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## TWO RED LETTERS

Friday we mark two red letters on our calendar. One is for the first baseball game this season with our old rival of the Dominion State; and the other is for the first great inter-scholastic track meet held in the state—and held under the auspices of the students of the University.

The annual recurrence of the Virginia game at Greensboro is always looked forward to by the people of two states and by the students of two great educational institutions. In many ways it determines the success or failure of the season so far as we are concerned, for most of the Tar Heels had rather lick Virginia than to eat; as well as they like to perform that pleasant and satisfying function. To view the game, besides the mere male portion of the state that always attends, there is always a large section of bleachers filled with the old-timed, ante-bellum galaxy of Southern beauty about which we have heard so much. (It is sincerely hoped that the reader, especially the young one, will take the above dubious sounding sentence in the way it was intended, viz. as a compliment. The editor did not realize that it had a possible double meaning for the malicious until after he had written it.)

But the other red letter stands for something even more vital to us (if such a thing is conceivable) than a Virginia game. The inter-scholastic track meet which will be held here is another advance made along the same general line as the Debating Union which came to such a successful conclusion here recently with the representatives of nineteen schools debating here for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The debates brought here the young debaters under the auspices of two of the oldest literary societies in the United States and under the auspices of two, also, that have as enviable a record as any in the nation. Now we are to have a track meet—the one branch of athletics in which we conspicuously excel—of the high schools and prep schools of the state held here on the Hill. This meet is of vital importance and significance to us because it brings to us so many of the good men in the schools—the fellows who are doing something—and helps them and us to get together with many possibilities for benefit to both.

We are glad to have them here as guests, and hope soon to see them full fledged citizens of the community

## THE ELECTION OF EDITORS

Under the constitution of the Athletic Association as it now stands all nominations for positions on the board of editors of the Tar Heel must be made by the Athletic Council of the student body. For associate editors the Council is required to nominate men to at twice the number that are to be elected. This provision, in view of the haste and carelessness that was manifested in these elections prior to its adoption, we think is a good one. Before the adoption of the present method someone would get up at a meeting of the Association after the meeting had been dragging along for a couple of hours and after some ten or twenty elections had already been pulled off and a dozen or two motions, amendments, and bills had been engineered to a successful or disastrous termination, and there nominate six or eight students upon the spur of the moment for positions on the board of editors of the Tar Heel. Someone else would second all the names or add about one other and then the whole thing would go through without any thought. But that has been done away with by the present system. This part of the present method is good. But there is another part of it that we desire to call to the attention of the student body and more especially to the attention of the members of the Athletic Association, that we believe to be bad. That is the method of the election of the editor-in-chief of the paper.

The present provisions for his election are that the Athletic Council shall nominate at least two men for this position. These two men must have served at least one year on the Tar Heel previously. From these nominees presented to the Association by the Council the Association elects the editor-in-chief. We believe that this system should be changed for four principal reasons

First, One year's prior service on the Tar Heel is not at all necessary to fill the position of editor-in-chief. We know this from our experience on the paper. This requirement as a prerequisite to being editor-in-chief is merely a useless restriction that may prove pernicious by keeping a better man out of the job—and a man whom the student body prefer.

Second, It enables the Council to practically elect from the board of editors the one whom it prefers for editor-in-chief of the paper. By so doing it becomes in part a self-perpetuating body since the editor-in-chief is a member ex officio of the Council. The Council is not required to nominate more than two men for the position so by knowing the status of the various men in college the Council can nominate two men for the position with the certainty that the Association will elect a certain desired one of those two. It can govern the final selections by governing the possible selections.

Third, The position of editor-in-chief of the college paper is a too important one to allow it to be subject to possible private manipulations. We believe that in the great majority of cases the men elected to the council will act with absolute integrity and sincerity. But there are bad possibilities in the system. And anyhow, the position is important enough that the Association should elect the men open and directly.

Fourth, The present system may cause the election of a not so efficient man. Under this system the editor-in-chief is virtually elected at the end of his Sophomore year; for the elections of those associate editors are made then from whom usually either two or three

rising Juniors—the editor-in-chief must be elected in the spring of the next year for the following year. This often, always, in fact, puts out of the race any good man who failed of election in his Sophomore year. If a man in his Junior year begins to show great ability and is desired by the college for the next year's editor, under the present system he cannot be elected if he was not elected in his sophomore year as an associate editor.

We should like to see the present method of election changed to one by which the Association could elect the man whom they preferred, simply and directly without having to govern their choice by the choices of other men and without having the candidates limited by unnecessary prerequisites.

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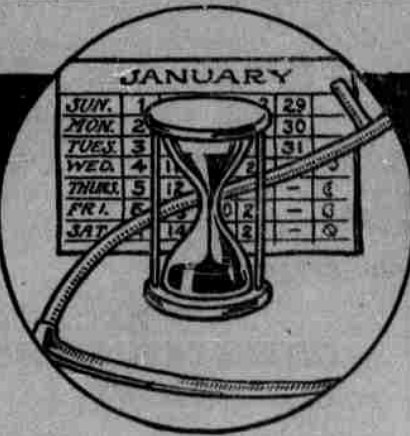
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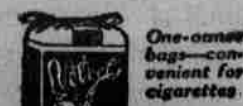
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