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## Professionals Debarred.

The Advisory Committee of the Faculty and Athletic Association has decided—and the decision has been approved by the Faculty—to permit no professionals to play on the University foot-ball team next year. By the word "professional" the committee means any man who is or has been engaged in athletics as a business, or who has engaged in contests for money prizes. This rule will not affect non-professional men who have engaged in contests where professionals participated, but is made simply to limit membership in the team to amateurs, according to the definition stated negatively above.

The Advisory Committee has further decided to fix a scholarship requirement for admission to the eleven and no man, however fine a player he may be, will be allowed to play in the team if his scholarship record falls below a certain grade.

## Library Notice.

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## Foot-Ball League.

S. U. I. has received an invitation to send a delegate to Kansas City to help form a Western Foot-ball League. The meeting will be held Dec. 28. Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri are to compose the league. A delegate will probably be sent.

## State Teachers' Association.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the State Teachers Association of Iowa, will be held at Des Moines, December 29-31. Professor Currier will read a paper on "What shall precede the American university?" and Professor McBride a paper on "The Iowa school exhibit at the Columbian Exhibition." Andrew S. Draper, LL. D., of Albany, New York, will deliver a lecture on "The Public School System and General Education."

## Dr. Peck's Successor.

Dr. John C. Shrader has been elected Dean of the Medical Faculty, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Dr. Peck. Dr. Shrader is at present Professor of Gynecology and has been connected with the medical department since its inception twenty-one years ago. He is also a member of the State Board of Health.

## Athletic Association.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held Tuesday noon to consider the proposition from the Y. M. C. A. in regard to taking charge of the foot ball team. The proposition was endorsed by a majority vote of the team itself and is this in substance: That the Y. M. C. A. will assume all financial responsibilities and receive all profits; that they will provide the members with uniforms; that they will give them free use of the gymnasium and bath rooms; that they will furnish them a coacher; that they will pay the difference in price of table board between the regular rates and those of the training table; that the Y. M. C. A. elect the business manager of the team while the team itself elect its captain, who, in conjunction with a member of the team, shall select the team for next year. The final consideration of the question was, on motion, postponed until next term. The proposition in all probability will be rejected. The Athletic Association will make a proposition similar in all respects. While the association has no trainer, no gymnasium and baths, yet it is capable of raising money and can pay for all things wherein it is lacking. A committee was appointed to work up the necessary financial backing to insure such a proposition to the foot ball team. This committee will report early next term when the matter will probably be settled as before stated.

## Target Practice.

In the class for gallery practice for Juniors and Seniors at the Armory on last Saturday the following scores were made out of a possible 50, the distance being 300 yards:

Sergt. F. W. Neal 46, Pvt. W. W. Kaye 44, Capt. W. T. Chantland, Sergt. C. C. Stover and Lieut. A. W. Ely of Co. C 43 each, Adjt. W. H. Walker 42, Pvt. F. E. Swanson 41 and Pvt. R. P. Miller 40.

There are about 15 men in the class at present and much interest is taken in the work.

## The Work of the Term.

To-morrow the Christmas vacation begins in the Collegiate and Law departments. In many respects the term just closed has been an eventful one in the history of S. U. I. It will be remembered as the term when a new impetus was given to S. U. I. journalism in the publication of one tri-weekly, and the establishment of a new weekly paper.

The dedication of Close Hall will be remembered as one of the more important events of this term, and those who heard Professor Wheeler will not soon forget his dedicatory address. Close Hall will always stand as the exponent of a noble cause, and it is to be hoped that the work done there will have a wholesome and refining influence upon the students and the University as a whole. In this connection we would note the advantages that have been secured to the students in the way of gymnastics. This work will be still better appreciated next term, when the bath rooms will be ready for use.

Another important part of the term's work has been the victory of the eleven over the Universities of Nebraska and Kansas. These successes have advertised the University, and have brought us in contact with institutions whose acquaintance we should have made long ago. The excellent work of our team has stimulated athletics in general and bequeathed to the University flattering prospects for next year.

The work in all departments has been thorough and systematic. President Schaeffer and the Faculty have labored energetically to further the interests of the students, and we thank them for the spirit of liberality that has in general characterized their dealings with the foot ball team.

As to ourselves, we have tried to give all the news of the University, and we now lay down our pen for this term, wishing all our readers a merry Christmas. The next number will be issued Thursday, January 7.

