~dormitories~~ ^{accommodations} were not satisfactory and the fare ~~miserable~~ ^{was} it was ~~not~~ ^{what our} ~~our~~ ^{students} ~~charge~~ ^{paid}. We do not believe that Southern gentlemen are in the habit of criticising the entertainment afforded them ^{after they go home,} ~~by their hosts.~~ *the Georgia team*

Secondly, it is charged that the students jeered them and disturbed their rest at night. The Georgia team slept in the same building with ^{the majority of} our team, and there was no more noise than college boys are likely to make upon such an occasion. ~~The charges of stealing their clothing are too contemptible for reply.~~ ^{It was not aimed at the Georgia men,}

~~Again,~~ ^{are} the main charges ^{are} against the action of Mr. Pierce, the referee. The facts are as follows: Our manager ^{first proposed} offered your ~~manager~~ ^{of Washington & Lee} another gentleman, a Mr. Ault, as referee, and the Georgia manager made a special request that Mr. Pierce, the coach of the Tennessee team, should be referee. ~~The reason for this was that~~ ^{So} Mr. Pierce comes from Fayette College, and was a fraternity brother of the Georgia manager and of several men on his team, and ^{it was} ~~they thought~~ ^{understood that the selection was on this account} ~~on this account they would like him.~~ ^{on this account} 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. ^{Mr. Pierce's} The decisions in the game were in accordance with the rules, as I am

will I ~~hope~~ know give it fair
Consideration -

I regret this occurrence ex-
tremely - It is calculated to injure
both institutions, yours most of
all, since your side started
the quarrel. I restrain myself
from ^{further} comment upon these publica-
tions in the "Red and Black" &
the "Banner" ^{if they will occur to you} of College Athletics
are going to introduce the methods
of the prize ring & race course
among us, and Southern College
Coops are to be ~~coached~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~methods~~ ~~that~~
~~they~~ ~~use~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~North~~ ~~and~~ ~~South~~
~~States~~ northern "toughs" in
vulgar manner, chiefly, I think
^{our universities} had all look forward a league
to kill football -

Yours sincerely