Cane Rush and Class Game.

The Cane Rush of 1899 passed into history on the 17th of November, with a score of 20 to 8 hands in favor of the Sophomores. It was, however, not wholly one-sided; the Freshmen were quite capable of making affairs exciting for the Sophomores. Of the football game, not much can be said either by way of condemnation or of praise. The 1903 eleven was obviously outclassed both in weight and practice, and as this was so, criticism of the game itself is, to a certain extent, forestalled and disarmed.

The day itself was not all that might have been wished for and because of the unnecessary delays, the commencement of the Rush was prolonged until late in the afternoon, when it began to grow decidedly uncomfortable for the spectators. Still, the crowd was large, nearly 1,000 persons being present, and retained its enthusiasm through the whole afternoon. The bleachers were bright with class colors and flags, and the gentler sex was greatly in evidence.

The inevitable, indescribable costumes of the Freshmen and Sophomores were as much to be remarked upon as ever. This year it is very gratifying to note that the Cane Rush Committees were active and alert, and a farsized band enlivened the afternoon considerably for those on the bleachers. The transparencies were, as in former years, demolished immediately on their appearance upon the field of action in a manner very creditable to the traditions gathered about them. The incident of the flag-staff was entirely a Sophomore victory. Their banner, which had been hoisted to the top of the pole, floated defiantly throughout the afternoon in spite of the efforts of one persistent Freshman. The Sophomores had, the night before, greased the pole to a height of about thirty feet from the ground, and up to an almost equal height the pole was wound round with barbed wire. This, however, was an obstacle not insurmountable for the indomitable Freshman—but when he reached the halyards and found them nailed to the mast, courage forsook him; a graceful descent was effected, and the 1902 banner remained untouched.

There were the usual "off-side" plays and