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HOOKWORMS AND BASKETBALL.

If we want to have a winning team this year there is only one method by which we can realize our wants. That method is summed up in the one word—"work." Last year we did not begin practice until after Christmas, and as a result we did not win altogether as many games as we should have liked. The teams that won from us last year had been practicing all through the fall. This year we have an opportunity to profit by their examples and our failures.

Why can't the manager issue a call for candidates and then let the captain of the team take charge of those who report? The captain could begin practice on the out-door court, and get a line on the new material by the end of the football season. Then as soon as football is over he would be ready to pick his squad for indoor practice. Thus, by the first of December the first and second squads could be working in the gymnasium, while the class men continued on the out-door court.

There are, of course, some basketball men playing football. Those who are playing on the Varsity field could not come out until the end of the season; but then it would not take long to size them up after the great mass of the tryers-out had been sifted. Those who are on the class field playing class ball would probably be glad to come off the class gridiron and begin practice for Varsity basketball, since the latter is rather more important than the former.

There are now a number of enthusiastic basketball men—new men—out on the open court every afternoon practicing. If these men are eager to be practicing then those in charge of the game this year should certainly be willing to take advantage of this eagerness and go out and work with them and get a line on their goods. Of course this means a little work for some one. But as we have said before, there is only one way that we know for accomplishing things, and that is work.

Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores are asked to put their statistics for the Yackety Yack in boxes provided for that purpose in the Alumni Building.

Georgetown beat us; but anyway it was interesting.

FIFTEEN DIAMOND MINUTES.

There is a terrible waste of the best sort of time, it seems to us, in the way that Chapel is conducted. For the most part it is the same old thing five times a week for four weeks each month—a song, a reading from the Bible, a prayer, a few announcements, and then an extremely uninteresting spiel on nothing particular in general. Then Henry, to the relief of everybody, pulls the bell cord and we all go on our ways rejoicing until the next time.

Instead of this, why can't chapel be made the best part of the day? It has a right to that. It is no less than a crime to allow such an opportunity for doing things to go to waste. There the students should practice the college songs and yells not spasmodically, but regularly.

New students could be urged at opportune times during the year to go out and work for the various athletic teams, for dramatics, for the Musical Association, to contribute to the publications and do other such things. Advice could be given them about books to read, about the care of their bodies, and about a hundred and one other things. Lectures by the members of the medical faculty could be given dealing with sexual hygiene and its allied problems. Authoritative information about these things would be appreciated by the students and would be beneficial to them. The finances of the University, the problems the administrators have to face, the plans for a Greater University, which they are working for, could all be discussed in chapel to the good of the institution. It is a place where we could all get together.

FIVE MONTHS' RULE CHANGED TO 1 YEAR.

The Faculty, upon the recommendation of the Faculty Committee on Athletics has passed a resolution changing what is known as "the five months rule" and substituting for it a one year rule. Heretofore members of football and baseball teams of other colleges have not been eligible for University teams until they have been a student for five months at the University. Now they must attend the University for a year before they can play.

The resolution passed by the Faculty was as follows: Resolved that the words "for five months" in section 4 of the rules of eligibility governing members of University athletic teams be stricken out and instead the following words substituted: "for one collegiate year", provided that this rule shall not apply to any student of the University registered on or before October 12, 1912. Section 4 of the eligible rules reads now as follows: No student of the University who has been a member or substitute member of a baseball or football team at another college or University during the preceding year shall be permitted to become a member of either baseball or football team at this University until he shall have been a student in residence at this University for one collegiate year.

This change is not so radical as it seems. Only three men during the last six years have been members of the baseball or football teams who would be barred by the new ruling. All other institutions which make any pretense of pure athletics have already adopted this rule. The university is simply following its plan of strict eligibility rules.

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