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Since our last issue the TAR HEEL board has had the misfortune to lose two of its most valuable members. Mr. David B. Smith, our successful editor-in-chief, and Mr. Edward K. Graham, have been obliged to resign on account of overwork. The present board desires to express many regrets over these serious losses, and also to congratulate Mr. Smith on his able management of the TAR HEEL up to this time. We realize fully that his natural journalistic talents, together with much hard work, have greatly elevated the standard of our college weekly and given it a prestige, both in the University and throughout the State, that it has never attained before. It shall be our endeavor in the future to emulate as far as we are able the example set by Mr. Smith and, as we recognize our inefficiency to improve his model, our chief effort will be to keep up to the standard that he has acquired.

As the base-ball season approaches and the time nears when we are to have on our grounds visiting teams from Virginia and several of the great northern universities, we should like to make a suggestion to those who have charge of our athletic park. The "grandstand," or rather the disreputable-looking mass of lumber which is dignified by that title is, and has been for some time, an eyesore to all of us. It will be a pity to send back our northern visitors with such a picture of desolate despair lurking in their memories, and if it is possible the athletic park managers should have it torn down or at least remodeled. Not only are the looks of this perch revolting, but any lady who attempts its perilous ascent, does so at the risk of her life. It is uncomfortable, ill-looking and dangerous, having no advantageous qualities so far as we are able to see.

At the recent Princeton Sesque Centennial quite an impression was made on visitors by the universal use of caps and gowns. Many who had heretofore been averse to this custom, which they knew only by hearsay, became highly in favor of it after seeing how much impressiveness and solemnity was added to the ceremonies by the presence of orthodox collegiate paraphernalia.

Why should not we conform to a custom which is adopted by almost every large university in the English-speaking world? The cap and

the gown are as much the proper uniform of the student as brass buttons and regulation clothes are of a soldier. In addition to this they will be a means of economy. At commencement, for example, the senior thinks it his duty to get a new suit, although he may not be able financially to do so. The cap and gown may be worn over any kind of clothes, both during the session and at public ceremonies and will undoubtedly decrease the student's expenses enormously. We only need to break the ice and then this innovation could easily be made acceptable to the student body. We venture a suggestion that, in order to introduce caps and gowns, the University begin by purchasing enough for the senior class to use at commencement, each senior to pay a small price for the use of his uniform. In this way the suits will soon pay for themselves. Moreover every one will see how much more impressive our exercises are made by their use, and the idea will ultimately gain such a hold that the students will adopt caps and gowns as an habitual dress.

The TAR HEEL welcomes on its board Messrs. Burton Craige '97, and Sam Lamb, law '97. Mr. Craige was an editor of the University Magazine, and Mr. Lamb won quite a reputation as a *litterateur* at Horner's School. We may congratulate ourselves on two such valuable acquisitions and feel that we have made the best possible selections in supplying the vacancies left by Messrs. Smith and Graham.

If we may be allowed to ask the question, why are there any arc lights suspended over the campus? They are never used any more than if they were a thousand miles away. Last week, when the weather was as bad as weather can be and the walks ankle deep in slush, one was obliged to walk through it all in utter darkness. Nor are the hall lights in the buildings turned on more than half the time and having to stumble up stairs in the dark is by no means pleasant.

As to the arc lights, we cannot see how they will ever be needed any worse than during these inclement times. There is no use saving them for the warm spring and summer nights when the moon gives all the light we want.

On another page is printed the new schedule of recitations, now in effect, and we are unable to see how it is any more convenient than the old one. In fact, a less convenient and a more cumbersome affair is inconceivable and we think that a return to either of the previous systems would be welcomed by the students. If one desires to know how long he will have until the next bell an arithmetical calculation is necessary before he obtains the desired information.

As it is a very difficult matter to get all items of local and personal interest through the few editors of the TAR HEEL, we shall be greatly obliged for any news items our subscribers may find it convenient to send us. Whether they pertain to the college, village or alumni we shall be glad to have them handed in to any member of the board.

During the recent bad weather we have heard several complaints about cold recitation rooms. This is a matter that ought to be remedied, for there are too many bad colds and incipient cases of grip to make one stay cold even an hour at a time. In several instances boys have left the class room and been marked absent in preference to running the risk of contracting grip or pneumonia, and the professors cannot reasonably blame them for doing so.

