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PARAGRAPHS.

Davidson Wildcats vs. Tar Heels today.

Numbers of Carolina students will be there to help the team along.

The game with the Virginia freshmen here this afternoon should be a good game.

Both the Carolinas and Virginia first year teams have made good records so far this year. The game should prove very interesting.

Basketball practice begins next week. Carolina should have another winning combination on the hardwood court although Carmichael, McDonald and Greene will be sorely missed.

College life is just one sport after the other. A man who goes out for three teams in the University overlaps quite a bit in seasons. The football season is not yet over and yet basketball has begun. Four letter men are tied up in the football team now and can't report until after the holidays.

The state high school championship series is gaining interest as the teams in the two sections are being narrowed down to the best ones. High school football has improved in quality very much in the past few years. Varsity athletics has picked up quite a bit since the high school program was put into effect some time back.

PAINTING UP BUILDINGS.

There are evidently a few men in the freshman class that have not been properly versed in the duty of keeping University buildings and property as free from defacements as possible. By illustration, we point out the painted 28's that have recently been painted on certain parts of the buildings on the campus. In the quadrangle on the top of one dormitory is several huge 28's painted on the red roof in white.

Such disfigurement of the campus certainly does not become a state university. It does not even become the proverbial prep school. University students, although they might not be anything more than first year men, should have better respect for the beauty and appearance of the campus. To disfigure the buildings gives them an appearance to strangers that is not at all befitting the institution. In the first place the buildings are lacking in the artistic enough as it is without defacing them with class figures.

Such conduct has not been so much in evidence at the University and when a few cases do appear they are magnified greatly by their very unusualness. This however is no argument that a little painting up once in a while will hurt; it should be sufficient reason why no defacing of University buildings is to be desired here.

THE BAND.

There is one organization in the University that has done more consistent work and has received less praise than probably any other organization. That is the band.

A college generation ago students were lamenting the fact that the University did not have a band. Many oc-

casions arose where a band would have added greatly to the effectiveness. At a football game here there was no band at all to give the now couldn't-do-without music. Upon occasions such as the Armistice Day exercises, University Day exercises and at other times the need of a band was felt tremendously. When the State-Carolina football game was played over in Raleigh University students felt their lack keenly when the N. C. State band marched out on the field just before the game began.

Two years ago the University decided to secure a man to organize and direct a band. Money was spent for instruments and salaries to maintain such a band. Mr. L. R. Sides was secured for the job of getting a band on foot. He did so. To make a long story short we can look at the band today and therein see the measure of his success. Its success is due not only to his untiring efforts, but also to the co-operation of the student musicians who rallied to his wand.

Today the band has come to mean the same thing as the ticking of a clock. We hardly noticed a clock unless it stops ticking. The band has not received its due share of praise. When there is any occasion for the presence of the band it is usually there to liven up things with its harmony. One of the features of the football games on the hill is the presence of the band. Music has always had its charms. Military forces have found it indispensable to creating and maintaining that thing called morale. All living creatures respond to music. Now when we look back to the time when the University student body did not have a band, we wonder how the campus got along.

So lets give due praise and honor to the band, not only to its efficient director, but to every single man who does anything from beat the big bass drum to the man who blows the little flute.

EDITOR LOUIS GRAVES CUSSES OUT KICKERS

Former Carolina Athlete Deplores "Croaking Chorus" Found Whenever Varsity Loses a Game.

(From Chapel Hill Weekly)

A rather depressing phase of intercollegiate sport is the disposition of many of the adherents of a team to engage in a croaking chorus as soon as their team begins to lose. And it is not apt to be the students who croak the loudest, but alumni. Not a great portion of the whole body, of course, but much in evidence. We have in mind particularly the case of the University of North Carolina this season. Almost everywhere you turned—until last Saturday's victory over V. M. I. cheered their souls a bit—you would hear alumni wailing about defeats. They told you the coaching was not what it ought to be, and you were given to understand, even though it was not stated in so many words, that if the job were entrusted to them it would be done much better. These grandstand strategists! As long as their own team's line holds, and their own backs plunge through or sweep around for large gains, they concede to the coaches and players a measure of wisdom. But just let things go wrong! Then you learn that the quarterback ought to have done this and so; if he tries the line and fails he ought to have gone around the end; and if he tries a kick and misses it he ought to have tried a forward pass; and what's the matter with George Sparrow? and why in the hell don't they give the ball to Jack Merritt? And so on throughout a ceaseless flow of advice and complaint.

To put it briefly and brutally, some of the alumni—and of course it is not more true of one institution's than another's—are what is known in the language of sports as bad losers. They are not satisfied with a fair share of victories. They don't want to win part of the time, but all the time. Yet the very essence of good sport, from the spectator's point of view, is the closeness of the battle. That is what gives the thrill. And, plainly enough, no team can be continually meeting teams of its own class and always come out victorious.

