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## RODDEY DEBATE WON BY I. F. BELSER, '10

Euphradian Society's Representative  
Awarded Medal.

## THE QUERRY WAS ABLY ARGUED

Mr. Roddey of Rock Hill Gives Medal. De-  
cision of Judges Awarded by  
Gov. Ansel.

The Roddey Medal Debate, which was held in the University chapel last Friday evening by the two societies, was won by I. F. Belser, '10, who spoke on the affirmative side of the question and represented the Euphradian Society.

This was the ninth annual contest of the Roddey Medal Debate participated in by the Euphradian and Clariosophic Societies. Mr. John T. Roddey, of Rock Hill, a distinguished alumni of the institution, offers annually a gold medal to the best debater of the contest. The right of selection of the query is reserved by the giver of the medal, who always selects a debate well suited for college students and involving some vital question of the day. The medal is not awarded to any one side, but to the best individual debater.

This was the first contest of the year, and will be followed by many more important ones. The debate last Friday was ably discussed by the young debaters and they showed up well for their first appearance before the public in the chapel. Many important points were brought forth by the affirmative and negative sides, and both did much credit to themselves the way they handled the subject.

The decision of the judges was rendered by Governor M. F. Ansel, in favor of I. F. Belser, with a few appropriate remarks, to whom he awarded a handsome gold medal. This was Belser's first appearance before the public in a contest held in the chapel and it was quite an honor for him to carry off the medal over the other debaters.

The following was the programme:

Welcome by the presiding officer; debate, query, "Resolved, That Congress should require corporations engaged in interstate business to secure Federal licenses;" debaters, affirmative, J. O. Allen, I. F. Belser; negative, J. H. Sullivan, B. D. Carter; presiding officer, L. Wardlaw Smith; chief marshal, James H. Hammond; assistant marshals, D. C. Heyward (Euphradian), C. E. Sligh (Euphradian); E. B. Gary (Clariosophic), C. G. Wyche (Clariosophic); judges, Gov. M. F. Ansel, chairman; Rev. B. R. Turnipsced, Attorney-General J. F. Lyon, W. H. Lyles, W. H. Townsend.

Every student and alumnus should get the Weekly Gamecock, for it is now edited by a "Rich" man.

## ATHLETICS QUIET NOW AT UNIVERSITY

All Forms Will Be Participated in  
After Examinations.

## MUCH INTEREST IN MANY GAMES

Light Work at Gymnasium, Baseball, Tennis,  
Golf, Basketball and  
Track.

Athletics are on the quiet at the University at present, but this is due only to the approach of examinations.

After the mid-term test the boys will start in full force to participate in all forms of exercise. The year 1909, from all prospects, is going to be a corker for athletics at Carolina. There will not be any game which will be lacking in participants. In fact, if any thing, there will be many men trying out, which is absolutely necessary for a college to select a good team.

Light work is carried on at the gymnasium each afternoon by the boys in order to keep themselves in good condition. The tennis lovers are also playing out on the green in the afternoon. This is the only outdoor game that is being played at present.

As soon as the examinations are over, the baseball enthusiasts will begin work. Captain I. F. Belser and Manager R. M. Cooper want to see all those who know anything at all about playing baseball to come out. The men will be given a try-out, and only the best players are going to make good. The diamond will be put in good shape and all necessary material for the team will be gotten. There is a crowd of baseball players at the college this year, but the ability of the new men is not known.

Basketball will start up, also, soon. There are a good many students interested in this game also at the University, and Coach Brown is going to give the players some hard practice. All those desiring to learn this game, Brown will be glad to talk with them.

Tennis and golf will also attract a good crowd. The interest in the former has been kept up during the whole year, but after examinations those who own racquets will use them more frequently. Golf is not dead at the University, and after exam. Mac is going to teach the boys free of charge, as soon as their work has settled down. The links are still in shape for the game. A team will be selected from the students to go up against other teams from the city.

Gymnasium exercise will also be carried on extensively with the other athletic games. Track work will also start up. The institution this year seems to be wrought up over all forms of athletics.

