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Before our next issue, representatives from the University of Georgia will have met our own in the great annual inter-collegiate debate. Of the three debates already held Carolina has won two and we believe that a third consecutive victory will soon be placed to her credit. Georgia however is also determined to win; their debaters are eloquent and thoroughly posted and honor awaits alike both the defeated and the victorious.

The good influence of these debates is difficult to estimate. To them is largely owing the revival of interest in debating and in the general welfare of the literary societies. They have served too to cement the cordial relations existing between our sister southern university and ourselves, and this alone would be sufficient reason for their continuance.

It gives us pleasure to welcome this year to Carolina the representatives of the University of Georgia. We have twice now been the recipients of most generous hospitality at their hands and we shall be glad as hosts to show our appreciation of their treatment of us when their guests.

In a vigorous editorial in the March number of the *University Magazine*, the practice much in vogue in the preparatory schools of this State of choosing instructors rather for their athletic prowess than their scholarly ability is commented upon and severely criticised. The TAR HEEL wishes to endorse heartily every word said therein. It is time that attention be called to this state of affairs before the disease of preferring athletic distinction above all else saps the life and destroys the highest usefulness of these institutions for secondary education. At present the trend of sentiment in these schools seems to be that cultivation of the mind is of purely secondary importance to winning victories on the gridiron or diamond and wherever the two considerations come into conflict the educational life suffers.

Nor does the craving for this distinction satisfy itself by the employment of instructors whose principal and often sole qualification is their athletic ability. On the teams of most of the preparatory schools of this State are found men who at-

tend the schools not from the desire to improve their mental equipment but solely because the principals of these schools offer very substantial "inducements" to them to attend during the baseball and football season. Of the preparatory schools of this State which lay claim to any athletic reputation those are indeed few which do not largely depend upon paid men, "professionals," to uphold their reputation. At some of these institutions *bona fide* students are very little in evidence on the teams, their places are taken by instructors and "induced" athletes. It would appear that professionalism after having been driven from most of the colleges by the force of public opinion has taken complete possession of the schools.

This is indeed a distressing state of affairs, it is high time that it be remedied before a complete demoralization of the ethics of sport results. At present the desire to win by any means whatever bids fair to destroy the usefulness of athletics, merely to gain some little advertisement. What a farce it is to read that "the ——— School defeated the ——— School yesterday" when it is known that the majority of players on either teams are not really representative of the school, their interest in it being measured merely by the dollars and cents they receive as "expenses" and "inducements." The purpose of college and school athletics should never be advertisement of an institution but the development of sound bodies, clear brains and honorable conduct, and this purpose is thwarted whenever professionalism is allowed to creep in.

The remedy is not to be found in any association with a system of espionage upon the players by some guardian of athletic morals but in the determination of every institution to rid itself of this destructive blight; to keep itself clean.

### Warning.

In justice to the readers of the *Tar Heel* we must say that two of the firms which have been advertising with us are not reliable. That under the head, "Bureau of Civil Instruction, Washington, D. C.", has been declared fraudulent by order of Post Office Department, and also that known as the "Union Teachers' Agency of America, Rev. L. D. Bass, D.D., Washington, D. C."

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### The Tennis Tournament.

The long talked of tennis tournament has begun and although bad weather has caused a large number of matches to be postponed it is progressing very well and probably before next week's issue of the TAR HEEL some fortunate player will have won the title of Champion of college in singles.

Up to date the following games have been played.

Howell vs Aycock—  
won by Howell, 6-2 6-3  
Berkeley G. vs Gordon—  
won by Berkeley, 6-0 6-2  
Smathers vs Lamb—  
won by Lamb, 6-0 0-5 6-3  
Sibley vs Haywood—  
won by Haywood, 8-8 6-2

Worth G. vs Rankin—  
won by Rankin, 6-4 6-3  
Graves L. vs Howell—  
won by Graves, 6-0 6-1  
Rankin L. vs Haywood—  
won by Rankin by default  
London vs Short—  
won by London 6-0 6-2  
Berkeley vs Lamb—  
won by Berkely, 7-5 6-1

The prizes are three in number. First prize for singles. Prize for class doubles and consolation prize to be played for by those that are beaten on the first round.

### Track Notes.

The Final Trials of the Track Team last Thursday proved quite successful. All the events were run off in regular order except the shot put and hammer throw, which were deferred to another day owing to the sickness of one or two of the men. The following men compose the team including subs:

Osborne, Croswell, Ramsay, Gudger, Thorpe, Lucas, Berkeley, Curtis, McIver, Oldham, Hearn, Cates, Linville, Drane, Rankin, Reynolds, Elliot, Foust, Burgess.

The last five men were selected by the Instructor, although a final trial has not been made in their event. They are entirely capable to hold their position on the team. We wish it plainly understood that these positions are wholly tentative and any student who is eligible, may displace any one of these men should he prove himself a better man.

The team met Saturday evening and elected Mr. Francis Osborne captain. Mr. Osborne is a capable and energetic captain and is giving enthusiastic attention to the needs of his men.

Through the kindness of Prof. Toy the Commons Committee has established two training tables where the team can, without any inconvenience to themselves or others, restrict themselves to a wholesome diet.

Several suggestions have been offered in regard to a regulation track suit. This year we will have white pants with a blue stripe and a blue and white ribbon thrown across the shoulder.

### Track Meet Programme.

The programme of the North Carolina Inter Collegiate Contests in Field and Track Athletics for the State Championship is given below. This list gives events in the order of their occurrence.

- I. 120 yds. hurdle.
- II. 100 yds. dash.
- III.  $\frac{1}{4}$  quarter of mile foot race.
- III. 1 mile foot race.
- V. 220 yds. hurdle race.
- VI.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile foot race.
- VII. 220 yds. foot race.
- VIII. Running high jump.
- IX. Putting 16 lb. shot.
- X. Throwing 16 lb. hammer.
- XI. Running broad jump.
- XII. Pole vault.
- XIII. One mile relay race.

Georgetown will send a team to compete in the Olympian games at Paris.

The Pennsylvania Olympic team will probably enter the Championship games at Berlin and Vienna as well as at London and Paris.

### Recent Baseball Scores.

Cornell 7, Mercer 1.  
" 7, Georgia 3.  
" 20, " 8.  
" 14, " 7.  
Georgetown 11, Lafayette 3.  
Trinity 6, " 4.  
" 3, " 10.  
" 7, Cornell 8.  
Virginia 23, Woodberry 3.  
" 16, Episcopal H. S. 4.  
Chicago 22, Vanderbilt 7.  
Yale 20, N. Y. U. 9.  
Princeton 5, Fordham 2.  
Randolph-Macon 5, Richmond College 4.  
Horner 8, Trinity 0.

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