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Why not have a spring Field Day? Baseball and track would form the nucleus around which to center the then much better trained sophomores and freshmen. The fall Field Day is successful in bringing out new men. A similar snappy, spirited contest, further along in the year, would benefit spring track work, the cross-country, and baseball.

An old custom of the senior class of the Institute is to be improved by this year's class. Every year on New Year's eve the class has gone to some theatre in a body, afterward seeing the New Year in on Rogers steps with songs and cheers. The improvement is the substitution of a first class entertainment at the Union this year in place of the theatre party. Every senior will no doubt welcome this change and be on hand at the Union to welcome the beginning of his year—1909.

The decisive action of the athletic association with regard to varsity baseball is an example of well-considered conservatism worthy of notice and approval. The idea of forbidding an Institute team was not to discourage permanently the development of baseball as a sport, but simply to give it time to prove itself worth while before being put before the general public. If the class teams show that a creditable varsity team can be organized, one season's delay will be no great loss; and if they do not make good, the athletic association and the student body will have good cause for self-congratulation.

Don't forget Hook Night at the Union this evening. Cut the grind for an hour or two and come. Get away from your close, quiet study room with its dread associations of Physics or Structures and hie to the Union with a great rosy smile and a glad heart.

Join in and do a stunt, that your pleasure derived from what others may do may be keener. Sing a song, dance a few steps, tell a story—anything!

Don't fear the mighty audience, for, if you don't please, the hook is waiting to save you from further embarrassment. Remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The entertainment committee is to be congratulated on its success in arranging the Friday evening entertainments. All who have gone have been well pleased; each week has seen an increased attendance and the fun tonight promises to bring out a record crowd. Be with it.

NEW CATALOGUE OUT

Change in Entrance Requirements
New Esperanto Course

The Institute catalogue for December, 1908, was issued last week from the registrar's office. It is somewhat larger than usual, embracing 456 pages. Ex-

tra descriptive information has been added, together with a number of important changes.

In the department of modern languages, Esperanto has received consideration and is put down as an elective. This course is under Prof. Vogel and comprises two exercises a week during the first half of the second term only. It is designed to enable the student to read the language easily, to speak it slowly and intelligibly and to understand it when spoken with ordinary clearness and deliberation.

Applicants for admission to the freshmen class of the Institute must now present satisfactory evidence of preparation in two electives selected from a list of twelve elementary subjects, heretofore only one elective has been required. The object of this additional elective requirement, it is stated, is to secure and to recognize greater breadth of preparatory training. The time allotment for each elective in the preparatory schools is expected to be equivalent to four or five periods per week for one year.

The requiring of an entrance examination fee of five dollars, instituted last June, is to be continued. This policy is in accordance with the practice now followed by the leading colleges and by the College Entrance Examination Board. This amount will, however, be credited towards the tuition fee for the first term of students who enter the Institute. A candidate who is rejected will be required to pay a second fee if he repeats the examination, and his original fee will not be credited to him if he is ultimately admitted. Those candidates dividing examinations will be required to pay a fee only for their first examination.

The value of the new research laboratory of applied chemistry, together with the other research laboratories, is set forth. A two or three year course for graduates of the Institute, and to others who have had a training substantially equivalent to that given in any of its undergraduate courses will lead to the degree of doctor of philosophy and doctor of engineering. This advanced work is especially valuable for thorough training of teachers in the higher institutions of learning, for scientific experts employed in government or industrial research laboratories, or for engineers who are to do creative work of the highest order in their profession.

The changes made this year by the Institute mean that in the future candidates proposing to enter the freshmen class must present evidence of a broad and general training.

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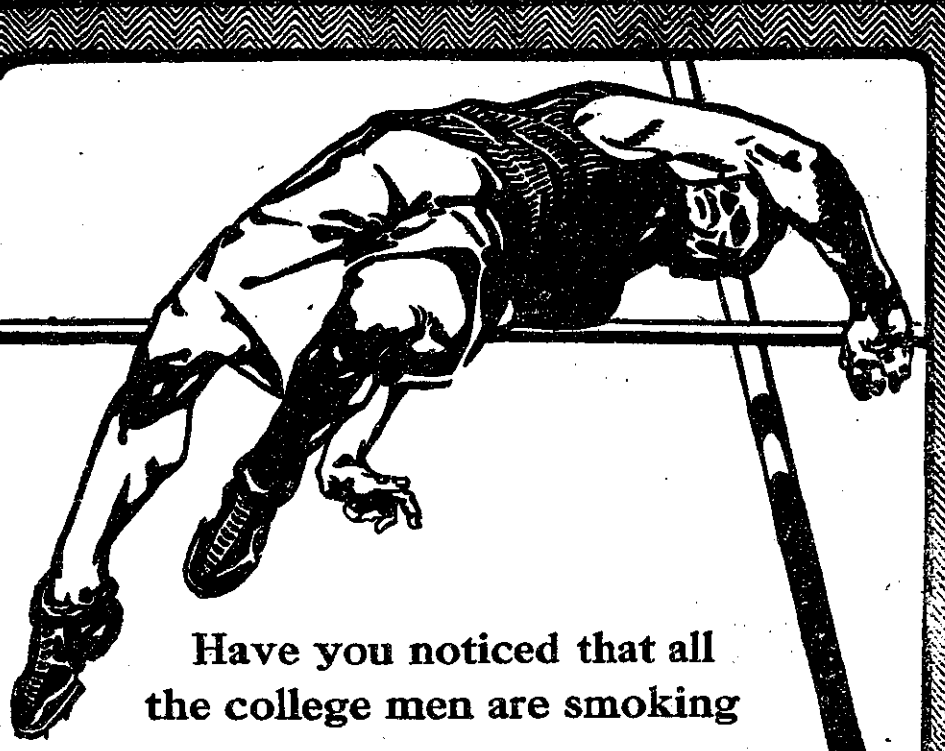
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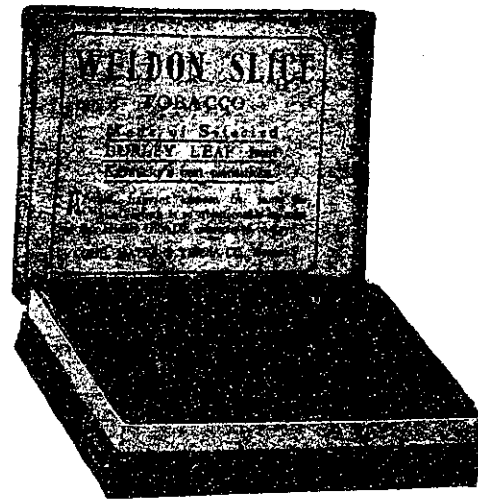
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