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THE TAR HEEL has received several communications for this issue which it declines to insert. The Board of Editors in a meeting *unanimously* agreed to participate in no way in college politics, and to publish no communications wherein existed what might be considered by those not fully conversant with the actual facts, if not slanderous statements, statements bordering on slander.

The TAR HEEL will not be made a medium through which any one person or number of persons may abuse any other one person or number of persons. 'Tis true, the TAR HEEL is the students paper, but it is also the University's paper. Not one patriotic student would be willing to air before the State our little grievances we may have amongst ourselves. The TAR HEEL wishes to advance the University so far as the feeble but faithful efforts of the present board will permit, and works with that aim only.

The above has not been written as an explanation of the refusal for publication of certain resolutions anymore than for the refusal of some private communications (with names signed) received if not connected with, arising most likely from the same source.

The regular practice of the baseball applicants continues, but improvement is very slow—some have even retrograded. One day the practice is fair, the next fearful—Captain Robertson is working mighty hard with the men and if we do not turn out a winning team the fault can certainly not be laid at his door.

As they play now the men are playing pretty good, "prep" ball, but that stuff won't count when they meet good teams. There

are probably half dozen earnest men who throw their entire souls into every play—who play for everything that is to be gotten out of it. Some of these men with this spirit will without doubt outstrip those who are playing along now listlessly, although in years past they may have played better ball. Before they know it, it will be too late. Our first game comes in less than a month—you must be more energetic fellows. Throw more soul, more vim, more daring, more fire into your playing. Do it every day—let every practice game be an improvement on the one the day previous.

A recent letter from one of our most honoured and loved young alumni was seen by the writer of this the other day. In speaking of the prospects of the team he wrote, "For ———'s sake don't let the men piddle away these days of practice to come up lacking in a match game".

Our alumni are watching us most carefully and anxiously this season. They as well as we were wofully disappointed in the outcome of the past football season, when we started in with such excellent material. Retrieve now follows the lost prestige—work for the team—hard—not sluggishly and in a dilatory manner but take a brace. We *cannot* win when we go out and play as if for an evening's pleasure—make it more than that. Make our team perfection. We can do it—we must do it—it is our duty.

The batting now with two or three exceptions is very, very deplorably weak as seen when a good pitcher is in the box. The base running again with these one or two exceptions is worthy of a school boy only. We don't start quick enough. Practice starting—and when we have started we have *absolutely no* idea how to get to the next base. We don't slide properly—or we don't slide at all. We don't like to acknowledge it, but it's lack of grit, this failure to slide. Let every man, every onlooker know that when a man fails to slide in the practice it is lack of grit, you must slide—We must have coaches *always* on the side lines not to make the air hideous with hollowing and bellowing but to give the runner actual assistance—and he must trust to the coacher and do as he tells and not look around to where the ball is when he is making for a base. A man can't run as fast when his head is twisted around

as he can when with head down he gets plunging just as hard as he can. And when you get to the proper point dive, jump, throw yourself just as hard as you can for the base.

There are many points in the men's work now that is not gratifying to the lovers of the game and contributors to its support. The captain will do the criticizing of the men. That is not our duty—he endeavors to help each man in his position—Listen to him. He has played ball many years and knows what he is talking about. Let's win *this* year. We *must*—we *will*—but before we can hope to—we must play and play hard ball.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.,
February 19th, 1894.

Editors TAR HEEL:

Gentlemen—Will you state in your columns the reasons for moving the intermediate examinations up to March 6th, when they had been catalogued 12th?

Also why was the opening day on the 5th, and not on the 4th of January, as published in the catalogue? and oblige one of many

* KICKERS.

The date, March 12th, in the catalogue, was never officially fixed by the Faculty for the intermediate examinations, but was so taken by the Executive Committee of the Faculty to indicate *about* when such examinations would be held. It was deemed wisest by the committee to have no date fixed a year beforehand as circumstances might alter the place.

It was desired that these intermediates should not break the term up as many men would go home immediately after the examinations if they came nearer Easter. The present date divides the term exactly. The new date was made known in ample time for students and instructors to regulate their work accordingly.

Another reason doubtless was on account of some of our baseball games coming so early. It was desired, since athletics are encouraged here, to have such contests when they would interfere less with the student's work.

As to the second question—lectures began on the morning of the 5th of January, but the 4th was used as registration day. Probably if some of the kickers had registered then, and not delayed, they should have had plenty to do.
EDITOR.

The growth and present status of Foot Ball in Southern colleges is admirably presented in the January number of *The Southern Magazine* by J. Breckenridge Robertson, of the University of Virginia. The article is well illustrated with portraits and instantaneous photographs of men in play, and views the game as played by the leading colleges of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Only one Southern college team has yet crossed Mason and Dixon's line to try conclusions with their brothers of the North; yet, from the progress the Southern college boys have made in the past three years, we expect to hear from them next season.

Among the contributors to this number are John Fox, Jr., Robert Burns Wilson, William Baird, S. J. Shields, Robert G. Toombs, and Frank M. Bicknell.

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