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Track Work.

(Communicated.)

The decision of the Advisory Committee made last week accepting Mr. Horner's invitation which placed the University among the contestants in a State Inter-collegiate Track Meet, was a wise measure and relieves a long felt need in completing the all roundedness of our athletic life at present. To have a purpose is a good thing, but a purpose is not all, it is merely facing a certain way to go in that direction, but it does not imply any ability to get there. In this case as in any other, hard work or hard play, either of which one wants to call it, is the only way for us to win a standing among the colleges of this state or any other in Track Athletics, and after a long and successful athletic career the University must expect fresh energy and wish for herself more glory in a new and comparatively untried field.

"Up and at it" is the watch word at present.

We must have the best men and plenty of them to pick from. Baseball will have its claim upon men of certain abilities, but the Track-team has its demands on men with any capacity; we need men, small and large, swift and slow, and of great endurance; the demands cover every possible trait in athletics.

It will never do for the student body not to support this new venture whole-heartley, not only by trying for places on the team but in giving their enthusiastic and moral support as well as financial, for many reasons, such as—1 It is our first venture in an Inter-college Track-meet, 2—Every college has had similar advantages or disadvantages exactly as we have had, 3—They are going to tackle it with enthusiasm and eagerness, 4—We have met them elsewhere and know their mettle 5—But the chiefest of all reasons, is that, we are new hands at the business, and we must not, as one might say, we dare not fail in this; carry off honors we must, simply must.

The committee has decided that the displaying special excellence in any of the events except the relay race, shall be entitled to wear the varsity sweater, just what conditions to be met regarding this matter has not been made yet, but at any rate they must be better than anything done last year.

After two months training a preliminary trial will take place Saturday, March 31, to decide who shall compose the team; those who prove themselves to be best shall compose the team, but even after this if any one shows great improvement and such improvement proves him to be a better man than the one on the team training for that special event the new man may displace him exactly as one may displace another one on the 'Varsity eleven or nine.

After the team is thoroughly organized a permanent Captain and Manager will be elected by it; for the present Mr. Francis Osborne and Mr. Elliott will act as temporary captain and manager respectively.

Of last year's team, a few are still on the Hill, and by the way a comparison of the work done by it

last spring has shown that it could have competed with nearly any Southern team successfully. Davis will undoubtedly go a foot higher in the pole vault, Reynolds who will shortly return to the Hill will raise his shot put and hammer records unless beaten by the strong men who are in training already. Osborne and several others will show up splendidly in the hundred and hurdle, in fact so far as the material is considered in its comparative reasons we have better than any other institution in the State.

The men who expect to try for the team must go in training immediately, see the gymnasium director at once, be examined physically and find out what incidental exercise is necessary for them in addition to the training for their special event. Train indoors and out, in spite of sore shins and stiff muscles, for the track is a hard master, and many sore muscles are the price of excellence on the cinder path or jumping plot.

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