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Politics is, without doubt, the most fascinating of all games, and University men have been playing it for all it is worth for the past two weeks. Ball Managers, Representatives, and Marshals, about twenty in all, have been elected in this time; and while there has been rivalry of the most persevering type, both sides have, nevertheless, maintained the best of good feeling, and the contests have been decided without any bad blood and to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

It is a source of pleasure to the TAR HEEL to see our men strive together for the positions of honor (and indeed they are worth striving for) without anyone losing his temper, without any unseemly quarrel and without any friendship being broken. It argues much for the student body.

Writing of politics reminds us of the part it plays in our literary societies. We are firmly convinced that society politics is one of the evils in the way of society success; for just in so far as other interests occupy the society man's mind, just so far will the literary feature, the chief end of the society, be crowded out and overlooked. We well know that where two or three men are gathered together there is going to be scheming and wire-pulling, but every precaution should be taken to reduce it to a minimum in our literary societies.

The canvassing and drumming that usually precede society elections are evil in their consequences; for not only do they detract from the prime object of the societies, but they prevent good men of retiring dispositions from obtaining the positions for which their merits and ability fit them. It is fortunate that good men are usually chosen, and especially is this the case in the recent elections, but everyone knows that the system makes it possible for a man to be elected to a position which could be filled with more credit by others.

We know of no remedy for this evil other than the adoption of resolutions by the two societies expressly forbidding canvassing and electioneering of every description.

The student body has successfully demonstrated the fact, notwithstanding the assertions of the pessimist to the contrary, that there is still an abundance of athletic enthusiasm in our midst. In response to a call for a mass meeting about half the men in college responded, and

when the state of our athletic treasury was made known, they quickly raised about one hundred and seventy-five dollars. This is only an index of what we can do when the crisis arises.

It was only necessary to show the men their duty in this matter and they promptly assumed it. It is safe to say that this amount will be more than doubled by the faculty and remaining students, and then athletics for this term will be assured.

This early interest in athletics, expressed in this substantial way, will do more to encourage the men and put out a winning team than all the hullabaloo and bonfire methods combined. Keep the ball rolling and the season will end gloriously.

The election of marshals and ball-managers is now over; but perhaps it is not too late to mention a reform concerning them. For years the marshals and managers have been taken from the two societies, but, in our opinion, the time has arrived for this practice to be discontinued. When this custom was first instituted every man belonged to one society or the other, and there was no injustice done to anyone when the commencement officers were taken from these bodies. But conditions have changed and changed radically. Less than half the men in college now join the literary societies, and it is certainly unfair to the majority to say that the commencement officers shall be taken from the ranks of the minority. Any Junior has the right to be a marshal, and any man who can dance has the right to be a manager, but to exclude them because they do not happen to be members of a society is certainly unfair.

The societies have no more right to monopolize the control of Commencement than the Athletic Association or any other college organization. Commencement is for every man, and every man has the right to strive to be a Commencement officer.

Of course the Society has its place in Commencement, viz. the representatives' contest, and here only society men should be allowed to participate; but every man of good standing is eligible for the other offices and society membership or non-membership should not count one way or the other. Society control of college has long since been abolished and with it should follow society control of Commencement as well. The TAR HEEL is not antagonizing the societies, but it stands for the interest of every man and desires to see every man receive that recognition to which he is justly entitled.

Every now and then we hear the remark that the University is conducted on high school methods, accompanied by vague suggestions that certain inalienable rights of are being constantly infringed upon. At the very mention of "rules," no matter of what sort, these sarcastic comparisons with the "prep" school are redoubled and all kinds of grievances imagined. It is not our purpose to try to show that the rules adopted by the Faculty are, in every respect, fair and just, but only to say this: that a comparison between our University and similar institutions over the country

will easily show that we are much leniently dealt with, and are treated with more than ordinary consideration.

To bear out what we say we call attention of the downtrodden to the many restrictions, etc., chronicled in the various college magazines on the library table.

Law Class Notes.

