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There appeared last week in the state papers a call for a meeting in Greensboro of representatives from the different educational institutions in the State to consider the difficult problem of the elimination of professionalism in athletics, which has been for the past few years and is now an evil which menaces sport at its most vital point. We dare say that there is hardly a college or preparatory school in the State interested at all in athletics, which has not been tainted with professionalism, some are foul with it. The University has all along insisted upon the necessity for purity and has endeavored to keep herself clean, though there may have been times when it was spattered by this mud in spite of the efforts of those in authority.

The present move is a step in the right direction and we trust that it will do much good in clearing the way for pure, clean, wholesome sport, untainted by the presence of professionalism. We understand many of the difficulties in the way of the solution of this difficult problem, but we believe that if all the institutions will, in good faith, make a determined effort and will pull together they will find the solution not impossible.

It may be more within the province of the captain of the team than that of the editor of the TAR HEEL to criticise the team, but there is one feature to which we wish to call attention. We refer to the spiritless work of the daily practice games. The players do not seem to realize how far advanced the season is; within a few days we have our first game and yet their work is uniformly slow and spiritless. The Scrubs show far more spirit and enthusiasm, and this enthusiastic work manifests itself in more frequent run-getting than the 'Varsity. The infield is particularly afflicted with this listlessness. The ball is fielded slowly and frequently thrown wild, the base-running is slovenly, in fact the work of the whole team is by no means up to the standard. For the captain we have no words of criticism, he is working as hard as a captain ever worked, but the team responds too little to his efforts. Within two weeks we have games with La-Fayette, one of the strongest teams

we have to meet, and unless the team braces up decidedly we may have two defeats in place of the victories we should have.

We would like too to ask the student body to show a more lively appreciation of the team and exhibit some little enthusiasm in its behalf.

Enthusiasm is contagious and nothing helps a team so much as the knowledge that the entire college is with it, heart and soul.

THE UNIVERSITY FORUM.

What has become of it?

What has become of the University Forum? This is a question which is suggesting itself to many of the student body; and indeed, it seems to us to be a perfectly legitimate question to ask, as a review of the birth, life and death(?) of the organization will show. The facts in the case we all remember; they are these.

An active movement was wisely inaugurated by some members of the University about the middle of the fall-term, looking to the establishment of an organization which should meet once a month to discuss in a free and easy way, the general happenings of the month, and to exchange views upon matters of general import. The meetings were to be one hour long, and in them any member of the University having an idea which he deemed worthy of mention was requested to state it for the benefit of all.

The object was to have nothing ultra-formal, neither worthlessly trivial. It was to be a general coming together of the thinking men of the University for mutual consultation upon current topics; its purpose was to stimulate greater interest in current matters.

So far, all good and well; by means of it a pressing need in our life here, it was hoped would be met. Such was the belief of its promoters, and such, we believe was the hope of those who lent the movement their active aid.

After effecting an organization the committee on arrangements provided for the first meeting at which the South African question was discussed.

The programme on this occasion was only partially carried out for lack of time, and so the outcome it must be confessed, was not exactly that desired by the supporters of the scheme; yet the meeting was far from being barren of real benefit to those in attendance. Nor was the attendance in the least discouraging. The greater part of the student body together with a large number of townspeople were present.

Since then there has been no meeting, nor any attempt at one. Why is this? If a different method of procedure was desired, it could easily have been provided for by the Committee who were endowed with plenary powers in that matter. If it was desirable to strictly limit the time of individual speakers, as necessity would probably suggest, that too was an easy matter. If too much formalism was observed, an easy remedy could have been found for that also.

In short, since on the whole the one meeting held was so promising for the future of the organization,

there seems no reason why the interest in the matter should be allowed to flag. With the experience of the first trial as a guide, it seems to us that changing the things to be changed, the meeting of the organization should have become more interesting and more helpful as time went on.

Why does not the Committee bestir themselves and arrange for another meeting?

The Hellenian.

The Editor-in-chief of the 1900 Hellenian has placed in a conspicuous place in the library a box into which can be placed anything that a student may wish to contribute to the publication. It is hoped by this means that the college at large may have a chance to get in touch with the editors and still not necessitate any sort of publicity. Anyone desiring to contribute to the publication can either drop the matter in the box, or if preferable, hand it to the editor-in-chief.

Although the Hellenian is edited and gotten out by one element in our college life, yet it is hoped that we can include the college as a whole, better by this plan.

We believe that there is a great deal of wit and talent among the students. Now why cannot we find some of that displayed in our publication? Let the author of the "Kissing Song" try his pen again and give us some of his attempts. Any contributions such as stories, poems, jokes, sketches, drags and such like will be gladly received by the editors. All the matter is to become the property of the Hellenian.

For the best story one copy of the Hellenian will be given and one for the best poem, the decision being rendered by a suitable committee.

Dr. Chas. Hunter Ross, professor of Modern languages in the Alabama Polytechnic Institution, died at El Paso, Texas, a few weeks ago.

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