ATHLETIC POLICY OF THE INSTITUTE

Only during the past few years have athletics at the Institute been carried on either as an important or successful feature of undergraduate life, although, here, as at every school where there are a great number of young men, the love of athletic sports exists, and in the past it has found outlet in numerous inter-collegiate contests with results of varying success. For a long time after they had begun to play an important part among the student activities, they seemed to have no guide, no means of control, either by the Faculty or by any one else. This was always conflicting with and competing against the regular class work of the Institute, and it became necessary to devise a government to control the athletic and a policy by which to conduct that government. The policy which was established at this time is still in use, and it is so beneficial that it has attracted the attention of many other institutions throughout the country. It is a policy that tends to give to individuals the necessary amount of exercise for the health and physical development, that tends to develop athletic students in stead of the student athletes who prevail at so many of our larger colleges today.

The old system, or rather lack of it, is in many respects unsatisfactory; it is always open to the charge of favoritism. The present Institute Council, when in proper hands, is a decided success. For a long time after the Institute gained a little victory, the first step had been made, Faculty opposition, but in 1897 contests of foot ball, relay racing, and tug-of-war were commenced. Next came the combined Field Day, a half holiday given by the Corporation at the start the Council was strenuously having their numerals put on the beautiful very gratefully received by the Association - 15, a special boat will be chartered and

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In former years the Advisory Council was the only director of our athletics, but this year, of course, necessitated a mass meeting of the students whenever any important athletic matter was to be settled.

A few years ago, however, the student body had become so large that this was impractical and the idea of the Athletic Association was evolved. This system, which calls for a body intermediate between the students and the Council, has proven very popular and is a decided success. The Association consists wholly of under-class members, elected from each class, together with the captains and managers of each of the Institute Teams. This smaller body has frequent meetings and handles as a whole matters that come up, referring the more important ones to the Council for ratification.

The financial end of the policy has even been that of getting together money, enough to pay the necessary bills, in the best possible way. Many plans have been tried and others suggested but the right one is yet to come. The original of The Track Show, which was merely a minstrel performance, was given for the benefit of the Track Team and The Show is a large, though uncertain, contributor to the treasury of the A. A. Association. The Corporation gives a certain amount every year for athletic purposes which find immediate use. Recent plans of making all the big problems that arise and bring the Athletics of the Institute to a very high plane. Although we are members of the I. C. A. A. A. and the N. E. I. A. A. in perfectly good standing, we do not enter into the meetings and races as deeply as do many of the other institutions, but we still emphasize athletic inter-class or inter-course events. For the Athletics of the Student Body is the part of Athletics that is attracting the attention of many schools, finding it necessary to recognize and retain their athletes. The physical external is an absolute necessity to the young men of our schools and colleges, and it seems that the athletic policy, the form of sport under which athletics are held here at the Institute is more logical and better fitted to cope with this, the first period of its history.

The CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

By Isaac Hansman

When this society was formed in 1889 the founders stated that the purpose of the society was to be twofold. The first was to bring before the men the practical side of the work which they were studying at the Institute; and the second was to bring them in closer contact with each other and their instructors. The first part is accomplished by occasional meetings, with speakers who are at the top of their profession, and who usually speak on the practical side of engineering work; and by means of visits and trips of inspection to points of engineering interest. The second necessarily follows the first but is accomplished by having some of the meetings take the form of dinners.

Meetings are held at frequent intervals and interest in the society is not allowed to lag. The society has been fortunate in having a large attendance at the various meetings, which has broken all records. This may be partly due to the fact that the membership also has been recent and now numbers about 225 members, which makes it by far the largest professional society in the Institute.

The affairs which have been featured during the past six months are as follows: The first dinner of the society was held at the Union, with Mr. L. K. Koutte, former engineer of the Panama Canal speaker for the evening. A speaker in detail of how the "Big Ditch" is being constructed was Frank Cohn, chief engineer and meeting of all the Professional Societies which was under the auspices of the society at which Prof. Spofford and Prof. Jaggar talked on the subject of the Panama Canal, and its effect on buildings. A moving picture show, with Mr. Hansman, an engineer, who gave an inspection trip to the Panama grade crossing, and a "Faculty Stories and Telling Contest" followed in succession.

For the remainder of the year, April 15, a special boat will be chartered and a trip to the Cape Cod Canal made, to inspect the work now being done there; and on May 3, the annual banquet will be held at the Copley Square Hotel. At this time some of the leading engineers of the country will speak before the society.