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During the past week we find that the question of limiting men in college activities has been considered during the year by the Student Board. That the same matter is being considered in other colleges is evident from the exchanges which we receive. The point system in vogue at Iowa State makes fifty points the maximum, thirty-five points is given the editor of the paper while a class presidency counts to 1 points.

The Student Board is to be congratulated for investigating this matter and considering the wide approval given our first editorial on the subject, it is our belief that any recommendations from them concerning this matter will be given careful consideration in a mass meeting. It should be remembered, however, that the great amount of competition for each activity here is of itself a factor in limiting extra-curriculum endeavors. The greatest need for reformation is probably in the duties of the senior president. This man who already carries a large amount of work finds himself confronted with the executive work not only of his class but of the student government besides. Would it not be feasible to elect a president of student government who would be second in point of honor to the senior president?

For several years past military drill seems to have been very much disliked by a great many of the cadets and especially by the sophomores. It has been looked upon by many as a necessary evil, as a waste of time and energy, and as nothing more than military drudgery. There is little justification, however, for this attitude on the part of the students when one considers just what military drill really is. One must first regard it as a source of good exercise. It is a known fact that every college student needs a certain amount of exercise and, as the majority of the students do not take part in athletics, military drill serves this necessity. Throughout the country, educators and men of affairs are advocating compulsory military drill in colleges as the best means of insuring protection in case of national crises and because

of the great mental and physical benefits derived. Again, the present war in Europe brings very forcibly to our minds the necessity of military preparedness.

Of course, there is but little benefit to be derived from military drill as it has been conducted here for the past few years, but the military department promises, for the spring work, a wide departure from the monotonous and tedious close order drill. For the sophomores the proverbial command, "Squads right", will be seldom heard. Four periods a week the battalion will do outpost and extended order work and the companies will indulge in practical field operations which could only be made more realistic by war itself. The freshman companies will also do considerable extended order work. Target practice will be continued on an enlarged scale and every man will have a chance to become more adept in the use of the rifle. To make this proposed plan successful, Lieutenant Chaffin expects discipline and cooperation on the part of the cadets. With these facts in mind then, the students should take much more interest in this part of the curriculum and instead of viewing it as military drudgery, regard it instead as real military drill.

The Graduate Athletic Manager is doing everything possible to improve the football field on New Beaver. Coach Harlow is co-operating as far as possible by having practice on other fields. The condition the field of last fall resulted in the injury of three varsity players. Considering these facts, is it too much to ask the students to cooperate to the extent of keeping off that portion of New Beaver? Carry this suggestion further and remind the other fellow. A broken ankle can make or break a football season.

More Tennis Candidates Needed
 The schedule of games confronting the tennis team this year makes it imperative that more tennis players report for practice. Captain Jones, Nevins and McCance are the only men remaining from last year and it will mean considerable work to produce a successful team. A court has been reserved for varsity players, and practice is being held the last hour every day under the supervision of Mr. Lewis.

Manager Smedley presents the following schedule: May 6, Carnegie Tech., away; May 7, Pittsburgh, away; May 8, Westinghouse, away; May 15, Lehigh, away; pending, Dickinson, here; May 29, Pittsburgh, here.

A game with Michigan was scheduled here for May 18, but because of cancellation by that team it is hoped that the game with Dickinson will be set for that date.

Thespian Trip a Success
 Returning late last Saturday night after a performance at Bellefonte, the Thespians closed a trip which was marked in every respect as a decided success. Only at Uniontown were they obliged to play before a poor house; and in each of the other towns the show was received with much approbation, and was considered by many as the best shown in Thespian history. Dances were held at Uniontown, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Tyrone.

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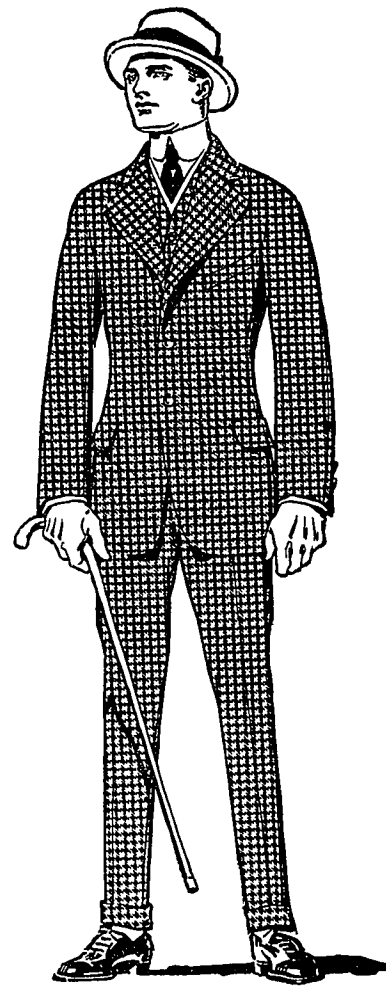
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