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While students are crying "Freedom" and "Radicalism" it would be well to see towards whom those cries are directed. Usually faculty, methods of teaching, and conservative customs suffer from these outbursts, but it is possible that more lasting good and greater innovations would be wrought should those remarks be turned towards the self-made chains which bind the student.

In the first place, the majority of students are slaves to the opinions of the faculty. No broad-minded instructor will require or even wish that opinions of those whom he teaches coincide with his own. The instructor strives to make the others think for themselves; the student, on the other hand, cringes and bows before the things he believes the teacher to like. He takes the part of a mental slave and makes of the instructor an unwilling taskmaster—a procedure both unfair and debasing.

This state of affairs is partly due to the desire for marks. Many a student believes that if teacher likes him he will get a good mark, but if some member of the faculty is "against" him, he will fail. Theoretically he takes a course because he wants to obtain from it all that he can, he studies late in order to profit as much as possible; but, actually, the average student works either because of ambitions for high grades or through fear of low ones. Whether or not grades are a fair test is a mooted question; whether or not a student should work for grades alone can be unquestioned. Yet many are they who insult their own self respect and alienate their instructors by gliding deceitfully in the shadow of the opinions of others. Colleges are supposed to develop thinkers and leaders, not spineless followers.

### FOOTBALL EXACTS HEAVY PENALTY.

On Saturday afternoon foot ball again took its toll in broken bones and in destruction of human life. The Winston-Salem High School paid dearly for the game which was played against Charlotte—a game which was a fair, clean one but which, nevertheless, through no one's fault, had dire results.

Leo Caldwell was a boy of whom any school might well be proud; he gladly gave his all, and followed his own last instructions to "fight to the last breath." The spirit of that sacrifice was one worthy of pride it spoke of the loyalty, love, and enthusiasm towards the things for which he fought, but the sacrifice itself was useless. The pleasure which many years of foot ball can give to numerous spectators can never atone for the loss of one life.

Football is a game which the players enjoy to the utmost, and one which outsiders thrill to view, but so long as the rules permit opportunity for the many serious injuries which constantly occur, it should be abolished. An accident similar to that which occurred Saturday afternoon may not happen in one season, in five, or ten; but since such things do happen, improvements in this fascinating but dangerous sport, should be demanded, and this demand must come from the college and high school students themselves.

### The Davidsonian.

The Davidson-Carolina game is to be played at Chapel Hill on Saturday, November 17th. Final decision as to the site of the game was made last week by the athletic authorities of the universities of North Carolina.

Trinity game will be played in Winston-Salem on Saturday, November 11.

### Intercollegiate News.

Three of the most prominent students at Oxford are at present in this country for the purpose of debating eastern colleges. The schedules in eastern colleges. The schedules includes appearance at such schools as Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, and Cornell.



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