

The Sophomore Athletic Outlook.

In its comments on current events in athletics THE TECH takes the position, as far as possible, of a disinterested onlooker, giving a strictly impartial opinion. For some time it seemed as though the class spirit of the Sophomores had entirely died out, for far too few candidates for the teams came out, and 1906 athletics was in a bad way. By a candid presentation of facts some interest appears to have been awakened, and a spirit of contest aroused.

About fifty men have been out regularly for the Tug-of-War. This event offers opportunity for so many men to win their numerals that it is well supported. The men weigh from 140 pounds to 188 pounds, the average weight of the prospective team being about 160 pounds. This is not a heavy team, but is up to the average. Last year's tactics of a steady pull by the entire team at given intervals is being regularly practiced, and makes a very formidable proposition for the Freshmen. The weight of the latter, who have out about thirty-five men, is from 150 pounds to 210 pounds, but the team is not expected to average over 165 pounds. A. J. Amberg, '05, has the latter under his supervision.

The Relay Team, which calls for men, has been even better supported than the Tug-of-War. U. J. Nicholas, the manager, has thirty-four regular candidates, including some of the best runners in the class. Trials for selecting the team were held at the Charles River Park on Wednesday, Oct. 28, and the team will hereafter train steadily until the 7th. There are not many good short distance men in the class, but a great improvement over last year is to be predicted. So far the men have appeared to keep a steady wind in their short spurts, and have, mostly, a regular stride in longer distances, but greater speed will be found necessary.

The Sophomore Football Team has not shown up as well as the other teams. On a few occasions only, have enough men turned out to form a second team. The play has been very ragged indeed, and rapid team play has not been reached. The weight is not over 155-160 pounds, except in a few instances. From present indications it will be a contest as to which team is less poor than the other, instead of which is the better. What should properly be the most important event of Field Day promises to be the least satisfactory. The work is half-hearted, the team movement slow and broken up, and the outlook would be extremely discouraging to the Sophomores if the Freshmen themselves had anything approaching a good team.

It appears now that Field Day, 1903, will be perhaps the most evenly matched contest that has been held since the event was instituted. If this is true, it is the ideal situation from an athletic standpoint, and should lead to even greater interest.

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The Freshman football team met the heavy Salem High School team last Saturday, and although defeated, made a creditable showing. Salem's second touchdown came as the result of a fumble after the kick-off, the man getting the ball with nobody to stop him. In the second half neither side was able to score. The Freshmen showed a good defense, and Salem's gains came from running off plays rapidly without signals, but there was considerable fumbling on both sides. For Tech, Fredrick, Rudd and Chapman did the best work.

Chemical Society.

The first meeting of the Chemical Society will be held at the Tech Union on Friday, Oct. 30, at eight o'clock. Dr. Talbot will be present and will speak.