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Regarding the Change in the Athletic Constitution.

Editor of the Ring-tum Phi:

DEAR SIR:—You have invited discussion of the proposed changes to the constitution of the Athletic Association so I avail myself of the invitation to say in regard to the several propositions that I cannot see the advisability of any except the auditing of the managers' account by the treasurer. As for incorporating your paper under the management of the Association I can only say that as it was started by private persons and has been conducted ever since its start by them, I do not see exactly how the Athletic Association is to take hold of it unless it is given over to them by the ones who own it. The Association might start a new paper but unless it is the wish of the present holders of the paper to discontinue its publication, I can see no need of a paper to cover ground so well covered already. If the present owners desire to turn the paper over then for the good of the college in perpetuating such a useful sheet and for the small pecuniary surplus that might remain after a session's publication I think it would be a very beneficial movement for the Athletic Association to take hold of it, if tendered by the present holders. Otherwise there would be no need for athletic publication.

The principal reason in favor of an instructor as secretary of the Association seems to be the assurance of having an older man than the average on the executive committee that another proposed amendment is to make. If such older men be necessary and advisable why not leave it to the discretion of the Association to select one of their older members, whether he be instructor or not, and not confine the choice to the limited number of four or five men, who, without having the peculiar insight into the inner workings and feelings of the faculty that a member of that body would have, nevertheless has all of the prejudice and partisanship that is in the make up of a student.

The proposed executive commit-

tee to my mind is an abridgement of the rights of the member of the student association, carried on by students, to choose the most important officers of their association and limits the straight student franchise to only those men (the other two being an alumnus and the instructor already referred to). The reason given for this move is the abolition of wire-pulling; of placing the working possibilities of the prospective candidates at three instead of sixty or seventy. A candidate has only to use his persuasive powers on three instead of thirty or forty. This opens the door for political deals so wide that trafficking in offices would be the way of disposing of the choice political positions instead of the present order of the day which is of a man running on his merits. College is divided into too many cliques and crowds for three men to be given so much and so important electoral power, and even though the Association has a right of repeal by a two-thirds vote, that is a large number when it has to be polled. The teams chose their leaders, and why should not the Association choose the man who is to dispense with its funds and manage its teams?

This proposed amendment is an abridgement of that right which is dearest to the hearts of all freemen and which is the pillar and support of free institutions, the right of suffrage. "The hand that pays the tax should lay it." Why should not the hand that lays the tax choose him who is to have custody of it and dispense it? And is it not more probable that the choice of sixty or seventy men will be more appropriate than that of five (an alumnus who does not know the men in college, an instructor, who in times to come may not be quite as interested in or desirous for the welfare of athletics as our present corps is, and three students who are no freer from the faults of students than the rest of the Association)?

The other duty of this committee is the auditing and approving of the managers' accounts and games and taking the responsibility for his acts. We have a committee whose duty is to do all this. The consti-

tution specifically states that the advisory committee shall audit the managers' accounts and approve all games and arrangements for games, an authority which they have never exercised, and if they do this the manager can hardly go wrong. Why should we establish another committee when the one we have does not do its duty? Why burden the Association with another committee when the one it has is as much as it can carry?

Apart from these considerations the new amendments virtually make the executive committee the manager of all teams with a separate secretary for each to do the correspondence, etc. That secretary is the nominal manager but in reality is an appointee of the real manager to do the work. The manager under the present constitution has all the restraints necessary if the restraining power was exerted besides being the real manager, and the choice of the Association that gives him funds to carry on the business part of athletics. For my part I can see no reason for the change.

Yours, etc.,

C.

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The team plays St. Johns on Monday, and it is hoped that everyone will strive to make the whole affair a success. Let every man on the team play with all the ginger he can muster, and let every student in college be there to see that all goes off well. Let there be a rousing cheer for every good play, but let there be no guying. Our men can win without it. If they can't win, at least give the other side equal chance with our own team. There are a few, who, at some of the past games, have given way to personal remarks about the players. This isn't courteous to say the least. "Remember that they are our guests."

"We have not space to answer C's letter in this issue, but we will try to reply next week. In one point, however, he seems to have made a mistake. No change was made proposing to have the executive committee audit and approve the accounts. This is for the Athletic committee, as at present. We only proposed making those duties more explicit.

The clean cut manner in which President Wilson disposed of the difficulty of the first part of the week shows the truth of the maxim: "Small geniuses are troubled by small affairs, great ones see through and dispise."

On Thursday evening at the Opera House Harold Holmes appeared in that thrilling war drama, "The Heart of Cuba." Last evening, the audience saw him in his favorite production, "The Mystery of the Black Diamond."

Notice to Crew Candidates.

