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## What the Boys Are Talking About.

"It is just like I tell you boys," he remarked to the loafers on the East building steps: "it takes three things to make a ball team; men, money and enthusiasm; and you can't have a team that's worth a cent without all three. Now we've got the men, and good ones too, but they can't make a winning team unless we supply the money and the enthusiasm. They've got to have the money for guarantees and to buy suits and for their other necessary expenses, and we have got to subscribe it for them. The managers were going around only the other night, and of course I gave them something. I am going to give them more and I'll double the whole pile if they beat Virginia. Half the games are to be played right here on the Hill too and we have got to pay to see them, and the man that's caught peeping over the fence, or up a tree, or in the South building windows or any other place where they can see the game for nothing, deserves to be run away from here. It's downright stealing, that's all there is about it, and must be stopped.

"Then there's that enthusiasm I was talking about too, that goes as far toward making a good team as any other one thing. The bleachers out in the Park are just as good a place to loaf these afternoons as you can find, besides going out there shows that you take some interest in the team; and nine men aint going to play good ball for themselves. That's all I've got to say on the subject, but I believe we will put out a winning team if we support 'em right."

"Yes, you are right there," said another, "but our interest ought not to be taken up exclusively with base-ball, for there are lots of fellows 'round here who, like me, neither know nor care anything about base-ball beyond seeing a good game. I don't take any interest in seeing a practice game, and I don't go out. Now it seems to me that the athletic spirit ought to be led into other lines than base-ball and foot-ball, and I know the effort is being made and the captain of a track athletic team has been elected. He can't make a team by himself though, and it has got to be supported just as much if not more than the ball team, because it is a new thing here, or never has been any more than a pretence.

"And then there's tennis. Why can't we form a tennis team, and play some of the other colleges? We've got some good players, and if we are going to try to make any record in athletics there's one of our chances, and it seems to me we ought to try it."

"Well, not changing the subject at all," remarked a third, "*College Topics* tried to give us a little wiper in the issue before the last, but seems to me that I've heard a proverb to the effect that it is considered dangerous for those who inhabit a vitreous mansion to indulge their proclivities for throwing fragments of granite. That article was a daisy, I tell you. Sounded like the fellow who wrote it was laboring under a fit of indigestion or something of that sort. And then the one in last week's paper about our football playing. The two reminded me of a fellow who comes along and bangs you one in the eye and then tells you a joke to make you laugh and forget it.

"Well there's the bell, let's go and listen to old Pres's jokes."

## Base-ball Notes.

Capt. Oldham has weeded out the candidates until now only about twenty-four remain. In a few days another revision will be made.

The practice games of the past few days have shown a dangerous weakness at First and behind the bat. None of the aspirants for First have more than a "working hypothesis" as to how the position should be played. Pat Stanley remarked during a game last week, to the First Baseman, "You must get used to them low ones" just as a low thrown liner from his own hand passed gracefully between the baseman's legs, and that just about tells the situation on First. Farrell, Bailey, Steele, and Henderson are the nominees for this place with Bailey and Henderson slightly ahead in the running. Bailey is the most graceful player that ever donned the U. N. C. monogram, but he does not play on his shape. He is a hard, faithful worker and should make an excellent man. We are hardly able to criticize his work closely as his time has been divided between backstop and First. His throwing is strong but not always accurate.

Henderson has the height for good First and receives accurate throwing very well, but does not go for a low ball with any degree of confidence. He throws fairly well.

Steele also has the build for a good First, and goes for every thing with proper dash and vim. He receives accurate throwing well, but fails to get "bad 'uns."

Farrell is a hard worker and with a little more knowledge of the game would make a good fielder, but is out of his depth at First. His throwing is accurate and often unnecessarily speedy.

At Second, Belden has been playing a steady, even game. He covers the ground well and takes a throw from the plate very properly.

At Short, McRae has been doing only fairly well. He handles grounders very neatly, and throws well at times, but does not cover the territory.

At Third, Johnson F., is pushing Slocumb pretty close, or rather they both seem to be doing equally well in fielding the position. Johnson might put a little more ginger in his play and not hurt it. He fields well and throws accurately, but might cover more ground than he does.

The outfield seems to be in a promising condition, but we are unable to criticize it yet as our attention has been this week directed toward the infield. Johnson, C. behind the bat has not shown up particularly strong. He seems to get dazed every time he has a passed ball.

Next week our remarks, with a glance at the outfield, will be confined wholly to batting and base running.

Slocumb had a sudden attack of paresis last week. He picked up a swift grounder, clasped it lovingly to his breast until a man had scored, then carefully tossed it to Stephens.

Stanley is developing a theory he has formed on "How to keep base runners from Scoring... Capt. Oldham got worsted in an argument with him on the subject but, Collier seemed to have no trouble in his discussion of it.

