

## History of Junior Class.

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SINCE the opening of the University of Georgia, in 1802, many classes have left her walls who have reflected much honor on the grand old institution, but when 1900 adds her slab of marble to that monument of classes now nearly one hundred years high, her light will be so radiant and sparkling that it will shine forth like a star of first magnitude. Indeed, to write the history of such a class is a task requiring great patience and toil, and I fear if I only mention the mere facts, my history will be called conceited; but I will let these opinions be accepted for what they are worth, and endeavor, to the best of my ability, to give you the record of the Century Class.

The growth and strength of our Class has increased fast and steadily from her Freshman year. In those days, however, we had no cares and tribulations, and little did we dream of the work and worry we were now approaching. Our interest was at once manifested in all the University affairs, and from our ranks could be found men on the gridiron, diamond and track. This was a memorable year in the history of the University, and was without a doubt the most successful year of its existence. Now, remember this was the year that 1900 came to college.

As Sophomores we surpassed our previous record. Our class-stand was admired by the Faculty and envied by the College. The highest marks ever given in the "Soph Math" were made by one of our number. The respect of the Freshmen was maintained, and it was easy to recognize a "Soph" by his dignity and manly bearing. When we returned to college in September of our Junior year, we went faithfully to work to earn a still higher position in the University affairs, and after stating a few facts, I shall let the reader be the judge as to whether we succeeded. Every department of the College received fresh vigor and force from our ranks. Eight Juniors donned the football "G," three the baseball, and four the track. The Class baseball pennant was easily won, and our captain and twirlers deserve great credit for their excellent playing. The Thalian Dramatic Club had its standard elevated by the addition of a few of our numbers peculiarly suited to their tasks.

Another department of College affairs is worth noting—that of oratory. Up to this time our record in this line was not so commendable, but this year we entered the battles with renewed energy. No one who was present at the Clyde Shropshire contest will forget how our fellow classmates acquitted themselves on that occasion, nor will the convincing argument put

forth in such forcible style by another Junior in the North Carolina debate escape their thought. When the Demosthenian anniversarian was chosen, victory again belonged to us. Not only did we win a victory, but we broke a record, for this was the first time an under-class man had ever been chosen to represent one of the societies on its anniversary. It has always been our aim while in the University to show our loyalty to both the institution and our Class, and when we are thrown upon the world may our devotion for both causes forever increase. So we could go on and mention many more worthy deeds, but, understand it is not the number of our acts that we would have you bear in mind, but the force and merit of them. To your hands, future historian, I leave the good name of 1900, and may she grasp every opportunity that will reward us with fame and honor, and may you be more competent to give the Century Class the praise she so justly deserves.

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