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THERE has been manifested on the football field of late a slight tendency on the part of the side-line spectators to laugh when any of the candidates for a place on the team exhibits a little awkwardness. There is absolutely nothing to be approved of in that laugh. It is no laughing matter to the man who is awkward and cannot help it, and if one is out on the sidelines in the proper spirit it will be no laughing matter to him. When one goes out to view the practice it is supposed to be because he takes an interest in the men who are to represent the university of which he himself is an integral part. What is there to laugh at then when a man who, as one of eleven, is to represent not only the eight hundred students here on the Hill but also the thousands of citizens to whom the success of the University is in every essential of vital interest. What is there to laugh at when such a man exhibits a little awkwardness in his earnestness? After all then it is not the laugh that is to be objected to, it is the attitude of mind behind that laugh. When a man laughs he is but giving expression to what he thinks and feels. That is where the trouble lies and that is where we must go to break it up. Just consider next time you feel inclined to laugh, what those men are out there for and what they are striving to do. If you are capable put yourself in the frame of mind of the man you are laughing at. Sympathize with him and you wont laugh. If you are unable to sympathize with him you have no business witnessing that football practice and the greatest kindness you can do the university is to keep off the field. There is also another side to consider in this matter. There is no better method of stinging a man than laughing at him. When one of these men is working his hardest and hears someone laughing at him he sees at once that the best he can do is unappreciated. He can but become embittered against the evident injustice of the treatment. A man who has become hardened by the bitterness of his own heart is an enemy to himself and those he associates with. It is as serious a matter to start a man on such a course, especially such a man as they generally are who are trying for the football team. When you, who have been laughing heretofore, feel inclined to laugh again remember you are not only harming your university and the large host of friends it has but you are also contributing a great deal toward ruining some man's happiness. Choke off that laugh!

MONDAY afternoon there was enacted on our football field a little scene of which the students here should always remain ashamed. It was the first blot upon the conduct of the student body this year but the stain of it will last some time. That the spectators at a football practice should break up the scrimmage, even indirectly, is a thing that has never come to our notice before. For a certain number of the students of a college to go out and run off of the field the men who are striving to win honor and renown for their alma mater, must be spoken of in language that is brief and to the point but unpublishable. When the onlookers act the hog and jump over the fence onto the field of scrimmage they can but interrupt the play of the teams. A forward pass or a long end run becomes out of the question. When the coach asked the men to get off the field he spoke to them as a gentleman to gentlemen, still some of the men—we must beg the pardon of true men for using the term here—remained grinning on the inside of the fence. Coach Brides did his part when he acted as a gentleman. The trouble was that when he spoke as to gentlemen his words made no appeal to a certain portion of those on the side lines—men whose actions did credit neither to their mental capacity nor their social breeding. The work that team is doing out there is all done in dead earnest and when the coach requests the field and waits five minutes for it to be cleared and then has to leave the ground with his men, he is most certainly justified in using extreme measures. We really think that when Mr. Brides and that courtesy was the wrong method of securing what he wanted, he would have been entirely within his rights to have picked up a couple by the naps of their necks and to have shaken them until they brayed.

We can but be struck these days, when we glance at the sporting sheet of the daily newspaper, by the amazing prospects of football for the coming fall. Every college in the United States, it seems, is to put out a winning football team and in each instance the prospects are growing brighter. We notice in glancing through the first issue of the TAR HEEL for 1908 that at this time of the football season last year Carolina had on her field a team that would make the Southern championship in a walk. In looking over the material on the field this year we are glad to note that the men in whom we place our reliance do not think they will gain the championship of the South in a walk-over. There is not a man out here who does not think that Carolina is to be taken into account when one begins to have a reckoning on football matters, but everyone of them knows that we shall have no walk-over anywhere. This feeling we believe is most auspicious. When a team is determined and yet not over-confident, then may we expect the best results. And the best results we are getting to have. There is one great difference between the men that are to make up our team this year and the men of last season very few of the men who had prospects of making varsity experience in playing football. This season, besides a good number of veteran varsity men, nearly all the promising new men have had some experience, many of them having been stars on prep school teams. This will be of great advantage in molding a winning team. We shall make no boast of what we simply wish to let the men know that we have the firmest confidence in them, and faith in their success.

