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Figures Sometimes Lie.

The old adage that figures never lie has come to be regarded in the light of modern development as extremely fallacious. The fact is, they lie easily and with astonishing frequency.

A very recent exposition of the latter-day efficacy of the old saw is contained in last Friday's edition of the *New York Journal*. This exponent of up-to-date sensationalism with its usual disregard for and perversion of truth contains the astounding statement that on Thursday the University of North Carolina was defeated by Lafayette at Chapel Hill by a score of seven to two.

It is interesting to conjecture in what way this contorted statement crept into its columns.

And yet no less respectable an authority than Spalding's Guide persists in similar errors. So it is that in the latest edition Yale in its record of 1896 is credited with a score of eight to four against Carolina in the Greensboro game of April 6th, while the true score was exactly the reverse.

The authorities mentioned should be more careful or they will cease to be at all reliable. We are surely entitled to more correct report.

Petty Thievery.

Complaints are constantly made by visiting teams of occasional loss of sweaters, bats, caps, and other ball paraphernalia while on the Hill.

We hesitate to believe that students of the University are guilty of depredations of this kind. It should be remembered above all that the visiting teams are our guests during their stay and that every possible courtesy should be shown them.

It is assuredly a reflection upon the good name of the University that advantage should be taken in this manner of their reliance upon our hospitality. Of course no fault can be found with the seizure now and then of a cap as a trophy from a defeated team. But the wholesale purloining of sweaters, gloves and other base-ball articles deserves and should receive serious condemnation.

Defacement of the Campus.

There may be found in another column of this issue a notice prohibiting all ball practice on parts of the campus outside of the Athletic Park.

This prohibition is timely and in place. The appearance of the campus has been marred in many ways and it is quite time, before such de-

facement is beyond remedy, that it should be protected from further injury. Unsightly paths have been worn across the campus in many directions, detracting much from its natural beauty. The burning of dead leaves last fall has left ugly gaps in the growth of the grass this Spring.

A greater pride should be taken by all of us in the appearance of the University grounds. Our campus is said to be one of the most beautiful in the South. Much of the disfigurement is due to mere thoughtlessness. The ball practice will of course be removed, by the mere calling attention to its effect.

The Additional Appropriation.

It is currently reported that a short while since there was received by the University from the Treasurer of the State an official communication touching the matter of the recent additional appropriation of five thousand dollars made during the session of the General Assembly but just adjourned.

In the communication mentioned it was stated that while an appropriation of such an amount had been set aside by the Legislature, that no provision had been made for an increase in the State's revenue by which this and other similar appropriations might be paid.

And it was therefore suggested, — and very considerably too, — that under such a condition of affairs it would perhaps be better were no scheme of improvement intited with a view to the payment of this additional sum. This, of course, does not affect the standing annual appropriation of twenty thousand dollars.

It is understood that the charitable institutions of the State, as well as the Normal and Industrial and Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, have all received information of a like nature.

Pennsylvania.

It is not a good thing that we should dwell upon the matter of that first game. The athletic editor in another place has said divers unkind and uncomplimentary things of the work that the team did upon that occasion. Which the team may or may deserve. It was, at least, an off day with them.

It is much more pleasant to call attention to the Greensboro game, in which the team acquitted itself famously. Pennsylvania was shut out up to the sixth inning, the score being tied on the eight, and only saved itself by one run in the ninth.

The team played in excellent style on Wednesday. The only source of regret is that it doesn't do so every day in the week.

Faculty Petitioned by the Dramatic Club.

The Dramatic Club has presented a petition to the Faculty requesting that it should be allowed to perform on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of May in Greensboro, Raleigh and Winston.

It is thought that the petition will receive favorable action. The play will probably also be given in Durham on the 28th of this month.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

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manner and was duly rewarded with the blessing of her guardian. The affected old Lady Hardcastle, who entertained such affection for her loutish son, Tony, was well done by Mr. T. Webb, excellently gotten up in powder and paint.

It is much to be doubted whether Beckett himself, the peer of all others in the part, could have distanced Rogers in the character of the country bumpkin, Tony Lumpkin, whose rough wit, simple good nature and prankish tricks kept the house in a roar. Dick Busbee made a capital tavern-keeper, and a still more natural Jeremy, who was as good, as any other man and hurrahed for Hell and Fleet Street in vigorous and drunken style.

