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THE SENIOR class the past week have presented a petition to the faculty desiring them to excuse those members of the class, who have attained a term grade of over ninety per cent from examinations, if they choose, and asking to be allowed to take their term stand as their final grade. It is to be hoped that the faculty will grant this request, for there would seem but little doubt that the amount of study during the term would be greatly increased and more knowledge and mental training be the result of this better preparation, than could possibly come from a few days' cramming for examinations, soon learned and sooner forgotten. As was stated in these columns last week, the experiment has been tried and proven a success in some of the larger Northern universities.

The faculty and trustees aim to make the University of North Carolina the leader of the Southern colleges in everything, members, thought, grade of work done; let them be the leaders in the South of this movement, and broaden out their views of the University, try to make it a University indeed in all directions. Of course the writer understands that with the present state of education in the State, the collegiate department must be maintained at about its present standard, but nevertheless the majority of the students of the college are men, who know what they want, and such a petition as this one deserves the careful attention of the faculty, and they should be thoroughly satisfied of its impracticability before they refuse to grant it. If they consider only the work which would be done under this plan, let them think of this. There are numbers of men in college who do not care for any honor at graduation and who therefore study barely enough to pass their examinations, and do not try for any term stand, and such men always hate the examination period. These same men, if they had the prospect of being free from this trial, on condition of attaining a certain grade in their studies, would do their best to get that grade just to get rid of examinations, of course learning more of the subject than they otherwise would. This is one class. There is another class more ambitious than the first who are habitually well prepared on recitation, and having a good knowledge of the subject, what does the instructor learn

more of their information on the subject than he ought to have known before, by subjecting them to a mental strain of several days duration, only to find that their paper shows the same grade as their term stand? Doesn't it seem useless?

IN LOOKING over our exchanges the following paragraphs in the Vanderbilt *Hustler* met our eye. They are taken from the *Knoxville Scuteneel* which used them in speaking of the University of Tennessee's prospects for football this Fall:

"The reason the University is short of 'heavy men' this year is due to the fact that the colleges and universities all over the country have a standing fund to pay the matriculation of all large men that can be induced to enter the school, and as the University has no fund of this kind and as the Knoxville people do not patronize the games the boys set on foot, there is no inducement whatever to attend the University, as they are not appreciated outside the school. The University had a fine foot-ball team last year, and one of which the boys were all proud, but Collier and other heavy men did not return this season and the probabilities are that the citizens who wish to see a game of football this year will have to leave Knoxville to gratify their desire.

The TAR HEEL would like to enter its protest against the statement made above "that the colleges and universities all over the country have a standing fund to pay the matriculation of all large men that can be induced to enter the school." This university for one certainly has no fund for anything of the sort, and we are much surprised to see that the University of Tennessee regrets its lack of money to pay salaries to the members of its teams. Possibly our ideas are antiquated but we had supposed that college athletics were for college men, *bona fide* students of their colleges and not for professionals, but antiquated or not they are the ideas that prevail on the subject here, and are supposed were held at all Southern colleges pretending to take any stand in athletic matters. We fully agree with *The Hustler* in deprecating any such statement being made through the press as will tend to cause the unfounded belief that professionalism is wide spread in college athletics in the South.

The Election.

THE DEMOCRATS LOSE. THE REPUBLICANS GAIN

The returns from the election indicate a Republican gain of many states heretofore Democratic. It seems as if the Old North State which has stood by the Democratic party for so many years has at last been corrupted by the allied forces of the Populists and Republicans. The only cause of this seems to have been the necessary tardiness of Congress in carrying out the pledges of the Democratic platform. The public mind has for some time been in a restless and unquiet state. This the opponents of Democracy saw, and made use of. Hence the result was Democracy's loss and fusion's gain.

We admire the so-called unselfish sacrifice that a 'scrub' makes for the good of the team. The life of a 'scrub' is truly hard—always defeated and run over; always worked hard and blamed for every thing. But the scrub has two consolations, one that it is he that makes the team what it is, and the second is that he may get there "bye and bye." But we often see that it is not an unselfish sacrifice and that the only reason that he offered on the field was for selfish purposes and selfish purposes only. Why has there been no scrub team on the field since the 'Varsity returned from their Northern trip? It was a pretty good indication to a man, who was left at home on this trip that there were few chances of his making the team and so he shows by staying away that it was only for the sake of becoming a member of the team that he came upon the field.

