

The first volume of the Fulcrum was published under the direction of the class of 1901 in the fall of 1897. Being the originators of this publication and wishing to assure it of success, that same class, as sophomores, edited the second volume and then entrusted it to the succeeding sophomores for the following year. Thus it remained—a sophomore publication—until last spring. Then all of the ex-executives in school met and decided to change it to a college paper, with a senior as editor-in-chief, a junior as managing editor, and a member of any of the three upper classes as business manager. The remainder of the staff may be drawn from the whole college. Thus the paper is not only assured of increased support but it is placed in the hands of more mature executives, who secure their positions through promotion rather than through chance. The policy to be followed by the Fulcrum each year has been hard to decide upon, each succeeding staff having its own ideas as to subject matter and the manner of presenting the same. This year the aim has been to furnish full "returns" of athletic events, school news, jokes, and a special line of illustrations or cartoons, besides the main articles. Special effort has been made in the way of athletics, jokes, and cartoons based on Armour life, as these features are most interesting to the average college man. Above all, the idea has been to edit a paper of high standard which would do the school justice and at the same time satisfy the students.



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