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BASEBALL PRACTICE HAS NOW BEGUN

**Coach Reid Has Been on the Campus
For Two Weeks.**

CLASS GAMES TO BEGIN SOON

**Coach Reid Has Great Record As Baseball
Player—An Old Carolina Man.**

Baseball practice began in earnest last Monday.

The diamond is in an excellent condition, having been recently scraped and sanded. A man has been hired for the season to keep the grounds in shape.

Coach Richard Reid has been on the campus for the last two weeks looking after baseball interests. Coach Reid is an old Carolina man and has a remarkable record in both inter-collegiate and professional baseball. While in college he was prominent in every form of athletics. In 1905 Mr. Reid enjoyed the unique distinction of being captain of both the baseball and football teams. He also did more or less track work.

As a professional, Mr. Reid played in the South Georgia League with Columbus. He was one of Moffett's stars during Knoxville's great season, and for a while played at Charleston, in West Virginia.

Coach Reid is the first baseball coach that Carolina has ever had engaged for the whole season. Other men have coached the team for a week or two, but Carolina has never before had a man through the entire season. Coach Reid is by no means an outsider. He has the best interests of Carolina at heart and knows conditions here.

The Advisory Board is to be congratulated on securing Coach Reid's services.

The class games will probably be played the last week in February. The schedule will be arranged by the managers of the various classes.

Golfers Waking Up.

With the coming of spring, many of the students are taking a great deal of interest in golf.

Two matches have been played with Ridgewood. In the first, the two teams broke even, and in the last, which came off last Saturday, the University was defeated by a few points.

The golf course on Gibbes Green is still an excellent one, in spite of the two buildings which have been put upon it.

A return match will be played on the Ridgewood links next Saturday. The University will be well represented.

LEGISLATURE GOOD TO UNIVERSITY

**Total Appropriation Amounts to
About \$85,000.**

GETS A NEW HALL OF SCIENCE

**The Work Being Done by Carolina is at Last
Appreciated by the
Lawmakers.**

The Ways and Means Committee of the House has reported favorably on a new \$40,000 building for the University, and the appropriation has passed. The money is to be given in installments of \$20,000, the first this year, and the last next year.

If the act passes the House and Senate, the University will be empowered to contract for the new building immediately.

President Moore now has in his possession tentative plans for the building. It is to be used as a Hall of Science, three stories high and entirely modern in every detail. The building will be designed especially for the occupation of the physical, chemical and biological laboratories. A part of the building may also be used by the department of Geology.

There is a crying need for this new building. The science departments are cramped and hampered by lack of room under the present conditions. The old Science Hall at the best is a mere make-shift. The arrangements, especially as to light, are very poor. The new building is to be designed to remedy all these defects and it will permit of much better work being done.

The Ways and Means Committee also reported favorably on an appropriation of \$1,000 toward equipping the new infirmary with modern, sanitary hospital furniture. The committee further allowed \$3,500 to furnish the new building on Gibbes Green.

If the House and Senate see fit to allow the appropriations for the University to go unaltered through the third reading, work on the \$40,000 building, which is to be located on Gibbes Green, will begin early in the summer.

Additional Instruction in Math.

An additional instructor in the department of Mathematics will be added next year. The department of Mathematics is the largest in college, and another instructor is certainly needed to lighten the work of the present teaching force.

The Sophomores have elected the following baseball officials: Captain, W. B. Perrin; manager, H. G. Officer; waterboy, J. S. Hoey; sponsor, Ben Tillman Rainsford.

LONG EXAMINATIONS MENTAL TORTURE

**Ten-Hour Examinations Test of En-
durance, Not of Knowledge.**

FREE EXPRESSION OF OPINION

**The S. P. C. A. Should Step In and Remedy
Conditions Existing in a Certain
Department.**

A stranger inquiring for the Junior Class on that fatal Tuesday, the second of February, 1909, would have thought the members of that class an exceptionally stupid body of men.

He might even have thought them oppressed by some strange malady that prevented them from thinking quickly. For on that sad day, the great majority of the Junior Class of the University of South Carolina labored over the dry definitions and syllogisms of logic until late in the afternoon, and some unlucky individuals pursued the elusiveness of ambiguous middles and illicit major terms until dense night came to soothe their wearied brains.

Nor has that class been the only one in this institution that has been subjected to that peculiar form of mental and physical torture that lies in long examinations. The present Senior Class has followed the mazes of psychology for eight, nine, or even ten hours of a hot June day, and a favored few of the members have distinguished between theories and doctrines in ethics for a like period.

But, some one may say, "These students were very dull or perhaps stupid." Even if this were true, they would be entitled to sympathy and not to refined torture that would exhibit their stupidity to their fellow students.

But this is not so. They have never proven stupid in other studies, and besides, even if a student can answer all the questions, it is impossible, as many of us know, to answer them in the proper way inside of eight hours, without any loafing whatsoever.

Now, as to the torture. Laying aside the fact that some people are constitutionally unfitted to endure such a test, anyone who undergoes such an ordeal after days or weeks of hard study is almost incapacitated. The mere physical labor is wearing. As hour after hour passes, the brain refuses to work, the whole system rebels and the last part of the paper is often a mere farce.

Our opinion is that a better test of a student's knowledge of his subject would be obtained by a few judicious questions, to be answered in a reasonable time.

Finally, this article is an outgrowth of that student opinion which

POE MEDAL GIVEN DR. WAUCHOPE

**75 Medals Bestowed Upon Disting-
uished Men of Letters.**

VIRGINIA AWARDS MEDALS

**Presentation of Special Tiffany Medals Came
As Climax to Virginia's
Celebration.**

During the Poe Centennial Celebration at the University of Virginia, Dr. G. A. Wauchope was awarded one of the seventy-five Poe Memorial medals. The awarding of these medals came as the climax of the University's celebration.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says of the occasion:

"Another feature of much interest was the bestowal of the Poe medals, struck by Tiffany, to commemorate the occasion. Medals were given in recognition of services which have added materially to the furthering of Poe's reputation as a man of letters."

Among the persons to whom medals were awarded were: M. Louviere and Able Lefranc, of Paris; Professor Alcee Fortier, of Tulane; Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, of Washington; Dr. Barrett Wendal, of Harvard; Hamilton W. Mabie, of New York; Edward Dowden, of Ireland, and Dr. Chas. W. Kent, of Virginia.

Two medals were awarded to South Carolina, one to Dr. Wauchope and another to Dr. Sidney Ernest Bradshaw. It is an honor to Dr. Wauchope and to the whole University that one of these medals should have come here.

Societies Meet Saturday Night.

The Euphradian and Clariosophic Societies will hold their regular weekly meeting next Saturday night after a four weeks' adjournment on account of examinations. Two oratorical contests are to come off early in April.

College Press Association Meets Here

The College Press Association of South Carolina meets with the University some time in April.

Our two sister institutions will assist Carolina by entertaining the delegates from the female colleges. A very full attendance is expected.

The Gamecock was founded to express and that opinion is that the feeling of humanity, the promptings of charity, or even the more material principles of the S. P. C. A., should intercede to prevent anyone from inflicting any such tortures upon his fellow men.