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The decided stand taken by Chancellor Andrews in the matter of drill requirements is causing considerable uneasiness among some of the seniors. Should they fail to get their degree, they will have no one to blame but themselves. The average student ought certainly to have no reason to complain of the two year's drill requirement when former students have been obliged to spend three years in this department. Students who have failed to take any drill whatsoever ought to bear in mind that they are under obligations, in part, to the government for the privilege of attending this institution and ought therefore to comply with its requirements.

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E. BENJ. ANDREWS.

NOTICES: AMERICAN HISTORY

Courses, 2, 6, 8, 10, 24, 11a (a new course) and 36a, will be open to students the second semester.

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H. W. CALDWELL.

The University Senate met Friday evening and discussed the proposed gift of Andrew Carnegie to the national university to be established in Washington. The question as to whether or not the acceptance of the gift will in any way affect the control of the institution by the government is being much discussed among college people. A committee was ordered to be appointed to draft resolutions voicing the sentiment of the senate on the question. Another meeting will be held later in the week.

Sketch of Senator Fairbanks.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana was born on a farm near Unionville, Union county, Ohio, May 11, 1852; the son of Loriston M. and Mary A. (Smith) Fairbanks; graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O., 1872; admitted to the Ohio bar, 1874; established practice at Indianapolis; United States senator from Indiana, 1897-1903, appointed, 1898, a member of the joint high British-American commission; home, Indianapolis.

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