Notice is hereby given that no one will be allowed to row in the June regatta who is not a member of the Athletic Association.

W. L. U. 6 ; V. M. I. 5.

On last Saturday afternoon, for the second time this season the 'Varsity team won from the Virginia Military Institute in a close game. With Pratt out of the game, Davis, a new man on third, and Alford obliged to leave at the end of the sixth inning, the 'Varsities were much weakened but timely batting in the eighth inning saved them the game.

Maxwell's running catch of a difficult ball, doubling a man at second in the ninth inning when second and third were occupied with none out, was the great feature of the game. Campbell carried off the batting honors for W. L. U., getting a home run, a two bagger and a single. For V. M. I., Porter's pitching and Sullivan's fielding were the features.

Score, V. M. I. 5 ; W. L. U. 6.
Score by innings :

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.	E.
V. M. I.	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	6	2
W. L. U.	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	x	6	9	3	3

College Notes.

800 students matriculated at Vanderbilt for the session of '97-98.

An elective course in journalism has been established at Mount Holyoke.

The British government will in the near future establish a Catholic University in Ireland.

A number of students of Cambridge, England, have sworn not to take their degrees if women are permitted to do so.

Columbia University has received in the last three months donations of machinery valued at \$60,000, a \$12,000 locomotive being the last gift.

Vassar and Smith colleges have decided that the following line be omitted in Virgil's Aeneid in those Institutes: "Varium et mutabile semper femina."

Not long ago President Low gave Columbia University a million-dollar library building, and now comes the Duc de Loutal and gives a million to the library itself.

Turner—Atkinson, is Latin hard?
Atkinson—Yes sir, it is the hardest thing in the English language.

Edwards—(Reading life of Thucydides) What other Greek writers were there besides Thucydides?

A Debut Reception.

Thursday night one of the most brilliant social events of the season took place when Mr. H. St. George Tucker Carmichael made his debut at his home on Tucker Hill. The "Bud" was assisted in receiving by Miss Ansley of Alexandria, and Miss Carmichael, Misses Dangerfield, Miss Frierson, Miss Graves and Miss Duvall.

Those present were Misses Allan, Semmes, Shipp, Glasgow, Stuart, Jorand, Myers, Pendleton, Preston, Brockenbrough, Huskins, White, Messrs. Alford, Nelson, Muir, Lisle, Barclay, Fishburne, Crebbs, Burnett, Smith, Houston, Shields, Tucker, Sloan, Fitzhugh, Bonney, Shields, Wilson, Robinson, Allan, Mac Niell, Moore, Wells, Gibson, Glasgow, Bledsoe, Page, Vance, O'Neal, Anderson, Johnson, Martin, Robinson. From the V. M. I.—Messrs. Spilman, Mills, Vorheis, Freeman, Harding, McNeill, Lewis, Marshall, Steiger, Howard, McCormick, Powell, Nelson, Snead, Hubert, and Estill.

The dainty parlors presented a beautiful sight with such a number of the world's fair decked in most becoming style, surrounded by the gallant youth of the College and Institute, who vied with each other in their attempts to win the graces of the gentler sex. That the reception was at the house of Mrs. Carmichael is synonymous with saying that it was perfect in every detail.

Local and Personal.

Professor Harry St. Geo. Tucker was in Rickmond this week.

Miss Roberta Ansley of Alexandria, Va., is the guest of Miss Carmichael on "Tucker Hill."

Mrs. Harry St. George Tucker is at Atlantic City, N. J., on a visit to friends.

Miss Spencer of Yorkville, S. C., who has been on a visit to her brother, returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Allan Wilson, who has been on a visit to the family of President Wilson, returned to Washington on Thursday.

Mr. Chermide of Staunton, Va., has recovered from his recent illness and returned to the University to pursue his studies in the academic department.

"Pinafore" Next Thursday.

The tickets for "Pinafore" are on sale at Graham & Co's store. This delightful opera will be presented on Thursday and Friday evenings of the coming week. The "rush" for seats has been unprecedented in the history of any similar presentation before a Lexington audience. The success which this undertaking so richly deserves is already assured. Indeed, we predict a patronage which will be incommensurate with the "metes and bounds" of the house, so that for those who come late there will be "standing room only."

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College Scores.

University of Pennsylvania, 12 ;
Lehigh University, 5.
Princeton, 14 ; University of Maryland, 3.
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The Score was 2 to 1 in Favor of Virginia.

Lynchburg News, 27th.

The rooters who have waited so long for a real baseball game were rewarded yesterday by seeing one of the prettiest college contests since Virginia and North Carolina used to make Lynchburg their battle ground. Washington and Lee surprised everybody by holding the University team, fresh from their victories over Yale and Princeton, down until the ninth inning, when the tigers broke loose and won out with two outs to spare and three men on the bases. Pratt held the University sluggers down well, and Pinkerton was practically untouchable. Each team had two errors, but the University doubled Washington and Lee in hits. The latter scored only in the first inning and Virginia tied the score in the third.