From time immemorial it has been rumored at the beginning of each athletic season "that such and such of our old star players would certainly return." This old story has been made good for the first time in man's memory by the return of our last year's star catcher, Mr. F. Bailey. His presence brings us one step nearer our last team's standard, and if Pearsall will only come back with Captain Stanly, we may laugh at rival claims to the Southern championship.

## Staff Changes.

After the resignation of Mr. Smith, as editor-in-chief, and Mr. Graham, as associate editor, the TAR HEEL board was organized as follows: R. H. Graves, editor-in-chief; T. L. Wright, associate editor; Burton Craige and W. S. Myers, local editors; W. J. Bellamy, athletic editor; S. S. Lamb, literary editor. Messrs. Rogers and Kenney still have charge of the business management.

Mr. Sitterson is out again after having been confined to his room for several days.

Prof. Harrington's lecture on next Friday night will include streopticon views of Rome.

Mr. F. H. Bailey has returned to enter college. His presence will be much felt in the base ball circle.

Superintendents Noble, Graham, and Howell stayed over several days after their school teacher's meeting.

Mr. J. H. Faber, the Norfolk photographer, has been kept quite busy for the last few days, taking the "phiz's" of most of the handsome men in college.

W. H. Borden, Jr. '99, who left college at Christmas, is now at Columbia University, N. Y., taking a course in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Eubanks' store was robbed Tuesday night of goods amounting to \$75.00. As yet there is no clue to the thieves.

Mr. Miller, who has been doing work for the United States Geological survey in the vicinity of Chapel Hill, has been recalled to Washington.

Miss Margaret McCaull and Miss Annie Hankins, with Mrs. Martin, returned to Greensboro Monday morning. The University is always glad to entertain such loyal supporters.

Now is the time for our skilled jeweller to add to his pecuniary advancement by remodelling watch dials on the basis of the college bell.

Dr. Hume has been confined to the house during the past week by an attack of "grippe." We hope the Doctor will soon entirely recover from his indisposition.

## The University Magazine.—A Plea for its Restoration.

Some said, "John, print it," others said, "Not so."

Some said, "It might do good," others said, "No."

[Bunyan's Apology for his Book]

From the point of view of the collegian much of college pride centers about its literature.

With us at this time athletics is the dominating influence in college life and purpose. Yet assuredly the aim of the University should be to promote its fame in every department of legitimate effort.

The truest university and most worthy of the name is that one best represented by every enterprise characterized by this common end. And this end is not attained by that university or that college which directs its energies within one channel. Such an influence is restrictive and narrow, and is not a part of the University in its broadest development.

And because of this it is a never-ceasing regret with all who have a proper pride in the standing of our University in the college world that it is to-day without a magazine. Still there is little cause for sorrow that the University Magazine, as it was, has ceased to exist. For it is a thing of common knowledge that several years preceding its death it was edited by the University faculty. The college monthly was never intended as a refuge ground for the antiquated idiosyncrasies and fogginess of the professor. It is above all part and parcel of the student body, an expression of its life and thought. And as a matter of simple logic such an expression is not best secured through the medium of the faculty. This constituted in itself an unhealthy spirit and was undoubtedly an immediate cause of the final dissolution of the magazine. It is said by many that college politics killed it. Let that be as it may. "*Causa latet: vis est notissima.*" It should be our purpose to realize a corrected and amended edition.

For after all the college monthly is the most representative feature of college life. As the customs and culture of the time are reflected, and in their turn influenced by letters, so college opinion is moulded and college pride fostered by its own, if it must be confessed, somewhat crude and un-formed literature. It may be contended that the annual or weekly serve the purpose. It is not so. The TAR HEEL is athletic, but ephemeral; the *Hellenian* literary, but aristocratically exclusive. Neither are truly representative nor lasting.

Without the preserving medium of the monthly the literary spirit of the college declines, the traditions, and stories of the college life fade from the lips of succeeding students and are at best but faint memorials of a forgotten past. The annals of the magazine are the only sure links that bind the college past to its present. If you would know something of a pride in a college literature read a few of the sketches in "Stories from the Harvard Advocate," and you will know its place and its need. The magazine is moreover the truest expositor of college ideas and thought; at all times the surest

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