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There was at one time this year some talk of starting up out-door basketball. The idea was to fix up the old court near the gymnasium and the tennis courts. If it is going to be started then the sooner it is done the better it will be.

Last Saturday we began the season by chopping the first hill in a long, hard row. There we were very successful, extracting thirteen weeds without letting the plant get hurt. We are all proud of the good results obtained by the workers. But the row ahead of us is full of hills that will take a whole darned sight more of work before we extract any more weeds than the one last Saturday took. That, though, is what makes it interesting. Let's sharpen our hoes good and go out after some more weeds. Another hill Saturday, Gentlemen. Let's be out and see the job well done.

"All contributions thankfully accepted" is the advertisement that both the Magazine and the Yackety Yack have posted in every conspicuous place in college and about town. The sign stares at one from a position behind the plate glass of the Post Office, and glares down with haughty contours from a position of vantage on the top of the flag pole. In the class room every time the instructor tries to say something funny a patent device pops out in gilt letters on the black-board and says "Contribute That To The Magazine", while another, not to be outdone, drops down from the ceiling with "That's The Stuff For The Yackety Yack". At the Athletic field one cannot have a quiet hour of excitement without being disturbed by some kind of infernal device appearing with the information that "THAT" is wanted for publication. Indeed so numerous and nefarious are the advertising devices in use there that the park fence has fallen under the weight put upon it. In every room in college where there is to be found a crowd of loafers there are signs that continually pop out from the corners, the walls, the book shelf, the radiator and the what-not, telling you to writet hat up for publication. While at the well there is a huge revolving creation made up of all kinds of lights and peculiar things bearing the sign: "Every Body's Doing It Now. What? Contributing To The Publications Of Course."

**THE WRONG SYSTEM**

The system, or lack of system, by which the University is run is fundamentally wrong. It is like an inverted pyramid with the president on the bottom doing all of the work, and the other officers of the administration resting upon him. It should be the other way—the president resting upon the other executive officers. One man cannot, however able though he may be, run an institution having eight hundred students, sixty men in the faculty, all kinds of laboratories, a printing shop, two boarding houses, dormitories, gymnasium, infirmary, campus, forest land, academic, law, pharmacy, and medical departments—and do it well. It is too much to expect of any one man.

Under the present system the University is an one man institution. The trustees have given the president the power to appoint the executive committee of the trustees. The executive committee of the trustees has given him the power to appoint the executive committee of the faculty. They have also given him the power to override any decision made by that executive committee of the faculty, and to override the vote of the whole faculty on any issue. If the president had influence enough with the committee of the legislature he might even secure the appointment as trustees of men who were his personal friends. We do not mean to suggest by this at all that the president uses any influence which he may have to secure the appointment of his friends as trustees. Neither would we have anyone think that we mean by this that the president is inefficient or that he has not done his duties with absolute devotion to the institution. We merely mean to say that the system is a bad one and is full of possibilities and dangers.

What is needed here is a system of administration under which all the work will not devolve upon one man. It should be more evenly divided and consequently more efficiently performed. Under the present system all the responsibility devolves upon one man. He is expected to look after the finances, advertising, securing of supplies, changes in the faculty, policies, and everything else of the University.

This is too much work, too much responsibility, and too much power for one man to have. The system should be changed and more people given a say-so and some work to do in the running of things here.

Bathing in itself is all right. To those who are interested in that form of amusement there comes no great amount of harm from participation except an occasional cold or two to the ones who are injudicious in the selection of the time and the place of their baths. We are rather inclined to agree with those who say that it is good for one. In fact we have enough faith in them and in their theory to take one ourselves every Saturday afternoon. There is one particular about which we differ with them though; and that is the time of bathing. We don't believe in going out to the Athletic Field, standing on the side lines watching the practice until it is over, and the players, hot and sweating have started in to get their bath, and rushing in and beating them to it, making them stand around on the cold cement floor waiting until we who have had nothinw to

do during the whole afternoon, have proven to the world by our example that we really and truly believe in an occasional bath every once in a while.

There are a few more choice Athletic Association tickets for sale to our friends and patrons. We have reserved these especially for you. Right this way, Ladies and Gentlemen, the first performance begins on Saturday. Get your ticket now and avoid the rush.

The various class football teams have begun practise and are consequently in need of men. Each year there are a few men who go out and work for their class on the field. Also each year there are some who can play ball just as well as those who go out, but who either have not enough class loyalty to go out, or else with that supreme kind of individualism characteristic of a certain well-known hybrid, wait for the other men to beg them to go out for the team.

We are glad to see that the Y. M. C. A. has gone to the expense of fitting up the reading room with some good magazines and news-papers. They have recently subscribed to about fifty dollars worth of new papers. This gives them a place that will be a great convenience to the students. They now have the News and Observer, The Washington Post, Review Of Reviews, Literary Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Lippencot's, and a number of other good papers. The reading room is open to the students at all hours and makes a fine place to drop in for a little pleasant and useful recreation.



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