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THE students are to have a chance, in chapel Monday morning, we understand, to decide whether they want the supper hour to begin at 6 o'clock or 6:30. We have mentioned this subject in our columns before and we cannot add anything to what we then had to say. There are several reasons of prime importance why this custom of having supper at six during the fall and winter should be cut out. In the first place it means the loss of one half hour's exercise. A half hour's exercise lost daily mounts up to a great deal lost when it has gone for two or three months. The loss of a half hour is often not all that is lost by this early supper hour either. A great many students are on laboratory every afternoon until 4:30. If supper comes at six very few of these men will care to rush thru all the dressing and bathing that is necessary for them when they take exercise—they will not care to do all this for the sake of fifteen minutes or a half an hour of exercise. Besides this trouble before supper there also comes another nuisance after supper. The mail comes in generally at about 6:30 or 6:45 o'clock. That means that the time the mail is up will range from 7:00 to 7:30. If we have supper at six, who is going to his room and work twenty minutes and then come down town again after his mail? Almost every one goes down to the post-office or the Emporium or some other such place and loiters away thirty minutes in the most utterly worthless and pleasureless idleness.

Monday morning we all have a chance to decide on this question. The opportunity is too good to be lost. Every body go to chapel and set this nuisance right.

WHAT a nuisance it is to go down to the tennis courts back of the gymnasium and find them all crowded. It doesn't make any particular difference what time in the afternoon you go either. The courts are as full at 2:30 as they are at 5:30 and they are always as full as they can get. The tennis association promises to give us more courts as soon as possible, but to those of us who remember how long these present courts were in the process of construction this comfort brought by this promise is frigid indeed. It works out well in theory to say that the student's consciousness of fair play will not allow one set of men to hold a court the whole afternoon when they know there are others waiting. Results of the past however, force us to the shamed admission that the said consciousness is sadly comatose. Something must be done to remedy condi-

tions and the tennis association seems as sleepy as the student consciousness. It is necessary that the association pass some rule regulating the time that each set of players shall have the use of the courts. These rules should be enforced at least until the new courts are built.

THE membership of the athletic association has mounted to four hundred. While this is not as large as it might be, still we feel like congratulating the student body on the splendid way in which they responded when they knew the association was feeling badly and needed help. The men who joined however did not do so out of pity but rather because they considered it wrong for one-eighth of the students to rule the whole body in so important a matter as athletics. At any rate, for the last three days in October the association enrolled a hundred men daily. We are glad to be assured that the student body is still instantaneous in its response to the right call.

We often wonder, when we see some of the students tearing down the pecan trees on the campus,—throwing sticks up the tree or even climbing up themselves—whether those vandals are conscious that in a short, ten minutes they are tearing down in their effort to get a few green pecans, what it took old nature with all her quiet might ten long years to build.

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An opportunity to do so will be given on Friday, November 12th., when a number of ladies will be at the school house from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M., to receive donation of books. Books of reference, history, travel, and standard fiction are needed for the High School, while all sorts of children's books can be used by children of the primary and intermediate grades.

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