The play was in short excellently costumed, well given and enthusiastically received, and on the whole a performance upon which any amateur company might be justly commended. Should the Dramatic Club carry out its intention of a barn-storming tour we predict their favorable reception and much success.

Current Criticism.

There is a good deal of criticism current in the University anything but commendatory of the action taken by those who decorate the fence, the roof of the physical laboratory and the roof of Memorial Hall, whenever a game is being played on the diamond.

Looking at the matter from the fence, the roof and the Memorial Hall standpoint, we think that they do not need any such adornment to complete their general appearance and all the unity which they possess is broken up by the ragged crests which bob up at unequal intervals and burden them with a load which they have never bargained to carry.

We realize the fact that half-dollars and quarters are scarce when our match games come off and we are bound to believe that this scarcity rather than stinginess is the cause of so much free vision. Now, but little effort has been made to stop a thing like this and like a great deal of human nature lack of restraint has led to an error which a little forethought and suggestion would have alleviated. The same thing has existed in other colleges and in the league and it has in almost all cases been condemned and stopped. It is no longer allowed in most of the colleges of to-day, and an armed police force has power sufficient to stop it in the cities, till now nothing but a piccanny will attempt such action.

A realization of the wrong attached to this deadbeating is gaining ground here every day and public opinion will very soon put an end to its practice by uncovering the moral lacking which must be characteristic of those who insist upon this mode of seeing the game. This side is being strongly looked upon now and any fair minded man must see the cause for it.

It is not right to see free of charge what others have to pay for, and those who phy to see the games will not put up with such action and the athletic management and the University will have to take it in hand if some remedy is not voluntarily offered by the offenders.

The TAR HEEL wishes to do its part in arousing the proper sentiment in this direction and believes college will be atts back.

The Committee appointed by the Senior Class to arrange for the Baccalaureate sermon have been fortunate in securing Rev. J. S. Felix, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Asheville. Mr. Felix is one of the foremost divines in our State, and the committee has our congratulation upon its wise selection.

Mr. Wray was in Raleigh last week soliciting advertisements for the Y. M. C. A. hand-book.

A Carolina Poet

Henry Jerome Stockard, who was at one time an assistant in the department of English at our University, announces the appearance at an early date of a volume of his verse, to be issued from the presses of Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, of New York.

Any extended notice of Mr. Stockard's verse is unnecessary, since his work is doubtless familiar to the most of our readers. His sonnets especially have been warmly commended by many critics. The literary editor of the *Washington Post* says of him: "North Carolina has a promising poet in Henry Jerome Stockard. He has written some notable verses for *The Century* and other publications".

The price of the volume is one dollar. Subscriptions will be forwarded by our librarian, Mr. Wyche. We would do well to encourage literary work of such merit, in which as Carolinians we have an especial pride.

Handsomest yet Published Will be the Ninty-seven Annual.

The last batch of revised proof of the Annual was returned to the publishing firm, Messrs. Williams and Wilkins, of Baltimore, several days ago.

From an examination of the proof it appears that this year's Annual will perhaps be the handsomest yet gotten out. It contains two hundred pages, and is profusely illustrated, several drawings being from the pen of W. G. Randall, '84.

Expense has not been spared to make the '97 Annual one of the best of its kind. Its appearance may be expected by the first of May.

The Visiting Committee

Highly Pleased with the Condition of the University.

The members of the Visiting Committee of the Board of Trustees were on the Hill Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

It is composed of Col. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, V. S. Lusk, of Asheville, and Henry Weil, of Goldsboro. The various departments and buildings of the University were visited and examined and the Committeemen expressed themselves as highly pleased with the condition of affairs throughout.

Brief remarks were made by the several members of the Committee in the Chapel on Thursday morning.

The Glee and Mandolin Club.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs leave on Monday for an extended trip. The schedule includes dates at Winston, Danville, Richmond, Reidsville and Greensboro, the first performance being given at Winston on Monday night and one on each night of the week in the order given above.

The Clubs were well received on their Christmas trip and anticipate a successful time. They will return the following Saturday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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The SOUTHERN RAILWAY offers rate of one first class limited fare for the round-trip from all points on its lines to Charlotte, N. C. and return account of the above occasion. Tickets on sale May 17th to 21st inclusive, good to return until June 10th, 1897. Call any agents of the Southern Railway or its connections for complete information.

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