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The Inauguration of President Alderman.

Next Wednesday the Festive Day— The Program.

Next Wednesday will be one of the festive days in the history of our University. At that time Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, the recently elected President, will formally assume the reins of government. During the past few months, Dr. Alderman has filled this difficult position with wisdom and ability. We welcome his inauguration as a great day for the University. People of prominence from this State and other states will gather in Chapel Hill to participate in the ceremonies. The Legislature will attend in a body and the newly elected Governor will grace the occasion. In the afternoon a gymnasium contest will take place, the second in the series.

The following is the program:

Music—Mandolin Club.

Prayer—B. F. Dixon, D.D.

Hymn—Glee Club.

Address on behalf of the students—R. H. Wright.

Address on the part of the faculty—K. P. Battle.

Induction of the President into office—His Excellency Daniel L. Russell, Governor of North Carolina.
Response by President Alderman.
Music—the Glee Club.
Congratulatory address—William R. Harper, President of Chicago University.

Congratulatory address, Nicholas Murray Butler, Professor in Columbia University, New York.

Inaugural Address—President Alderman.

Music—Glee Club.

Benediction.

Music—The Mandolin Club.

The Presiding officer of the occasion will be Thomas S. Kenan, President of the Alumni Association.

The procession will form at the President's office at a quarter before twelve o'clock.

Public Lectures by the Faculty.

The following public lectures will be delivered in Gerrard Hall by members of the Faculty this Spring:

Jan. 28th, Prof. Battle, on "The North Carolina Constitution for the past One Hundred Years."

Feb. 12th, Prof. Harrington—"A Day in Rome."

Feb. 26th, Prof. Gore—"The History of the Calendar."

March 12th, Prof. Hume—"The Making of the English Bible."

March 26th, Prof. Wilson—"A Zoological Trip to the Bahama Islands."

April 9th, Prof. Ball—"Homer."

April 23rd, Prof. Williams—"Philosophy and Life."

May 7th, Prof. Cobb—"Living Seas and Dead Lakes."

Base-Ball.

The athletic field presents a very lively and gratifying spectacle these afternoons. It is taxed to its utmost by the enthusiastic candidates for the base-ball team, and what with all the hitting and chasing of the wary sphere a very inspiring picture is made. Sixty or seventy have applied so far. A glance at the men shows a very large proportion of these to be of little experience and far below Varsity standard; but there is left abundant material to build a good team from. Besides, the first practices have shown the men full of dash and spirit and there has been no loitering; everything has gone off with snap.

Captain Stanley will, on his return next Monday, be met by a college of loyal supporters and a quota of applicants far above the average both in quantity and quality.

It is thought best for several reasons not to publish the schedule of games for the Spring until late in the season. When all the arrangements are completed the schedule will be made public. It is of interest to note, however, that for the first time Virginia will play us on our own ground. Twice in the past we have played them at Charlottesville winning the first and losing the second. It will be a pleasure to have the Virginians with us and we must do all in our power to make their stay a pleasant one while they are our guests.

We meet a new antagonist this Spring in the University of Pennsylvania. A series of two games will enable us to test their powers. Let us hope that the *White and Blue* will come out first in the struggle. Yale and Princeton will again try conclusions with us, and we expect to greet our old friends Lafayette and Lehigh once more. It is always a pleasure to have these gentlemen with us.

The schedule, as far as arranged, is the best we have ever had. Now let every son of the University show himself loyal and stretch every nerve to help Captain Stanley put out the best team the University has ever had, one which will rival or excel the phenomenal record of last Spring.

Second Indoor Athletic Contest.

The second indoor athletic contest will take place on the afternoon of January 27th at 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The program will consist of

1. Pull up. (Chiuning.)
2. Running high jump.
3. Skipping rope; two minutes.
4. Standing broad jump.
5. Potato race; ten potatoes.

Every one is invited to see this contest.

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Monday, J. G. Crawford.
Tuesday, E. A. Abernethy.
Wednesday, Mr. Cheatham.
Thursday, Missionary Meeting by Mr. Mechling. Medical missions.

Georgia Letter.

