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Space will be assigned for the thorough discussion of all points pertaining to the advancement and growth of the University.

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THE FENCE.

Through the generosity of certain members of the Faculty, alumni and friends of the University, the amount necessary to enclose the athletic grounds has been raised. Work was commenced last week, and before the spring games begin, the fence will be built. This movement is thoroughly in keeping with the rapid growth and expansion of the University. Several important advantages will be derived from the fence. As was evident last commencement, it was utterly impossible with ropes to prevent a large part of the crowd from seeing without paying. The enclosure will certainly put an end to this, and as a result, a large number of these will pay at the gates. Furthermore it will obviate the necessity of having 15 or 20 marshals at each game, who, of course were admitted free of charge, and in this way quite a little sum will be taken in that would be otherwise lost. It will also be easier to get other teams to meet us on our own grounds, thereby affording the students and villagers much pleasure and enjoyment. Another great advantage that will accrue to athletics, will be the opportunity given the football team for secret practice, which were heretofore impossible, but which are of great value for several reasons—affording the team an opportunity to practise its signals and certain plays without the possibility of our opponents learning the same.

We have heard some opposition to the erection of the fence. While giving due deference to those who differ from us in their opinions, yet I must say that the objections raised seem trivial. It is held by some that the matter was not discussed before the students and that they had not passed on it. I would say in this connection that the student-body has no control over the campus, but that it is under the charge of the Faculty, and their permission having been given, that was sufficient.

Some claim that it will mar the beauty of the Campus. This can hardly be raised as an objection to its erection, for all of us recognize the fact that athletics are a part and parcel of our col-

lege life, and as such must be cared for. Exactly in what direction it will interfere with the appearance of the college grounds I have not heard stated, except that the view would be cut off to the woods.

It is only natural that there will be found some who will object to any change whether good or bad.

WHY?

Do the Freshmen seem to think it manly to part their hair like girls?

Does the Faculty tolerate men on the hill who get up one lesson every other full moon?

Is it that so many fellows practice warbling in the main hall of the South Building?

Is not Easter Monday a holiday?

Do some backwoods bushwhackers regard it smart to fire off pistols in the campus?

Should we be bothered with examination any how?

Can't old Jerry sell peanuts on the campus?

Don't the faculty remove those abominably uncomfortable seats from the English room?

Is the second German class so large?

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Boating is truly the most elegant of amateur athletics, but few colleges can afford the immense expense attendant on such a luxury. By this it must be understood that the cost for the number of men who make up a crew, is immeasurably greater than for any other form of college athletics. The intense strain, both on the physical and nervous system, in a race, has been disclosed by English physicians as very injurious. We have never heard of pools on football or baseball, but we have heard of them on "the races," so we do not see how this is going to prevent those "sporty" inclined people from wagering on the result. Indeed, humanity is so constituted, that so long as there is a chance for gain, it will risk the loss of all. This is not confined to college men nor to college athletics, so we do not see how faculty provisions can be made to correct the evil, which is indeed great. We must have laws enacted and then rigidly enforced in order to stop it.

AMONG COLLEGE ATHLETES.

Harvard has adopted very stringent rules which shall hereafter govern her athletics. She shows her belief in the possibility of purifying athletics without excluding students taking professional courses and resists all the attempts to forcing the "Yale" rule upon her.

Harvard and Yale have united in a challenge to Oxford and Cambridge for a boat-race in this country in July. The winner of the Harvard-Yale race will row the victorious English crew, if the English universities accept the challenge?

The advisory Committee of the Northern Foot-ball association recommends one new rule and more clearly defines one old one. The new rule is that the centre-rush of the side holding the ball shall have entire possession of it and his opponent shall not be allowed to touch it until it has snapped back. Secondly, for a try-at-goal, the ball must be brought back from the point where the runner is held behind the line. These changes must be adopted at the meeting in May before they finally become rules.

Harvard and Yale arranged two of their dates for base ball games. They have declined to be governed by the new League rule playing the pitcher's box five feet further back.

The University of Virginia has two weeks practice with with the Bostons and then plays Yale, Harvard, Vermont and Dartmouth before the Souther association games begin. This ought to give her team excellent practice if it does not bankrupt and discourage them.

Mr. Hoke Smith, Mr. Cleveland's secretary of interior, is very pleasantly held in remembrance by the University foot ball team, of last year. While they were in Atlanta last fall, he showed them every courtesy and attention possible, and after their hard fought and victorious game with the University of Virginia, he gave an elegant banquet to the Tar Heel champions at his residence on Peachtree street, at which it was the pleasure of our boys to meet many of the Gate City's loveliest daughters.