

## • • • A Sketch of Journalism at the University. • • •



THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA is, unquestionably, the pioneer of College journalism in the South; and indeed, not five colleges in the country can boast of having a publication older than the *Georgia University Magazine*, published first in 1854.

By the courtesy of Mr. Frank M. Potts, of Atlanta, who was a student here at that time, two volumes of this old magazine have come into the hands of the author of this sketch. They were collected by him during his college course and carried to his home in Alabama. When "Wilson's Raiders" invaded that part of the State, his home was sacked and the Magazines scattered all over the place. When he returned from duty in the army he gathered together as many as he could find; they were sufficient to make two nicely bound volumes of about one thousand pages each; and are probably the only copies in existence.

The Magazine was begun by George Moore, Jr., a member of the Senior Class of 1854. It seems that he tried to persuade his class that the publication of a magazine was a possibility, but could not get a majority of them to agree with him. By way of convincing the skeptical members, he got out the first issue on his own responsibility. It was such a success that the class immediately took charge of it and elected five editors, of whom George Moore, Jr., was one. Its publication was continued by the Senior Class until the beginning of the war.

It was supported entirely by subscription and depended, by no means, solely on the students for its support. There were no advertisements and the class of reading matter was of such a high character that it could be read profitably by almost any one. The articles did not have an exclusively local savor, and, indeed, some of them were decidedly psychological in their nature. The average monthly issue consisted of about forty pages. It was a publication of which any college might well be proud.

The disastrous effects of the war hindered the publication of any kind of journal for a long while, and it was not until 1870 that another venture made its appearance. A magazine was published then for awhile, but it has been impossible to obtain a copy of it.

About 1884 the *University Reporter*, a newspaper, was issued under the patronage of the two literary societies. Its publication was discontinued in 1891, much to the regret of the students and the pleasure of the faculty, who were responsible for its demise.

The societies issued in its place, the *University Magazine*, and selected the editors for its management. The societies also started the publication of a weekly paper, the *Red and Black* in 1893. Both were supported for one year by the societies, when the monthly magazine withdrew and left the *Red and Black* the whole field. The *Red and Black* was discontinued by the faculty in 1895, in March.

It was started again in September, as a private venture, by Walter Harris, Harry Floyd, Grat Colvin and I. J. Hofmayer. In January, these men turned it over to the Athletic Association, under whose patronage it is still published.

*The Georgian*, a monthly magazine, is now in its first year as a college magazine. It is issued by the literary societies.

There is no better training anywhere than is got by a connection with one of the college publications, and it is to be hoped that the University will continue to offer splendid advantages in the line to its inmates.

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