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CAROLINA is about to set out on two months of unparalleled activity. The baseball team has a schedule of twenty-eight games to complete. The Glee Club will give a good many performances. The Dramatic Club is to prepare for presentation another play. The Gymnasium Team will give exhibitions, Junior Week exercises are not a fortnight off. It seems that we have bitten off quite a morsel. It's another matter to chew it thoroughly.

The Baseball Team must win its games. The Glee Club must give exhibitions worthy of U. N. C. representatives, as must the Dramatic Club and the Gym Team also. If all do their part well, then Junior Week must be a success. And then when these two months have passed comes examinations and commencement. It seems that the time for slothfulness has passed away. It's hard work from now on. If your work's a grind, then grind. If it requires a spurt, then spurt. Whatever you are doing it's time to get to work now. And dig, dig, dig, till it's all over.

SOME time ago there was talk among the students of organizing a walking club, or clubs. But it has all died down: whether the idea was only the whim of its originator and its hour has passed, or the man who started it has suddenly become too busy to carry out his plans, we cannot be sure. The fact remains however, that the idea was a good one. How many students there are who become pale or who are always mentally tired and nervous! Just a short vigorous walk two or three times a week would remedy conditions remarkably. And the highest purpose these red, rusty hills about Chapel Hill can serve is to offer excellent opportunities for walking. It is true that some afternoons you hate to go down a hill, because you know that every step you go down you've got to climb up again. But generally one is glad to climb the steepest slopes, because he feels sure he'll have the pleasure of loafing down the other side. There is this added convenience to walking as an exercise, one is already to start. No changing clothes! No bath afterward! The courts are never full and you are sure to get in the line-up every afternoon. As for the use of forming a club, we do not mean such a thing as the athletic association or the literary societies. We simply mean that for convenience it would be well for a dozen or so students to agree to go out for walk on certain afternoons. One

is not so apt to loaf around the drug stores during his leisure hours if he is sure he can get some congenial companions to take a stroll with him. If the men who were considering the formation of such walking clubs are too busy to develop this idea they ought to get someone else to do it for them. Walking is a good thing and we need more of it.

SINCE the financial catastrophe at the end of last year's football season the question of a two dollar matriculation fee for athletics has been under rather desultory consideration. At present affairs seem to be in this condition: the money secured would be a wonderful convenience to the athletic association but the method of collection would be undemocratic. The amount annually or semi-annually collected by such a procedure would be from fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars. With so much cash to begin with the managers of the teams would not have to go through the whole season hampered always on account of lack of funds. Our football players would not always be covered with sores or itch, contracted from wearing the same suits that have been worn for unknown generations in the past. And when the baseball season rolled around we might even have enough money to pay our baseball coach for his services. But, except in case of an unusual accident such as happened last Thanksgiving, our athletic managers generally succeed in closing the season without a deficit. In such a case the money collected from the athletic fees would be left over at the end of the season. The athletic association would be that much to the good. If we should have the luck to go through three or four seasons without mishaps and each year save fifteen hundred dollars a season, ye gods, how the athletic association would swelter in wealth! Five thousand dollars! Letting fancy carry us a little further, suppose we should put five thousand dollars into permanent improvements on our athletic fields. We might have a track soft enough to let the shoe spikes stick into it. Some of the ditches in the class athletic field might be filled up.

It seems that to have this extra money would be an excellent thing, but how about the method of acquiring it? Is it democratic? Will we not be forcing men to pay for what they won't enjoy? As to whether the men should enjoy what they would be paying for we can only say, that it would be there for them. If they should not get the benefit would be their fault. Everyone doesn't play ball. It's his fault. He can play if he wishes. All the extra fee would do, would be to force the men to pay part of their college's football expenses. The university can't be blamed because everyone doesn't get his money's worth. The principle is exactly as the gymnasium fee and the physician's fee. One is as democratic as the other. Whether the principle is democratic or not, however, the money is necessary. The necessity is immediate.

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