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THE editors of The Tar Heel have no great promises to make in regard to the work of the paper this year. We propose to do our best and to endeavor in every possible way to justify the confidence reposed in us by our fellow students. If we fail to make good, we shall be humiliated; if we succeed, we shall feel that we have done no more than our duty.

The problem confronting every newspaper man is not what to print but what not to print, and we hope that our judgement and good taste will ever be with us, so that we may avoid the questionable. We are new at the pencil-shoving business, and while we have no apologies to make, we trust that our friends will be lenient with our shortcomings.

At various times in every college problems arise that demand careful thought on the part of the students. At such times, we propose to exercise our right of saying what we think. If you agree with us, well and good; if you do not, well and good.

We realize that we come upon the scene of action at an unpropitious and yet at a propitious time. The two years just preceeding have been among the most prosperous in The Tar Heel's existence, and it will be hard for us to maintain the high standard set by our predecessors. And yet knowing that it is up to us, we shall have a powerful incentive—and we shall do our best.

IN THE DEATH of Romy Story we have lost a friend. We loved the man, not so much for what he did—not for his brilliant athletic record—but for what he was—what he stood for. Mr. Tom McNeill said in the mass meeting Friday night that Story was the cleanest athlete he ever saw and Dr. Herty expressed a beautiful thought when he said that the highest and best monument we could raise to the memory of the man would be to have our athletic life permeated by the clean and manly spirit that always actuated Story. That was the thing about Romy Story—he was a man. And since his death we have heard comparatively little about his athletic record. Men

have told us of his gentleness, his self-abnegation, his many acts of kindness, and we have only come to a full realization of the worth of the man now that he has gone from us.

We publish in this issue the new constitution of the Athletic Association drawn up by Messrs. J. J. Parker, W. P. Stacy, and Stable Linn, a committee appointed last spring by President Foye Roberson. The prime object of this constitution is to so arrange matters that the transaction of business pertaining to our athletic life will be in the hands of the students, and will be looked after in a systematic manner. Heretofore practically all the business has been transacted by the Advisory Committee, a committee upon which the students had very little representation. The Association was a mere farce, the Advisory Committee was the whole thing, and the students had very little inside knowledge of our athletic affairs.

Among the new features that demand especial commendation probably the most important is the article providing for the election of the various managers by the Association instead of by the Advisory Committee. We believe that if there is any student officer in the college who ought to be chosen by his fellows, it is the manager of an athletic team. The office is vitally important, the students are deeply concerned, and it should be the right of the students to say who shall hold the office.

The constitution provides for a finance committee consisting of two faculty members and three students, which shall have the general oversight of the finances of the Association and of the team managers. The need of such a committee has long been felt. Our athletic finances have been at times in rather bad shape, but with this committee in control such will hardly happen again.

The constitution also provides that the students shall have a voice on the committee on rules and on the committee for the awarding of sweaters. This representation on the rules committee means a great deal, and though the faculty will have the majority vote on the committee, the students are assured that they will at least have a fair hearing in regard to the making of rules governing the eligibility of players.

A clause has been introduced in the constitution which has been much talked of in college for the last year—the payment of a membership fee. We are glad that a definite step has at last been taken in this direction. It will give to the Association the sort of stability that it has long lacked, and will do away with the miserable practice of soliciting funds for the support of athletics. Any student who is unwilling to pay a dollar membership fee does not deserve to have a voice in athletic affairs.

JUDGING from the registration up to date, 706, an advance of 54 over last year, it seems that we are to have an exceptionally prosperous year. And it does our heart good. The University deserves great things.

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