A delightful tea was given by Dr. Manning at his residence last week, complimentary to that section of the Law Class which goes down to Raleigh the first of February to stand the license examination before the Supreme Court. All spent a very pleasant evening and departed with a keen appreciation of his hospitality.

The Law Class met Wednesday night for the election of officers of the Moot Court and Class. The following men were unanimously elected:

President, Young.
Vice-Pres. _____
Sect. Satchell.
Judge—Shaw.
Associate Judge—Lion.

By request Dr. Battle has consented to deliver a lecture on "Constitutional Law" before the Law Class on Thursday night, Jan. 28th.

The lecture is of vast importance to all members of the college, whether they propose to study law or not, and judging from Dr. Battle's lectures in the past, we can truly predict that it will prove highly instructive and entertaining.

The hour is 7:15 p. m. in the Chapel, and all are cordially invited to attend.

The following members of the Law Class will go to Raleigh the 1st of Feb. to stand the examinations before the Supreme Court:

Sherrod, Holyfield, Rowland, Jones, Grady, Quickle, Parks, Cook, Galloway, Grimes, Bassett.

Mid-Winter Concert Jan. 29.

The regular annual Midwinter Concert of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs will be given in Gerrard Hall on next Friday evening, January 29th.

An entirely new program will be presented, and the great feature will be the Ballad of the Grasshopper. In this new and most original production there will be much acting both serious and comic, and the audience will be delightfully surprised in seeing the dignified members of the Glee Club take on themselves a most grasshoppery manner and imitate with bug-like hops the habitual mien of that interesting animal. The hops of Mr. Eatman in particular have a truly grasshopperish twist and his friends will enjoy seeing this sedate gentleman attempt to transform himself into an insect.

The song is prophesied to be the most successful hit ever introduced by our clubs, and everyone may rest assured that he never had before or never will again see anything equal to it.

The rest of the program will be as varied and select as anything ever given before. All the students should come out and see the clubs that have made such a reputation for musical talent on their recent trip through Eastern Carolina and Virginia.

Communication.

The University of North Carolina requires a graduating Senior to either deliver an oration at Commencement or to present a written thesis. Only six can speak, but all are allowed to contest for these places.

A thesis is required of a law student graduating B. L., but he is not allowed the privilege of contesting for a place in the speaking at Commencement.

Is this a just distinction between a law and an academic student?

The Law Class has been one of most important factors of this institution for over fifteen years, its alumni are among the most prominent legal lights in the State and then too the Law Class is certainly as much a part of said institution as is any other part thereof. It does seem then, that viewing the matter in a broad minded manner and out of a spirit of fairness, that it is nothing but right that the Law Class should have a representative at Commencement. Those aspiring to such an honor ought to be allowed the right to contest with the speakers on May 1st and under the same conditions.

We sincerely trust that the authorities will consider this and give the Law Class its just representative in the Senior speaking.

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Dr. Chreitzburg's Sermon.

Rev. Dr. H. F. Chreitzburg, the Methodist minister of Reidsville, delivered a very interesting sermon before the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday night on the subject of "Christain Character." Owing to the inclement weather the audience was hardly as large as usual, but the sermon was much enjoyed by those present. We hope that Mr. Chreitzburg will soon visit us again.

Schedule of Examinations

TO BE HELD EACH MONTH FOR EXCESS OF ABSENCES.

LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH.

French and German, all classes and sections,	9 o'clock.
Greek,	10 "
Latin,	11 "
Biology,	12 "

First Saturday of new month.

Mathematics, all classes and sections,	9 o'clock.
Chemistry,	11 "
Physics,	12 "
Geology,	1 "

Second Saturday of new month.

History, all classes and sections,	10 o'clock
at English,	11 "
Philosophy	at night.

Representative Election.

At the last meetin of the two literary societies the following men were elected to represent them at Commencement:

Di. P. T. Chcek, J. M. Carson, P. C. Whitlock.
Phi. J. D. Parker, H. P. Harding, P. D. Gold.

Georgia is confidently looking forward to making our base-ball scalp dangle along side of the foot-ball trophy. She will have a coach.