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WE print below an extract from a criticism of the Virginia-Carolina game by Mr. Perrin Busbee, an alumnus of the University and a prominent lawyer of Raleigh. Mr. Busbee's word concerning athletic matters has for years carried considerable weight, and inasmuch as his criticism coincides so nearly with our views, we print the extract in our editorial columns.

"From a Carolina point of view the game was satisfactory in that a perfectly green team, several of its players never having seen a foot ball until September, went against a team of veterans and played them practically an even game, Coach Lamson is to be congratulated. * * *

"In addition, the game being so early in the season, both teams lacked life and polish. Later in the season Carolina will show decidedly more improvement in form than will Virginia. Carolina has about the fastest team it ever put in the field. It is light weight, however, and Virginia's extra ten pounds per man turned the trick for the Orange and Blue."

SEVERAL years ago athletic rules in the Southern colleges and Universities were very lax, giving opportunity for the ringing in of sundry ringers. But following the lead of the Northern institutions the makers of rules have gone to the other extreme, until now, it has almost reached the point where any man who can play decent football or baseball is declared ineligible.

Especially is this true in regard to baseball and especially is this true at this University.

Heaven knows we favor clean athletics. Not for an instant would we think of advocating a policy whereby athletics would become less pure, but we have come to the conclusion that the "summer ball" rule is an abomination unto the flesh. And to say that its abolition would cause rotten athletics is a supremely foolish utterance.

We cannot see why a baseball player, because he plays during the summer for money, should be denied the privilege of playing on his college team, provided of course he be a bona fide student. Almost every good baseball player can earn more by his playing than he can

by any other method, and yet from pure college spirit many of them refrain from playing for money and take positions far less lucrative. But others, throwing sentiment to the winds, earn money along the line of least resistance. And we do not blame them.

We contend that this rule is unjust, and we are sure that we voice the sentiments of a large majority of the students at this institution when we say that fervently do we long to see the day when it shall be abolished.

WE are glad to see tennis assuming somewhat of its proper importance at this institution. Interest in this game as an intercollegiate sport has for years been desultory, but with Mr. F. L. Huffman at the head of the association three intercollegiate meets have been arranged, one of which has already been played, with Carolina as the victor. On November 2nd and 4th we will play Guilford and later in the year we will try conclusions with the University of Virginia.

THE men who had charge of the special to Richmond were uniformly kind and considerate in their treatment of the students, and we are sure we voice the sentiments of our fellows when we say that we appreciate it very much.

Concerning the Holidays.

Mr. Editor:—I notice from an editorial in your October 24th issue of The Tar Heel that the last day of examinations this fall comes on Saturday, December 21st.

I would appreciate it if you would write another editorial on this subject. It is a fact that a number of students will have to remain over till the last day for their final examination. It is further true that quite a number who remain over live in the extreme eastern and western parts of this State. In such instances, a student who lives in either extremity of the State, and cannot leave till Saturday, December 21st, will not be able to reach his home till some time on Monday, December 23rd, thereby consuming one whole day laying over somewhere and incurring an additional expense of from \$2.00 to \$4.00. Such will be the writer's state and there are many others at the University in the same predicament. It seems that the faculty in this instance, when they trimmed down the holidays on the front end, failed to use that gray matter that the Almighty gave them, and I heartily agree with the editor when he says: "We hope it will not be necessary to appoint a guardian for the faculty, but you never can tell."

Respectfully,

STUDENT.

We sympathize and agree with the writer of the above, and only wish that he had "laid it on" about having to come back so early.—
EDITOR.

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