Fresh Harper says he is going to put his girl's picture on *exposition*.

## UNIVERSITY WON IN TITLE SUIT

Supreme Court Decided Important  
Case.

## DECISION IS MOST BENEFICIAL

Land Forming Part of Gibbes' Green is Uni-  
versity Property. New Building to Be  
Erected on the Corner.

The students, trustees and faculty of the University of South Carolina were highly rejoiced when they learned that the University had won the title suit for the part of Gibbes' green near the corner of Bull and Pendleton streets, to which the Columbia Male Academy laid claim.

This was a case full of interest to all those connected with the University, and was watched from start to finish. The decision of the Supreme Court was rendered last Thursday, the 7th, which perpetually enjoins the Male Academy of Columbia to lay any claims to Gibbes' green. This decision of the Court put a quietus to a case of many months' standing, and means much for the South Carolina University at present and in the future. Although the Columbia Academy laid claim to the land, it was the opinion of those interested in Carolina that the courts would decide in favor of the University.

The losing of this piece of valuable property would have seriously hurt the University, for it would have broken up the plans that are now being laid out by the institution for its growth in the future. There is a demand for new buildings, and every piece of land that the college owns will be needed.

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## 1909 Greetings.

To the faculty—Rest from your labors.

To A. C. Moore—Peace and plenty.

To Dr. Wauchope—The euphuistic tendencies of transcendentalism.

To Professor Snowden—Charleston.

To the one man in West Rutledge and the one in Pinckney who reads every article in every issue of The Gamecock—Congratulations.

To R. E. G.—Rest from your strenuous toils.

To our Readers—A little more patience and self-control.

To Fresh Littlejohn—Another pipe.

To the co-eds.—Short engagements.

To the Freshman Class—Many nights of weariness be multiplied unto you.

To the Sophomore Class—May your moments be happy ones; may your hours be bright ones, and may your years be crowned with success.

To the Junior Class—"Stand the storm; it won't be long; you will anchor by and by."

To the Senior Class—May your last days be peaceful.

## POE CENTENNIAL AT UNIVERSITY

Carolina Will Honor Great American  
Genius on the Nineteenth.

## PROGRAM FOR THE OCCASION

Dr. Wauchope Announces Able Speakers and  
Delightful Music—Poe Once a  
Resident of This State.

The centennial of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe, which occasion will be January 19th, will be fittingly celebrated at the University of South Carolina.

The centennial of the greatest genius of American letters, who has made so important a contribution to world-literature, will be duly observed at other institutions of our country. This is the first time that such an event has been attempted at the University, and Dr. G. A. Wauchope is going to make it a big success.

Poe was at one time a resident of South Carolina and the scene of one of his masterpieces—the Gold Bug—is laid in this State. As a Southern poet, the University and the city of Columbia will honor themselves by joining with other Southern cities in paying tribute to the genius of Poe.

The program for the occasion is being made out by Dr. Wauchope, chairman of the committee of arrangements, who has succeeded in obtaining some of the best talent of the city to take part in the event. The details of the celebration are practically complete and the chairman of the committee of arrangements has announced the program, which will include: A musical rendition by the talented Miss Alexander, of the College for Women, of several of Poe's poems, and a number of short addresses by distinguished scholars. Professor D. D. Peele, of Columbia College, has consented to speak on "Poe; the Man." Professor Henry C. Davis, of the University, will discuss Poe's poetry. Professor Leonard T. Baker, of the University, will talk on "Poe and the Short Story," and Dr. Wauchope, or some other scholar, will deliver a short talk on Poe. R. E.

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The Joint Assembly elected Messrs. J. C. Sheppard and R. E. Gonzales to go to Newberry and aid Mr. H. B. Thomas in getting the rules of the State Contest changed.

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The friends of Mr. D. B. Peurifoy are glad to learn that he has been admitted to the bar. Mr. Peurifoy will practice at Walterboro, where everyone predicts a bright future for him in his chosen profession. It will be remembered that "Peury" was the originator of the saying, "You are a great character," and other more expressive ones. He was an orator of much fame.