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A very timely article appears in the knocker's column of this week's TAR HEEL in regard to the shooting of birds on the campus. It has come to be no uncommon thing of late to find the body of a bird, torn by a bullet from a Flobert rifle, on any part of the University grounds. It would be bad enough if these birds were only sparrows, but as it happens they are for the most part bluebirds. Only the rarer and more useful birds seem to attract the attention of those who are possessed with an ungovernable desire to kill something.

We are glad to say that most of this shooting has been done by town boys, but some of it has been done, nevertheless, by students. Now this crime should be committed neither by students nor residents of the village, if for no other reason than that it is against the law of the state of North Carolina to hunt either on the campus or in Battle's Park. That reason should be sufficient. University students should see that they keep the laws of the State and that these laws are respected by others. However laws should not be necessary to force the students of the leading educational institution of the State into making out of their grounds an asylum for birds and animals. Negroes, small boys, ignorant persons everywhere harry the lives of these wild creatures until their existence becomes a continual hiding. We college men should be a round or two higher up the ladder of development.

But we are not suffering from any Sunday school sentimentalism on the subject of birds—not by any means. Birds are both useful and beautiful. Without them the trees on our campus might be destroyed entirely, and even if they were not they would be robbed of much of the attractiveness which the presence of the birds gives them. Visitors to the University are always struck by the number and variety of birds around Chapel Hill. That is because they have been protected here in the past. The hard freeze of last winter did much to lessen their numbers, and unless the wholesale depletion that is now going on be stopped, birds will soon be as scarce here as elsewhere.

"Well I guess a man's got a right to shoot a jaybird anywhere" we were told the other day. No, we don't agree with that either.

The jaybird may be pretty noisy and, as we put it in college parlance, more or less "fresh," but he no doubt does his part by the world a great deal better than the man who seeks to prey upon him. We must confess that personally we are prone to have a soft place in our heart for the jaybird simply on account of his pure downright "cussedness," anyway.

We hope that this shooting will have a summary stop put to it by the student body, for it is a very poor recommendation for a body of college students that they will permit a wanton slaughter of birds upon the grounds of their University.

The result of the Pennsylvania game is merely another illustration of the fact that you never can tell what is going to happen in football. There were those who expected Pennsylvania to double her score of last year; even the most conservative thought that she would at least equal it. Instead our light team held the figures down to 11 points. That's not a bad score; it's a credit when it's against such a heavy team as Pennsy's.

All of which is only a proof of the fact that our team have the proper stuff in them, if they are light. The men who have been spending much of their time in knocking them for the past week or so would show themselves much worthier University men if they would get out on the side lines every afternoon and give voice to a few good yells. That's what the team needs—encouragement. They are light and inexperienced but they have worked hard since the Davidson game, and the fruits of their labor are shown in the Pennsylvania score. They will keep right on digging too, and, if we only stick behind them, the end of the season will find them winners. Especially should we show our support tomorrow. The A. and M. team plays Richmond College today. From our score tomorrow then the Farmers will draw some conclusions. We must give them something to think about. Let's go out and boost up the team, encourage them "to go on and get some more touchdowns."

THE TAR HEEL takes this opportunity of urging every student in the University to remain on the Hill to-morrow—University Day. The primary object of the exercises is to present to the guests of the University the student body as a whole. It is, in a way, the duty of every man connected with the University, therefore, to remain and play his part, no matter how small it be, in the exercises of the day. Let us make the very best impression that we can on our visitors.

Rules to Govern Freshman Election.

Owing to the confusion that has arisen in the past as to the approving of the Freshman election that University Council has drawn up the following rules to govern the election:

Sec. 1. No Freshman election shall be deemed valid, unless a paper, bearing the signatures of a majority of the members of the

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Freshman class, and stating that the signers of the said paper wish their votes cast for the ticket named on the said paper, shall be presented to the Dean of the University; and if such paper is presented to the Dean of the University, the ticket which said paper bears shall be declared elected, and the officers named on said ticket shall be the officers of the Freshman class.

Sec. 2. In case two papers bearing the signatures of a majority of the members of the Freshman class be presented to the Dean, the paper first presented shall be accepted.

The Philological Club Meets.

The Philological Club held its first meeting for the year last Friday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers. Dr. J. D. Bruner was made president and Mr. W. S. Bernard vice-president. Dr. L. R. Wilson, the secretary and treasurer for last year was made permanent secretary and treasurer.

The Philological Club has decided to publish semi-annually a journal containing the work done along philological lines by its members. The first copy of this journal, Studies in Philology, volume I, Chaucer's Relative Constructions, by Dr. L. R. Wilson, was published last June by the University Press.

The Musical Association.

In the musical department everything points to a successful year. All of the members of the band are back on the Hill except Goslen. His playing will be missed, of course, but there are several cornet players who are already applicants for his place, and all of them are showing up well. Mr. Woollen reports better material and more of it for both band and orchestra than he has ever had before.

The glee club is not in such good shape. Burwell, the two Crawfords and Rose have all failed to return this year. However there should be enough of good voices among the new men to make up for the loss of these and to get out as good a glee club as we had last year.

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