

at any time. Taking into consideration the financial resources of both the University and the School of Mining, it is our opinion that the best interests of both will be best served by placing the new buildings on the upper campus, and since the University exists for the benefit of the students, it follows that the interests of the latter will also be best served.

In the article previously referred to, reference is made to some action which was taken by two members of the Science Faculty on the day previous to the meeting of the Board of Governors at which the site was finally accepted. As I happen to be one of the two referred to, I can speak with authority on this phase of the question. In the first place the primary object of any action on this particular day was prompted by the thought that if building operations were not soon commenced there would be no hope of having the buildings ready for occupancy in October, 1910. We therefore resolved to *reassert* our position to the members of the Board of Governors in the hope that the matter would be settled at the approaching meeting. While engaged at this, we were informed that some of the members of the University, who are particularly interested in football, had stated that to take away the campus would be a serious blow to the life of the University, and that no other site would do for a campus. Our opinion was (and is now) that if the lower campus were levelled for Rugby purposes, the Orphans' Home lot or the common might be secured for Association, and the Footballites would be as well off as they are now. It appeared obvious then, that the author of such a statement as cited above must regard football as the first interest of the University, and was therefore suffering from a severe attack of *Footballitis* which needed special attention. On examination, however, we found that this was not the case. All agreed that the students should be satisfied with any campus close to the University, and that if the Orphans' Home lot were secured for a campus site, the buildings should be located on the site as selected. Our purpose in addressing the students' representatives the same day was to point out the financial advantage of placing the buildings near the central plant and the convenience to the main body of students in passing from one building to another. All we asked was a written statement to the effect that they would be satisfied with a campus anywhere in the immediate vicinity of the University, but this was refused, notwithstanding the fact that it was agreed to verbally by all who were present.

Regarding the question of the purchase of the Orphans' Home lot, I would like to point out that the Trustees never offered \$22,500 for this property. All the negotiations in this connection were undertaken by the Governors of the School of Mining, and if it had been found that this property could be purchased for the price mentioned, the Governors were prepared to *recommend that it be purchased by the Trustees.*

In conclusion I wish to make it clear that while I have advocated taking the upper campus, I am not opposed to football. By all means, let us have athletics of any kind that will develop physical manhood and at the same time bring the students together so that they may know more of each other, but let us be sane about it.—L. W. GILL.