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Interclass Basketball Closes.

In their victory over the Seniors on Saturday night, the sophomores won just claims to the championship in basketball among the classes. Just at this point it will not be amiss to review this year's most exciting season of the sport which the majority of the fellows have sadly neglected and failed to support.

Probably the most important work of the league is to develop varsity material, for in past years certain varsity stars have been the products of class teams. Among the promising men developed by this year's league, Captain Binder of the sophomore team appears most worthy of a varsity berth. This little captain excels in all departments of the game, especially in goal shooting, and as leader of his team he has not only led them to championship but has also won several games by his own individual efforts.

It is rather difficult to choose particular stars from the number of interclass favorites, but Murphy and Maybee of the junior team and Loveridge, Binder and Bright of the senior team have shown good form at all times, and they look promising. The Freshmen did not produce any stars, and their work was rather disappointing but the other three classes were represented by teams of almost equal strength, and the five men on each team were well balanced in playing ability. Thus it is hardly fair to mention several without mentioning all of the men on the senior, junior, and sophomore teams. Trials for varsity next year will show who of the lower class teams are deserving of praise.

A peculiar and yet interesting feature of these games in interclass basketball was, that the three upperclass teams were so evenly matched. Games played between any two of the senior, junior, or sophomore teams were always most exciting and thrilling to witness, for the outcome was never certain until the final whistle was blown; and then in three of the contests an extra five minute period was required to break the tie. In fact almost any kind of interesting games could be seen. A certain game was won in the very last second of play, the ball being in the air at the time when the whistle was blown. Three games were decided by one point and most all of them never were won by a large number of points. The freshmen put up a game fight in every contest they were called upon to play, and they often looked dangerous but were able to win only one game.

Considering the pleasure side of it, this league was decidedly successful, for it provided any number of interesting games, and the best kind or basketball was exhibited. However, the fellows failed to take an interest in a cause which was worthy of their support and which really needed it badly, for the close of the season finds each manager in debt.

Interclass basketball should not be dropped, by any means, but at the same time, it should receive more support from the fellows if it is to be continued next year. It is altogether impossible for any manager to run a team properly, under

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conditions such as existed this year. The classes should decide, what is to be done before another schedule is attempted. The final standing of the teams follows:—

	Won	Lost	Pct.
1914	7	2	.777
1913	5	4	.555
1912	5	4	.555
1915'	1	8	.111

The Battle of the Slums.

We, who live in comparatively comfortable and pleasant surroundings, very often fail to realize the trials and tribulations that some of our more unfortunate brothers and sisters in the slums undergo.

Mr. Jacob Riis in a very interesting lecture last Saturday evening, discussed emphatically the reforms that have been brought about in the slums of New York, and those that for the sake of humanity, should be carried out.

The evening was opened by several enjoyable selections rendered by the mandolin club, which evidenced that this musical organization is still as good as ever.

Mr. Riis opened his discussion with a vivid description of his own life. His early experiences manifested the hardships that a foreigner has to endure, when he first puts his foot on American soil.

With a series of slides, Mr. Riis portrayed the conditions existing in the habitations of the poorer class of New Yorkers. He pictured the old and wretched tenements, which are a curse to its inmates, and again he showed the modern structures, which afford healthful and pleasant environments to their tenants.

In his entire dissertation, Mr. Riis

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1915 Exhibition.
The freshmen gymnasium exhibition is scheduled to begin at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of March 30. The larger part of the freshman class will be on hand to exhibit its worthiness and will be divided into two sections. The program consists of the regular routine class work and a number of specialties. Members of the faculty, students, and village inhabitants are cordially invited to attend.

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