Winning from V. M. I. Saturday overjoyed us all. Let us rejoice not only over the victory but over the circumstance that it brought the grouchies out of the dumps into which they had been cast by the games with Maryland and

South Carolina. Now they are willing to admit that the Fetzers may know nearly as much about football as they do themselves. If we come out well with Virginia the grouchies will be regular little boys of sunshine; but if we don't they will get back to their croaking again.

From our own observations and inquiries we have formed the opinion that the Fetzers have done a great deal for the benefit of athletics in the University. Their bearing and conduct have won them the respect of the students, faculty and the people of the town. They have upheld clean standards of play. They have helped to bring the student body as a whole (as distinct from a few chosen experts) into participation in athletics. Their influence has been in support of the sort of athletic policy the University ought to follow. These things are important. What if their teams do lose a few games now and then, or even have two or three bad seasons in a row? After all, is that such a world-wrecking calamity? We can't eat quail all the time—we've got to take our share of the crow.

CALENDAR

Saturday, 3:00 P. M.—Tar Babies vs. Virginia Fresh, Emerson Field.

7:00 P. M.—Di and Phi Societies, Di and Phi Halls.

Bills for discussion in the Phi Assembly Saturday night, November 15.

1. "That the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution authorizing the regulation of child labor should be adopted."

2. Resolved, "That the Phi Society go on record as favoring the adoption of the German system of optional class attendance in this University."

A JOURNALIST OF THE OLD SCHOOL DROPS IN

Pays Gerald Johnson a Visit and Watches Process of Manufacturing Newspaper Reporters.

The passing of the "old school" country newspaper editors—those pioneers of journalism in the days that were, is to be lamented. However, every once in a great while, one leaves his work and pays a visit to his good friends. O. J. Peterson, of the *Chatham Record*, at Pittsboro, was on the Hill Thursday and while here paid a visit to Professor Gerald Johnson and the class in Journalism.

Mr. Peterson, a veteran newspaper man, represents that type of man who, in the "good old days" of the profession, was editor, proof-reader, compositor, make-up man, pressman—in short, the "whole works," in the getting out of that great palladium of the right of the people—the country newspaper.

While here primarily on personal business, Mr. Peterson attended the class in Journalism Thursday, and volunteered various suggestions to the embryo newspaper men (and women) composing the class. "The editor of a daily paper has the whole world to talk about; while in the field of country journalism, the editor must play the human interest, the personal, and the locally interesting side of life," Mr. Peterson concluded.

HOUDINI IS TO COME HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Will Give Performance and Answer Questions About Things That Are Mystical and Mysterious.

Houdini, who is appearing here under the joint auspices of the Carolina Playmakers and the Y. M. C. A., ranks as the world's greatest magician and is being brought to the Hill at a high fee. He will give his performance in Memorial hall next Friday night, November 21. One of his tricks is to swallow several dozen needles at one time and bring them to light again all threaded.

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EDUCATION PROFITABLE IN FIELD OF MINING

"Education costs, as all good things do, but it pays enormous dividends" is the opinion of James F. Abel expressed in a review of the contributions of university researchers in the field of mining presented in a recent number of *School Life*, a publication of the United States Bureau of Education. In this article many instances are given in which college men have turned by-products into valuable aids for the very things to which they were most harmful. The most conspicuous of these is Cottrell's discovery of electrification applied to the oil industry by which more than one hundred millions of dollars worth of oil is saved annually from otherwise worthless oil emulsions.

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GLEE CLUB MAKES ITS FALL DEBUT IN CHAPEL

The Club Leaves for Winston-Salem to Present Program There Next Thursday Night.

The glee club made its fall debut in chapel yesterday morning. About 40 men were in the club, and they gave selections taken from the program which will be presented next Thursday evening in Winston-Salem.

The selections rendered in chapel yesterday are as follows:

- 1. On the Sea.
- 2. A Moorish Serenade.
- 3. My Little Banjo.
- 4. Misereere Mei Deus.
- 5. Lo, How the Rose E'er Blooming.

The club will leave for Winston Thursday morning and return by noon Friday. It is understood that 30 men will be carried on the trip, but no official announcement as to who will go will be made until Sunday night. This is the first trip of the glee club this year, and there has been some very keen competition for places on the club.

A number of men who have been trying out for the club have been declared ineligible because of failure on their work. Practice has been held every night for the past several days, the director stated.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS REDUCES NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS

Thirty-six fewer persons were killed by vehicles in New York City during the first eight months of 1924 than for the same period in 1923. This is attributed to safety instruction in the schools. Essays, debates, singing safety songs, drawing posters, and the composition of safety slogans constitute some of the safety activities in the public schools. A safety banner will be awarded to the winning school in each district for the best safety work performed during the school year ending in June, 1925.

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