We really hate to have to begin kicking so early in the year, but we are only human and can only suppress a certain amount of our bile. Every day one may go into the reading room of the library and see men sitting over a copy of Punch or Judge or Life. These men look interested and no doubt they are. Their eyes are steadfastly fixed on a whole cut in the page before them. They are thinking thoughts, these men, — worthy thoughts — but we can not publish them. There seem to be some men in college so selfish that when they see a good thing in a periodical, which is the common property of the whole body of students, they wish to appropriate it to themselves alone. There is no need of our calling attention to the fact that the men who cut out these clippings are taking that which doesn't belong to them. We only hope they are doing it thoughtlessly. However, thoughtless or not, their actions cause a great deal of unpleasantness for their fellow students and they should be thoughtful. It worries one, at least, to be reading a magazine and suddenly to come across a page with a great hole in it. The article that is missing may not have been interesting but in all probability it was. Even if it was not we shall always be dissatisfied with that missing piece of literature to excite our hopeless imagination. After having called attention to the fact that thoughtlessness on the part of some is the source of a great deal of worry to many we feel sure that the guilty parties will be more thoughtful. There are certainly no students in the University who will knowingly take that which belongs to another.

If there are any golf enthusiasts at the University they have a fine opportunity to enjoy the game. These red clay banks that the force working on the water works are throwing up would make excellent bunkers altho they are a little inconvenient to jump over in wet weather. There are about enough students strolling about the campus generally to furnish very good targets and add zest to the sport.

Dr. F. P. Venable came in from Raleigh Monday night.

T. Wingate Andrews, '08, superintendent of public instruction of Orange county came over from Hillsboro Monday night.

In the Phi Society Saturday night the annual invitation of new men took place. The question for debate for the night was, Resolved, That the U. S. should increase her navy. The negative side won and the honors were carried away by E. M. Highsmith.

James L. Booth, has returned from a ten days visit to Morehead City.

J. T. Johnson was in Raleigh the first of the week.

Hal. Turnage has returned from a short visit to his home in Farmville.

W. Lee Cooper spent Monday at his home in Graham.

The Dialectic Society held their annual invitation of new men Saturday night. The regular debate for the night was dispensed with.

The first year Medical Class met Tuesday afternoon and elected the following officers, President, Harry Hedgepeth; Vice-President, Robt. Drane; Secretary and Treasurer, E. R. Cocke; Class Surgeon, C. Henderson; Historian, J. A. Speight.

J. Harding Hughes was initiated into the Ministerial Society Sunday night.

Faculty at Home

Last spring a movement was set on foot to bring the faculty and the students into closer touch. The students get to know what kind of a teacher certain members of the faculty are on class and they get a glimpse of the faculty on dress parade on the campus but if they really wish to know the faculty as men they must seek them at their firesides. Last year many men took advantage of the opportunities they had of becoming acquainted with their professors and made it a regular practice to call on one or two members of the faculty every Sunday night. For two hours after church every Sunday night the homes of the faculty are open to the students—not that they are not always welcome but during these hours they are especially invited. Nothing can be more conducive to the harmonious working together of the students and faculty than the interchange of view points that must take place at such meetings. The faculty must, of necessity, come to know a little better the students views on college matters and the students will be able to appreciate what the faculty thinks of the doings in the University.

During the summer many members of the faculty have changed their places of abode. This fall the students will find many of them in their new homes. Professor E. K. Graham has moved into his newly-built residence in Battle's Park. Dr. H. G. Wagstaff has started house-keeping in his beautiful new home near the Ghimghoul Hall. Prof. Latta has moved into the Presbyterian Manse. Mr. Palmer Cobb has started house-keeping where Mr. Donald lived last year. Mr. A. Vermont has moved into the residence made vacant by the departure of C. D. Wardlaw. Prof. Dey is making his home in the house where Mrs. Shaw lived last year. Prof. T. J. McManis will be at home at Capt. Nesbit's.

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