

three years for a position, and why cannot you do the same ?

Again, we would cry for more men to furnish a good strong second nine. No one can fail to recognize the fact that a well organized second nine is absolutely essential to the success of the first. If we have an inefficient second, the first team will lose just so much good practice. Then too, the second team furnishes candidates from whom are chosen men to fill vacancies on the first.

Nothing perhaps will do more to insure a prosperous season to a representative college team, either in base ball or general athletics than the approval and support of the student body. The first consideration is for men who are capable and willing to train; the next is for the equipment and general support of the nine. Those who do not take part in any way have here an opportunity to aid materially in putting forth a team in which all can claim an individual interest. Let us make it one that is guided by the best sentiment of the college.

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A GLANCE into the gymnasium almost any evening during this term would have disclosed quite a number of men busily employed with chest-weights, rings, clubs, or bars. The first impression produced is that these men are in preliminary training for the out-door sports next term. A few questions reveal the fact that a greater number of the men present are of the freshman class or from prepdom, and are simply indulging in a few gymnastic exercises as a pleasant way of amusing themselves before study hours. This is of course an admirable thing. But so few are sure that they will compete in the out-door sports. If asked, the answer is almost invariably "Oh, I may, but I don't know just yet." This is a deplorable state of affairs. When our college is making such improvements in almost every direction, is there to be none in track athletics over last year's performance? To be sure, we advanced a step last May as we did the year before, but

the number of points still needful to attain first place was rather large to say the least.

It cannot be denied that we have advanced our position in the S. I. C. A. A. during the last three years. If these advancements are to continue, good and well. But there is still a better way to gain our true position in this association. A slow but sure improvement is satisfactory only so long as a rapid, permanent advancement can not be made. If the students would only recognize that we have grown to proportions when a little enthusiasm and interest in the matter would enable us to take first place this and succeeding years, there could be but little question as to the result.

Without doubt we have material here that would enable us to take this stride, and, when taken, to maintain our position. Such being the case, it is hoped that the few now training faithfully will continue to do so, and that they will soon be joined by determined recruits. Now is the time to begin training. Do not wait until the sports are here before realizing the importance to be attached to careful, systematic training.

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THE LANCE has always tried to faithfully represent the student body, and to call their attention to matters connected with the institution where improvement could be made. Especially has it adversely commented upon any tendency to mar the general pleasing effect of our campus. These remarks, heretofore, have been restricted to path-making as that has been the chief source of danger. With this issue, however, we feel it our duty to severely criticise any tendency to throw rubbish from the rooms upon the campus.

This matter has been frequently called to the notice of the student by other means, but, when the front campus is converted into a receptacle for old, worn-out shoes, the LANCE feels that it is its duty to put in an oar. That any one should be guilty of such an atrocity would seem almost incredible, but the last week of mild weather made such inroads upon the snow as to bare the campus