After a delightful Christmas vacation of two weeks the University of Georgia reopened for the Spring Session on the 5th of January. Twenty new students registered, the three hundred mark was passed and our records in attendance was broken. Never before in its history has the University had over 280 members, and consequently this event was looked upon as one of importance both by the students and the faculty.

At the last session of the legislature \$14,000 were appropriated for a new building, which when finished is to be occupied by the department of Electrical Engineering; and will relieve us from the cramped position in which we have been placed.

Our new athletic field which is being constructed, will perhaps be the prettiest in the South. It is beautifully situated, and is going to add much to the appearance of the campus. Heretofore our base-ball teams have been compelled to seek other grounds, but upon the completion of this field, they will have an abundance of territory.

The event of the month will be the performance of the Thalian Drammatic Club, for the benefit of the Athletic Association. This organization is composed of a number of excellent actors and musicians, and has afforded much amusement and pleasure to the students since its advent in college.

Casper Whitney's write-up of our foot-ball team, and the place he accorded us in Southern athletics were cause of much gratification to all our students. This year a strenuous effort will be made even to eclipse the record of the invincibles of '96. Kent, who has played at tackle for three years is the new captain.

Just at present the prospects for a crack base-ball team are indeed bright. Though only three of last year's men are back, yet an abundance of good material can be found among the new men; and Hugh S. Jennings, Baltimore's famous short-stop, has been secured to coach us again this year for thirty days. The class games are to begin late in February and by the first of April the Varsity will be selected.

Our track team, which will be under an able trainer, is going to Nashville in May for the first time, to take part in the Inter-collegiate Meet. The University holds two of the world's records, and we are expecting great things of the team this season.

Our new magazine, "The Georgian," which made its appearance into the field of journalism last fall, has met with wonderful success, and has aroused much enthusiasm in college.

Taking everything into consideration the session '96-'97 so far, has been a glorious one, one that has fully satisfied the members of the University, as well as its supporters and admirers.

With best wishes,
The Red and Black.

Athletic Association.

A Boom For the Incoming Base-Ball Team.

A meeting of the General Athletic Association was called last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of "booming" our base-ball interests both by encouraging speeches and by pecuniary assistance to the management.

Dr. Venable, Dr. Baskerville, Messrs. W. J. Bellamy, R. H. Wright, D. B. Smith, W. S. Howard and others made short talks, and offered suggestions about "running" the team of '97.

After this contribution lists were passed around, and within a few minutes one hundred and seventy-two dollars were raised as a "starter."

This is a fine beginning and promises a subscription from the students and faculty of at least four hundred dollars, after which the alumni, as usual, will come forward with their customary generosity. With this start the present Manager, Mr. Howard, will begin on a firm foundation and the season will be a most successful one in every way.

The team of the incoming Spring will have the best schedule of games ever arranged before, and many important contests will take place on our home grounds. Almost the first of these is with the University of Virginia on March 27, so the season promises to possess a special interest for Chapel Hillians.

Report of Committee on Absences.

Adopted Jan. 11.

1 In case of students whose absences in a given month amount to 25 per cent. or more of the regular class meetings, and who fail to stand the examination prescribed for such absence, it is left to the discretion of the instructor to retain them in the class.

2. Students who are absent from class during the months of December or May as much as 25 per cent. of the actual meetings of the class, must stand an examination for these months, before being entitled to any grade on term examination.

This special examination is to be held in connection with the regular term examination or at some time during the examination period.

3. Students who are absent during either term as much as 33 1-3 per cent. of the regular class-meetings, except in case of prolonged sickness necessitating at least 1-2 of the absences, may at the discretion of the instructor be debarred from standing the term examination.

Ball Managers Elected.

At the regular time (the second Saturday after college opens in January) the Commencement Ball Managers were elected as follows:

C. R. Dey, '98, Chief; T. N. Webb, '98, R. E. Follin, '98, Percy Whitaker, '98, R. S. Busbee, '98, M. Bellamy, '99, and P. A. Gorrell, '99, subs.

Marshals will be elected on Saturday, the 22nd.