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We hear that there are to be several investigations in regard to cheating on examinations. This is undoubtedly right and the classes or societies should push their investigations forward and keep our honor system without taint and above reproach. We can not afford to have it otherwise.

We pity any one who shall be proved guilty, but, at the same time, we recognize that it is time to call a halt and to teach those who have no honor, that the student body will have honor at any cost. It seems that this can only be done by stringent methods. So we say, proceed with your investigations and if there are guilty men among you, expel them and cleanse your name and the name of the University from disgrace.

Some time ago an effort was made to hold an Inter-collegiate Tennis Tournament. But, through various reasons, the Association had to abandon the plan as the invitations to enter did not meet with acceptance except from a very few colleges.

Since then Tennis seems to be on the wane and there has been little or no interest taken in it lately.

While we regret very much that the other colleges of the South could not accept our invitation, we see no reason why it should decrease the interest in tennis.

What is the matter with playing the University of Virginia on the morning of the 25th. of April in Danville? Our base ball game with them takes place on that date and we think it would add much toward making the day more interesting if the game of tennis could be arranged, probably, without much trouble and expense, and we wish that our Tennis association would consider the matter.

As to Virginia, we believe their principal reasons for not accepting our former invitation would not hold good on this date, and we know of no reason which would keep her from sending her tennis players to Danville. At any rate, we hope that the Tennis association will give her the invitation.

Every man in the University has a certain amount of leisure. No one's work should consume all of his time. Nature demands a certain amount of rest. As exercise is a part of a college course the leisure exists after this requirement has been satisfied.

Some students spend this leisure in taking more exercise than is required by nature; some spend it in loafing; some in reading, and it is to this class that we wish to speak.

This method of recreation often leads to the contraction of a very bad habit—reading merely to pass away the moment.

There is a time when light reading is injurious. It will cause you not only to spend your leisure hours to no advantage, but has a tendency to make you neglect your required duties. An interesting novel has been begun and must be finished even at the expense of required work.

No benefit is gained from such a course of reading, you are searching for nothing and so find nothing.

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Systematize your reading and you will see that a great deal can be learned while spending your leisure hours.

There is a decided need for a closer relation between the alumni and the University. It has been in existence for a number of years, and is at present very noticeable.

The students have recognized it in many cases and have felt the lack of some closer relation and some stronger bond between ourselves and them.

We are in receipt of a letter from a young alumnus in which he urges the establishment of an "Alumni Department" in the THE TAR HEEL. He says: "What we need is an "Alumni Body", working in harmony with the "Student Body", and their President. To accomplish this, we need a department in your paper devoted exclusively to the Alumni."

The columns of THE TAR HEEL have always been open to the Alumni and to them has been extended a special invitation to send us communications.

We will be very glad indeed to establish such a department, believing that it would do much to increase the interest of the Alumni in our college life and in the progress of the University. But we do not see how it would be possible without the aid and co-operation of the Alumni themselves. So far we have not had enough encouragement from them to believe that such a department would be a success.

But we do not wish to be unjust to them. Their interest may be in existence, and only needing such a stimulus to give it life. So we invite any and all of them to give us their views on the subject, for publication or not, and if we see that such a department would be a success, we will be glad indeed to establish it, and will give them a member of the paper's staff whose duty it shall be to look out for their interests exclusively.

The congregation of Oxford, England, has rejected a resolution to allow women to take the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

At one time, the Athletic Association was supposed to embrace in its membership every student in the University. At that time no fee was charged nor was there any thing that could be called athletic dues. The support of our teams depended entirely on the voluntary subscriptions. These subscriptions were then sufficient for our athletic interests, as our games were almost entirely on our grounds or only a short distance from the Hill.

Then came a time in which the growth of athletics far surpassed the growth of any other branch of University life. With the growth came an increase in expenses but no adequate provision was made to meet them. It is true that a fee of fifty cents a term was necessary to be a member of the Athletic Association. But this did not meet the requirement. Men, who did not wish to give anything, refused to do so and the majority of those who did have enough college spirit to wish to aid in supporting our teams did not subscribe much more than just enough to make them members of the Association.

The result is that we are in debt heavily, several good games could not be arranged, and the advisory committee and managers are handicapped, so that they can do neither themselves, the teams or the University justice in the schedule of games. Also such an arrangement has had a tendency to make the attendance at the meetings only a small per cent of what they should be, and, even when important business is before the Association, only a few take part in the discussion or seem to care what is decided.

Another result is that by far the larger part of the expenses is borne by a minority of the students.

Truly, we have a sad state of affairs, to be deeply deplored and, if possible, remedied.

If some remedy is not found, we will be compelled either to have our teams handicapped at the start or to increase the debt of the Association. With their usual wisdom, the managers and advisory committee will not permit the latter and we are compelled to submit to the first.

Is there no remedy? We think there is one which will greatly decrease, and in time remove the existing evils. So we would like to submit a plan for the consideration of the Association, urging them to adopt it with any necessary modifications.

The plan is this: amend the constitution so that every member must pay certain athletic dues for the session, paying half at an early date in each term. Also insert some article which would compel men to pay their dues promptly.

We think that four dollars a session, half to be paid by University Day and half by Washington's birthday, together with a law fixing the penalty for non-payment within that time as expulsion from the Association, would fill the bill.

Now a few points as regards the plan.

We have some men in the University who are able, yet they do not give Athletics a cent, simply because they have not enough love for the

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