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All communications for this paper should be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief by Monday at noon to insure publication the same week. We shall be glad to publish pertinent discussions of college topics. The Tar Heel will welcome news items, and hopes the whole college will aid it along this line.

We would urge all our readers to fall into the article "Concerning the Library" which appears in another column. This matter of the defacement of the current literature on the library tables has been time and again referred to in these columns, in an earnest effort to arouse sentiment against such an utterly senseless, but vicious practice as this is. But no words are strong enough to condemn the recent crimes—for they are no less—that have been perpetuated against the library in the cutting up of the bound volumes of periodicals. "Junior" in this issue puts the matter very plainly and makes evident the extent to which the Library, one of the strongest departments of the University's equipment is injured.

It is really a remarkable fact that every thoughtless and inconsiderate act that our students are ever guilty of, is against themselves in effect. Probably no college of our size has a more desirable reputation for consideration and regard for the villages and their property. Would that we had as much regard for our own property! Sentiment should down that student who destroys the valuable Magazines in the library, which are the property of the rest of us, just as quickly and unhesitatingly he would treat the student caught in theft in one of the village stores. The motive may not be exactly the same, but the result is the same, except perhaps we are more heavy losers than the suppositional merchant.

Thoughtlessness is usually the explanation for such things as this. In this case however, the matter has been often referred to and condemned for this excuse to apply. Whatever the nature of the disease, it has now developed into a rabid form, and a strong remedy is needed for it. Let the rest of the students show their determination to protect their property, and the two or three who have paid no regard to such property rights will cease their reckless destruction of the periodicals.

Are you a Buffalo?

After the Georgia debate last year after the victory was won, the following remark was made by the editor of the Tar Heel in a brief review of the debate: "The honor of winning this notable victory belongs almost to the debaters themselves. The students and members of the faculty as well have not seemed to realize the great value that they can render by moral encouragement and active assistance." He goes on to say that there were no regular arrangements by which the debaters were given practice, but that all the real assistance given them was from a few men who volunteered as "scrubs." We certainly have, this year, excellent arrangements for the practice of the debaters; it is our impression that the same existed theoretically at least last year.

Let it be seen to that none of us merit such censure this year for failure to show our interest in the work of our representatives and our appreciation of their self-sacrificing championship of our honor. Let it take the form of a real desire to help them to the utmost extent of our ability whether by active study and suggestion, or by helping to make the debates for their benefit in the Societies to mean as much as possible to them.

The Captain of the track team publishes a call to the track men in this issue to give him their names. We urge all men with any ability along this line to attend to this matter without delay; for though work will not begin for several weeks, it is very desirable that some idea be gotten at once as to the probable size of the team, and that some slight preliminary organization be effected. The Captain wants every man who has any ability at all as an athlete; there is no telling how much he may develop under training.

### Concerning the Library.

If there is one thing, that is a benefit to the student-body as a whole, it is the library. It should be our care to see, that its privileges are not abused. There has developed a practice among certain students, of mutilating the magazines and papers. The mutilation extends even to the bound magazines and other books on the selves.

Every one who uses the library has noticed, and probably been annoyed by this vandalism. A magazine or paper comes in, and before it has been on the table a day, it will be so cut up, that one cannot read a single whole page. In the case of "Life," this nefarious practice was carried to such an extent that the subscription to the paper had to be discontinued.

Of late the bound periodicals have been attacked. Our library contains the best collection of this class of books, in the South. Many of these magazines are rare, and if destroyed could not be replaced, except at considerable cost.

Some person or persons have done untold damage to the library, by mutilating these magazines. Only last Friday, these periodicals were damaged to the extent of fifty dollars. If this practice continues, it will not be long until these books will be useless.

Many topics are discussed only in

current literature, and if the articles treating these questions are cut out of the magazines, the library will have practically no literature on these subjects. Last year a committee from one of our State colleges came here to use our library in the preparation of an intercollegiate debate. In going over the bound periodicals, they found that every article on their subject had been cut out. This illustrates to what an extent our library is being damaged.

The library is an important factor in our life here. If its usefulness is to continue this vandalism must cease.

JUNIOR.

### BEFORE.

There are meters of accents,  
And meters of tone;  
But the best of all meters  
Is to meet her alone.

### AFTER.

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And letters of tone,  
But the best of all letters,  
Is to let her alone.

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