So it stood until the ninth when the University jumped on Pratt and pummeled out the game. A base on balls, a hit and a hunt filled the bases, when Wills hit to left field, scoring two men, though only one run counted, it winning the game. When this occurred only one was out.

The fielding of both sides was beautiful, especially the work of the outfielders. Washington and Lee, as well as Virginia, played like veterans; except for the weak batting. Following is the game by innings: Washington and Lee was first at the bat. Snyder was given a pass to first and went to second on a passed ball. Campbell fled out to Summersgill. Pratt lined a beauty to right sending Snyder to third and going to second on Summersgill's throw home. Maxwell hit to pitcher and went out at first. Faulkner hit through Martin, scoring Snyder, and Burnett hit to Bonney, who made a brilliant running catch, retiring the side.

In Virginia's half Wills fanned out and Pratt threw Martin out at first. Steptoe reached first on an error of Faulkner. Collier fanned but reached first on error of catcher. Hill retired Virginia on a foul to Snyder.

In the second inning Myers of Washington and Lee punched the atmosphere. Barclay hit a long one to Collier, who made a startling

play. Davis hit a safe one to right but Snyder hit a high one to Bonney.

Summersgill opened for Virginia and was passed to first. Hunt hit a safe looking one to left, but was out by a beautiful running catch by Barclay—one of the features of the game. Bonney sacrificed in sending Summersgill to third. Pinkerton ended by hitting to Pratt.

In the third the score was tied. Campbell of Lexington, fled out to Wills. Pratt was thrown out by Wills. Maxwell hit to Pinkerton and out at first.

Wills of Virginia, hit safe, Martin fled to centre, Steptoe sacrificed, scoring Wills, and Collier fled to right.

From the third to the ninth inning, the game was uneventful. In the fifth Pinkerton of Virginia, made a brilliant play by throwing out Davis at first. Snyder of Lexington, made a beautiful stop in the seventh.

At the beginning of the ninth the score was 1 to 1. Steptoe threw Maxwell out, Bonney made a grand stand catch of what looked safe from Faulkner. Martin errored on, Burnett and Myers gave Bonney another chance for a beautiful running catch.

In Virginia's half Summersgill was given a base on balls. Hunt hit against the Anheuser-Busch sign for two bases. Myers gave Bonney a lift by holding the ball too long. Pinkerton fled to short, and Wills sent a safe one past third scoring Summersgill, with one out, ending the game.

Score of yesterday's game:

SCORE BY INNING					
VIRGINIA.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Wills, 2b.	1	3	4	2	0
Martin, ss.	0	0	0	0	2
Steptoe, 3b.	0	0	0	3	0
Collier, cf.	0	1	2	0	0
Hill, c.	0	1	2	0	0
Summersgill, rf.	1	1	2	1	0
Hunt, lb.	0	1	11	0	0
Bonney, lf.	0	1	5	0	0
Pinkerton, p.	0	0	1	3	0
Total	2	8	27	9	2

WASHINGTON AND LEE.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Snyder, lb.	1	0	16	0	0
Campbell, ss.	0	1	1	3	0
Pratt, p.	0	1	0	3	0
Maxwell, cf.	0	0	1	0	0
Faulkner, 2b.	0	0	2	2	1
Burnett, c.	0	0	2	1	1
Myers, 3b.	0	1	1	3	0
Barclay, lf.	0	0	2	0	0
Davis, rf.	0	1	1	0	0
Total	1	4	25	13	2

* One out when winning run was made. Two base hits—Wills. Hunt. Struck out—by Pinkerton 2, of Pratt 2. Base on balls—off Pinkerton 2, of Pratt 2. Hit by pitched ball—Hill. Passed balls—Hill 1, Burnett 1. Umpire Morgan.

Score by Innings:
 Washington and Lee 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
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These persons showed their displeasure, not in the time honored custom, but vented their wrath in the destruction of college property in a manner entirely inconsistent with the position they hold. They base their action on the non-support of athletics by the faculty. Our treatment from them has been all that could be expected and more. No reasonable request has been denied. The financial support accorded by them has been extremely liberal. In looking over the lists it is seen that the largest student subscription is smaller than the smallest one from any member of the faculty, the manager of the team expected. And a calithump is the thanks a few students would give for all this.

Happy to say, but a few students took part in this display, and their action is not approved by the student body at large. It is earnestly hoped that these few will imbibe just a small part of the spirit which surrounds our institution ere they again attempt to act for the student at large.



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