It is not asking too much of the students when they are requested to stay

out of the ball field. The backstop was not erected for loafers, but for ball playing purposes. When all the seats are full we have no doubt that Capt. Oldham will allow spectators to come in around side lines, but while there is no reason to cover valuable space with your lazy corporosities.

Trinity and Durham have organized a cooperative Ball Team and are busy arranging a schedule. Quarles, Keefer and Lanier have been engaged and will begin work this week.

Some of the State papers say that Smith, Stafford and Honeycutt have forsaken the Va. League for the Southern League. If this be true, what will Wake Forest do?

Oak Ridge is preparing to put out a fine team this year, anybody who knows Sol. Mason, knows that he can do as much with a team as can be done.

Ross Robertson writes that he will be back some time in the near future. Why not say "After the Boston games," Ross?

## Alpha Theta Phi at Vanderbilt

The honorary society of the University, Alpha Theta Phi, upon the recommendation of Dr. Tolman, has granted a charter to the second chapter of the society at Vanderbilt, and seven of the Senior class have been initiated. The *Vanderbilt Hustler* says:

A long felt want at Vanderbilt has at last been supplied by the organization of a Senior Society upon the basis of scholarship alone. This was consummated last week by the receipt of a charter franchising the Beta Chapter of Alpha Theta Phi.

The movement was set on foot about Christmas by a few members of the Senior class, whose object was to obtain a charter from Phi Beta Kappa, the society of this character of national reputation as the oldest of all the college fraternities. Dr. H. C. Tolman who is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, was visited and the project was laid before him. He was most heartily in favor of the movement, and to his enthusiastic assistance is due the speedy and satisfactory conclusion above announced.

In fact, Dr. Tolman had organized a local society at the University of North Carolina last year, modeled closely after Phi Beta Kappa, its chief features being non-secrecy and the attainment of a certain scholarship as sole condition of admission. The objects of organization were to elevate the standard of scholarship in the University and incidentally to obtain a charter from Phi Beta Kappa. The society took the name of Alpha Theta Phi, and adopted a gold triangle, suitably engraved, worn as a watch charm for its badge. Several applications for charters of this society were received from various Southern colleges, but it was decided that promiscuous extension would injure their chances for the wished-for charter, so none were granted.

Vanderbilt may be congratulated that her standard of scholarship is recognized as such that when an application for a charter was made through Dr. Tolman, it was gladly granted; its receipt last week completed the organization of the Beta Chapter; it is not probable, for reasons above given, that any more chapters will be granted, and it is hoped, in spite of the well-known conservatism of Phi Beta Kappa, that, with the help of the

members of that society in the faculties of the two institutions, charters will be procured within a few years at most.

## The Alumni Associations.

A few years ago, there were organized in many towns in the State, branches of the University Alumni Associations. We have, for some time, heard nothing of these Associations. Some of them have fallen into "innocuous desuetude;" the others, so far as we know, are doing nothing. The cause is not far to seek: they had nothing to do.

We should like to a revival of these associations, and the establishment of others: then let all unite in the one work of securing official recognition of the *Alumni* on the Board of Trustees, and in such other parts of the University work as it may seem advisable for them to be recognized.

There are enough loyal *Alumni* in North Carolina to give the University a sure foot-hold in the State.

The attacks that have been made upon the institution may be divided in two classes: those born of malicious hatred and narrow minded jealousy, and those born of an ignorance of the University and its true relation to the people of the State.

The first-named class of attacks need not be noticed—those making them are too few in number to do any harm, and too prejudiced to reason. But the second class deserves courteous treatment. They are fair minded men; but they have had but one side of the question placed before them, and that the anti-University side. The facts about the University they have had no means of getting, so they have been obliged to accept the misrepresentations of its enemies.

Properly organized, Alumni Associations could do much towards setting these people right in their views.

Five years work would so set before the people of the State the relation of the University to public education, that an effort to cripple it, or even to prevent its growth, would be utterly harmless.

## Track Athletics.

A meeting of all the students interested in track athletics was held in the Math. room on Saturday afternoon. D. Lindsey was called to the chair and Harry Howell was made Secretary. The sentiment of the meeting was that the University should be represented by a track team, and that one should be trained this season. W. E. Breese, law, was elected captain of the team, and he notified all candidates to meet him at the gymnasium on the following Monday at 3 o'clock.

## Senior Class Meeting.

The Senior Class met on last Saturday at 3 p. m., President Myers in the chair. The committee on class photographer reported that they had received remarkably good rates from J. H. Faber, a Norfolk photographer, who would give fifty cabinets for \$4.50. The class voted that each member should buy fifty photographs at 4.50, and authorized the committee, Graham, Howell and Moore, to engage Mr. Faber.

It was decided that the names of the class should not be printed on the Commencement invitations.