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"ROTTEN", was what someone yelled Saturday when the umpire rendered a decision against the home team. It was rotten, very rotten—not the action of the umpire but the remark from the sidelines.

The umpire has a harder part to play than any man in the game. He never gets credit for a good decision. He always gets "cussed" for a bad one. It is hard enough for an umpire who has no reason to be prejudiced toward either team. How hard is it then when a student umpires the games of his own college? He knows that when he gives a decision against the home team he is necessarily giving a chance for grumbling. He also knows that when he gives a decision for the home team, somebody is going to accuse him of partiality. The ump's no fool, you bet your life he knows the fix he's in.

And all those spectators are not fools. They know the umpire's position. Then why does someone yell "rotten" at him? Why on earth should an umpire wish to cheat his own home team? Everybody knows that "Farmer" Moore wants Carolina to win every game she can. When he gives a decision against us, remember, it costs him more to give it than it does us to take it. Measure his feelings by your own. If you feel sick, he feels a great deal sicker.

Those who know baseball give it as their opinion that Mr. Moore's umpiring this spring could not be improved on. When Buie was hit by a pitched ball in Saturday's game, the umpire was in a bad position. Undoubtedly all the spectators expected the batter to get his base. But the rules said that he should not. The umpire followed the rules and a cry of "rotten" came at once. It took more courage and fair-mindedness to make that decision than any other made this season and yet the man that did it gets only harsh criticism. The umpire is the hero of the occasion. The fellow that cries rotten only serves as a foil to make his glory shine the brighter. The next man that goes to a game with "rotten" eggs in his pocket had better be careful lest he sit down on them and ruin his own reputation instead of that of the umpire.

THE batting average of the team has taken a slump since the first four or five games. But no one blames the baseball players. We all remember that in that time we have played three games against two of the best college pitchers in America. And the team has been hitting the ball all around the park but it seems to go plump into

some fielder's hands every time. Why, we remember one especially. In the second Amherst game Bivens drove a clean home-run straight into the center-fielder's glove. Such luck as this can't continue. Those line drives will soon begin to get away and then the batting averages will begin to mount again. The students are entirely satisfied. We only expect the team to hit the ball hard and often. We can't expect each hit to be placed exactly right. The averages have taken a slump, but the enthusiasm with which each man goes up and nails the ball has been steadily on the increase.

With Other Colleges

The track meet between A. and M. and Guilford resulted as follows: A. and M. 93 1-2, Guilford 33 1-2.

Virginia's football schedule for next fall, including the games, appears in "College Topics". The Carolina game at Richmond, says that paper, will probably provide the biggest game of the season. The game with the Carlisle Indians is also rated important.

"The Ring-Tum Phi" in a recent issue has the following: "Undergraduate students today at Harvard are said by Dr. Targent, the University Physician, to be an inch taller and from four to five pounds heavier than were those of thirty years ago." The increase in size is said to be due to athletics.

At Vanderbilt a student assessment for the support of athletics and the college publications is being discussed. The plan proposed is to assess each student ten dollars at the beginning of the year, half of which amount is to be turned in to the athletic association and half applied to the needs of the college publications. In return for this fee, the student is to receive a season ticket to all the athletic contests and a year's subscription to all the college publications. This fee is not to be compulsory—not a University fee—but only a student assessment. The plan is to organize the student body and arouse such a sentiment that the fee will be paid willingly. It is argued that the student will be benefited by the arrangement no less than the college interests concerned.

Durham, April 2.—The employment bureau is planning a campaign whereby it can find students who desire to attend Trinity and have not the funds and help them to secure an education.

Trinity college stands out among the colleges of the State as having helped more poor boys to secure an education than any other institution and anyone desiring to attend Trinity and not having the right number of shekels will do well to write Prof. E. C. Brooks, chairman of the employment bureau.

Hickory, April 2.—Dr. Charles Lee Raper, dean of the graduate department of the University of North Carolina and professor of economics, will lecture at the college Thursday evening, April 14. The public is cordially invited to this lecture.

Wake Forest, April 2.—The victory over Trinity shows that Wake Forest has an excellent chance of winning the championship of the State. There were seven vacancies at the first of the year which the coaches did not know who could occupy the best and hence everyone had to be tried in several positions before he could be told which position he could occupy best. Thus Brett was tried at second, third, and field before it was found that he had it in him to become one of the best first basemen we have ever turned out. In other words, there was nothing on which to build a team. However, with Carter the big Virgin-

ian, on the firing line and Riddick receiving the articles served, when the season of 1910 closes Wake Forest will be seen hovering around the top. As Wake Forest plays every college in the State it will not be by comparative scores but by actual battles that Wake Forest's stand will be taken. The game Wednesday will place Wake Forest from now on as it is today in the realm of pure athletics.

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