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The Engineering Society elected the following officers Tuesday evening: S. Ver Veer, '92, president; F. G. Ray, '92, vice-president; C. W. H. Smith, '93, secretary; W. Calvin, '94, treasurer; F. W. Lovell, '95, librarian.

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The Young Men's Christian Association has asked the University Athletic Association to turn over to it the management of the foot-ball team. This proposition will be found stated in detail in another column. To the players themselves the advantages offered by the Y. M. C. A. seemed of sufficient weight to warrant an almost unanimous vote of the team in favor of the plan. The eleven is guaranteed expenses, promised free use of the gymnasium, free outfitting, and the payment of extra board costs incidental to the training table. Now these terms would insure to the foot-ball players a season of games and would remove from their shoulders any financial risks they have heretofore taken. And inasmuch as the twenty members of the team have this fall constituted one-half of the Athletic Association, and the guaranties of the latter have been in reality the guaranties of the foot-ball men themselves, it is not to be wondered at if they are in favor of an arrangement that will relieve them of financial responsibility. Nor will any one for a moment hold that the men who do the work should be in any way called upon to share the expense.

But it devolves upon the Athletic Association, as representing the University, to act upon the proposition that has been made, and a careful consideration of the question in all its bearings, is to be desired. Looked at in the light of the immediate and practical affairs of the management, the question at once presents itself, Why does the Christian Association make the offer? Since the Y. M. C. A. is already in debt to the amount of several thousand dollars it is unreasonable to suppose that the purpose is one of charity. The only logical conclusion is that in making the offer the Christian Association has an eye to the liquidation of its debt.

Of all things, the Athletic Association should hold on to whatever options it has on paying investments like the foot-ball team. The eleven is the biggest power for gain in University athletics, and to permit its separation from athletics in general would be to leave the Association a corpse. To be sure, no great money has been made this season, but the reason is so plainly the delay in beginning to play that no one would deny the prospects for next year are of a money-making season. If the Athletic Association is poor now, it is not to be enriched by turning over its best adjunct to outsiders. To the question, How then are we to back a team next year? the Association made reply on Tuesday by an expressed determination to enlarge the number of members by a thorough canvass. Such an effort has never yet been made in earnest. There are three hundred students in S. U. I. who are willing to pay one dollar apiece toward athletics, if the matter is presented to them in the proper way.

Leaving the immediately disastrous effects which the acceptance of this proposition would entail, it is necessary to refer to the very wrong principle that is involved in this effort on the part of an organized and limited body of students. One of the Greek letter fraternities might with equal propriety make this proposition, and the team could be transferred to one of these with no more destructive effects upon University foot-ball than would result if the Y. M. C. A. should be successful now. The time would not be long coming when none but a Y. M. C. A. man would be eligible to play. Even should such never become the rule, the very fact that the team belonged not to S. U. I. but to the Y. M. C. A. would keep desirable men from the eleven. Foot-ball would deteriorate. Even when the team should win, it would be not an S. U. I., but a Y. M. C. A. victory. And less than fifty men make up the Y. M. C. A. proper. Gymnasium members have no vote in a business meeting.

One word, in conclusion, as to the interests of the University in the premises. More than from all other causes, S. U. I. has in the past suffered from a narrow-minded jealousy upholding sectarian schools. Experience has taught us that people influenced by this spirit will not listen to reason. Putting a foot-ball team in the hands of a Christian Association "for good influence" would be casting pearls before swine. But outside of this spiteful smallness of the University's enemies, there are a dozen classes of citizens of Iowa that are its supporting friends, and many of these have not only no affinity with the Y. M. C. A., but have an avowed dislike for it. It will not do to invite the displeasure of such friends by a bid for the approval of unreasonable enemies.

If the Y. M. C. A. will have a foot-ball team of its own, all right, but the University will hold on to the University team.

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The regular meeting of the Faculty will be held this afternoon instead of on Friday as usual.

President Schaeffer will be in his new house, corner of College and Johnson streets, by Christmas time.

Through the kindness of Secretary Haddock, the Keokuk *Gate City* and the Muscatine *Daily Journal* have been placed on file in the library.

Miss Jessamine Jones, '93, who has been ill for a week or longer, left yesterday for her home in Algona, and will not return until next term.

W. H. Cochran, '93, was yesterday elected to the Junior Annual Board as art editor in place of Frank E. Wetherell, '93, resigned.

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