



Athletics

The past year has been the most successful in the college athletics, although it is merely following out the gradual development which started with the dedication of Ogden Field. "Athletics have meant more to the athletes themselves, more to the student body, and more to the institute as a whole" than at any other time in the history of the school. The teams that have been played have been of a better class, and it seems as if the old problem of getting good results out of a school where the men have but little time aside from studies is much nearer a solution.

Most of the interclass games were too one sided to get up the proper amount of interest, but the bowling and tennis tournaments aroused quite a latent cooperation among the men. The loss of football is now no longer regretted except in an occasional Fulcrum editorial, for the men can see that with the money which was spent on the up-keep of a team for which there was no time to practice, it is now possible to equip other teams which can be far more successful.

The track never had a better season than the spring of 1907, although the scores would not indicate that fact to one who did not know of the previous standing of the team. With the increased prestige of our baseball teams, however, the thought has come to many men that we should concentrate more of our attention upon this branch of athletics. Technical schools must of necessity devote less time to athletics than universities devote, and the plan of supporting that branch which seems most likely to thrive has been generally adopted. We have not the gymnasium required for track and basket-ball, and besides that, these sports are not as interesting to the average student as baseball. Probably the majority of the men would be more satisfied if they could see a few really good baseball games instead of seeing during the year a number of only fair track meets and basket and baseball games.