Now here is a great chance for a man to show some college spirit and also to show his unselfishness. He knows there is no chance for him now and if he plays he should and will win our admiration.

Now fellows those of you who have stayed away, please remember that we need you and must have you. According to the agreement among the classes no one can play on the class team and the scrub also and hence there is no one who will take your place. So fellows come out regularly and do all you can to make a winning team.

THE TAR HEEL wishes to thank the many friends who have so kindly aided in making the trips such a pleasant thing for the team:

The Southern Railway kindly ran another special train over to the station to connect with the early train going west.

At South Bethlehem, the Sigma Nu Fraternity gave a reception and supper to their representatives and several other friends. There everything flowed in plenty, and the invited guests regretted their inability to accept on account of their strict training.

That night a box party was given each of the teams by the manager of the theatre, and each box was draped in the colors of the University it represented.

At Washington, Capt. Baskerville also gave the team a box party at "The Trip to Chinatown," which was enjoyed by all, and was the scene of several amusing incidents.

The manager of the Georgetown team showed unusual attention to make things as pleasant as possible for the Carolinians. Here they also regretted their "inability" to accept his invitation to lunch after the game.

Many Carolinians were present at the different games. Rondthaler, '92, saw the Lehigh game, and there were many at Washington, among whom we may mention Miss Laura Payne and Miss Taylor.

Little Kemp Battle was saying his prayers the other night and he concluded them with these lines:

"O God please make George Geaham well and make Will Graham well; and O God please stop up the hole in Tom Steele's tongue."

Last year there appeared an article in *College Topics* of the University of Virginia, in which the fact was deplored, that while U. Va. always had a good strong team, she never developed any material of her own; her players came for the most part from other colleges.

Now Carolina has begun to develop material, having four regular class teams, each of which has a scrub to practice against. The good of this can easily be seen.

The benefit, which comes from this most scientific of games, is thus secured by a larger number of men; new material is developed for the 'Varsity and good in every way comes to all.

Those who have heretofore thought that the practice of the class teams was mere child's play have quite a reversion in their opinion by the playing of the Junior and Freshman teams against the 'Varsity. Several times the Freshmen held the 'Varsity for four downs and the ball went over, and several times the Freshmen made gains of five to nine yards. Seigel made one beauty of 58 yards before being downed. Neither scored in 20 minutes play and the ball was about 20 yards in the Varsity's territory when time was called. The Freshmen usually lost the ball on fumbles.

The Juniors next were called, and they also did splendid work, taking the ball away from the 'Varsity on downs, and only twice losing it on the same.

Graham, E. and Brem made the largest gains. They played for twenty five minutes when the 'Varsity gained the ball on downs and easily scored a touch down.

The playing of both teams was very good indeed, and much practice was given to the 'Varsity.

They lined up as follows:

'Varsity.	Freshmen.	Juniors.	
R. E.—Thompson,	Pate,	Powers.	
R. T.—Baird,	Walker,	Gwyn.	
R. G.—Sharpe,	Lake,	Eller.	
C.—White,	Joyner,	Craig.	
L. G.—Wright,	Ferguson,	Robbins.	
L. T.—Pugh,	Seigel,	Coker.	
L. E.—Stringfield,	Ferguson,	Woodson.	
Q.—Stanley,	Sams,	Lemly.	
R. H.—Moore,	Pease,	Carr.	
L. H.—	Stephens,	Lanier,	Graham, E.
	Baskerville,		Brem.
	F.—Graham, G.	Roberts,	

Graham G. captained the 'Varsity; Rodgers of the Freshmen and Graham E. was acting captain of the Juniors.

WE GIVE IN another column an article on "Southern Football" from the *Raleigh Evening Visitor* of Oct. 29. It was written by a young and patriotic alumnus, R. L. Gray, ex-'96, who is now a rising young journalist, being City Editor of the *Visitor*, and who is making quite a reputation for himself, and contributing largely to the success of that bright little daily. by the way, in which he writes up the news of our capital city. It is actuated by the true pride and love for *alma mater*, and we only wish that every North Carolinian would do as the article suggests, and "take pride in and encourage the University team."