

and before long the Sophomores gave up the fight. The flag was left flying and in the morning, while the Freshmen were taking an "exam," the Sophomores tore it down and made it into neckties.

This started the flag-scrap custom and every year since then in the spring, or latter part of the winter term, a flag has been raised by the Freshman class. In the two years following '87 the flags were put up on the Main Building pole, as the first had been; and fights occurred very similar to the first one, resulting finally in the Sophomores tearing down the flag. The idea seems to have been to keep the flag up as long as possible and not to take it down until it was torn down.

No more flags were put on the Main Building. The next class, '93, attempted to get their's up, but were interrupted by an unexpected call from the "Prex" and obliged to disperse much more quickly than they had come together. This led to a new departure, the raising of the flag on the Armory, which was then just completed. The class of '93 was the first to make use of the Armory pole. The top of the tower on which the flag-pole stands was then reached as it is now by a long ladder on the inside of the tower, starting from the landing, which opens onto the Armory gallery.

The Freshmen put up their flag on Saturday night and after breaking off about twenty feet from the bottom of the ladder in the tower, left the placé unguarded. It was Sunday morning before the Sophomores knew of the affair, and as soon as chapel was out (they had chapel at 9 o'clock in the morning then) the whole class made a dash for the Armory. The Freshmen followed close on their heels, and came tearing up the stairs just as the first class had reached the Armory gallery. A terrific "scrap" followed, the Freshmen trying hard to get up the stairs. While it was raging several Sophomores ran into the tower to try to climb up to the flag. All around were bare walls up to the height of about twenty feet, where the lower end of the lad-