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ATHLETIC RULES ENDORSED.

IOWA'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ADOPT PROFESSOR SIMS' RULES.

Purity in athletics, in Iowa, at least, will not be "an iridescent dream" in the future, no matter what may have been the status of amateurism and professionalism in this state in the past.

For years S U I has stood head and shoulders above all other educational institutions in Iowa, in battling for amateurism, pure and simple, in college athletics.

And now it remains to a University of Iowa professor—one of the state's most ardent supporters of the cause of clean athletics—Prof. A. V. Sims, in short—to draught a code of ethics and rigid rules for the guidance of practically all of Iowa's college athletes.

Professor Sims, it will be remembered, was appointed a committee of one at the State Teachers' association in the college section, a year ago. The duty assigned him was the preparation of a set of rules by which the standing of students in the world of athletics shall be gauged. The professor has completed his task, and well, indeed, has he performed the allotted duty, for under the rules he draughted no "crookedness" is possible.

The lines are well defined and closely drawn. No possibility of error exists. The student who subscribes to the declaration of eligibility set before him must be an amateur athlete, in the fullest sense of the term. Deception, of course, is always possible, but the penalty of deceit is sharp, sudden and severe—expulsion from the institution to which he belongs, and barred doors at every other institution in the compact in Iowa.

The rules prepared by Professor Sims have been adopted by 10 out of Iowa's 15 universities and colleges and probably two more will soon join the anti-professionalism league. Those now belonging to the compact are as follows:

Coe college—Cedar Rapids.
Cornell college—Mt Vernon.
Drake university—Des Moines.
University of Iowa—Iowa City.
Luther college—Decorah, Iowa.
Parsons college—Fairfield, Ia.
Tabor college—Tabor, Ia.
Upper Iowa university—Fayette.
Iowa college—Grinnell.
Simpson college—Indianola, Ia.

The base ball representatives of Ames, Iowa college, Cornell and University of Iowa (i.e. the students) have also adopted the rules.

Any high school or academy may adopt them, and Prof. Sims hopes they will.

As will be seen, all colleges having earned athletic distinction except Ames, and Iowa Wesleyan have joined the compact.

The declaration of eligibility which each student in subscribing institutions must sign before he can go on the cinder track, as a member of the athletic team of that institution, is herewith appended:

I hereby declare:

(a) That I am a bona fide student of

(b) That I have never received compensation, directly or indirectly, for

participation in athletic contests at any educational institution.

(c) That I have never, directly or indirectly, offered my athletic abilities to be used by any educational institution's athletic team, for compensation.

(d) That I have received no intimation that I will be tendered compensation for my present connection with athletics which I have not reported to the athletic committee of this institution.

(e) That I have not received any offer of compensation from a student of any educational institution for my athletic abilities which I have not reported to the athletic committee of this institution, and I hereby promise to so report any such offer when received.

(f) That I understand the word "compensation" as used in this declaration to mean a valuable consideration of any sort, such as money, valuable commodities, unduly lucrative employment, the payment of any of my expenses (other than those allowed under the Amateur Athletic union rules), or any benefits of any kind which I could not have received had I not been an athlete.

Irving.

With a large audience as an auspicious token for the coming term, Irving again opened her doors last evening. The program from beginning to end was of an excellent character, in short a typical Irving program.

After the usual music, the retiring executive, Mr. Frailey, introduced the new President, Mr. Ralph Otto, who in his inaugural address fully sustained his already enviable reputation.

This was followed by one of Mr. Curtis' characteristic and ever welcome speeches, "The New Eastern Question," after which Mr. Egan, with his inimitable and magnetic grace and charm, declaimed "Palestine."

Debate was on the subject: "Resolved, that a three-fourths verdict of a jury be sufficient in all jury trials." This was affirmed by Miller and Moulton, and denied by Merriall and Boddey.

The debate was intense and spirited throughout, and was decided two in favor of the negative.

The Society is to be congratulated upon the accession of two such men as Messrs. Boddey and Merriall proved themselves to be.

The next number, "Labor the Price of Success," an oration by Mr. Mosnat, delighted the entire audience with the beauty of its thought, style and diction.

A fitting termination to an excellent program was the speech of Mr. McReynolds, "The Dreyfus Case," one of that gentleman's usually brilliant efforts.

After a piano solo by Prof. Edwards, the society adjourned.

The University of Minnesota is contemplating engaging Minds, Pennsylvania's famous full-back, as their coach for next season. Pennsylvania was without doubt the champion this season, and if their foot ball management can secure the services of Mr. Minds, a rise in Minnesota foot ball may be expected.

Prizes for Debating.

The powers that be are making strenuous efforts to place Chicago's debating interests on a sound basis. A large number of inducements are being offered by Chicago authorities to induce students to enter the debating contests. Provisions have been made to give the successful student in each one of the twelve undergraduate departments his tuition for a quarter, \$40. These twelve departments consist of six in the first two years or junior college. The six junior representatives meet the six senior representatives individually for prizes of \$50 each.

These contests take place four times a year and the whole amount offered to undergraduates, in the form of prizes, is thus \$1,300 a year. For the Graduate School there is offered \$75 a quarter. In only the first contest was every division represented; and since then not more than twenty members of the University all told, have tried for any of the prizes. At the next contest among the undergraduates, which will take place soon, there will be only three speakers in each college, instead of the six to which they are entitled. In other words, in half of the divisions of the University—and a division represents from thirty to sixty students—not a man came forward to compete even for the preliminary prize of a scholarship valued at \$40.

Zetagathian.

The Zet program last evening was as follows:

Music—Piano Solo Prof. Edwards
Declamation P. S. Kitterman
"How the Old Horse Won the Bet."
Speech P. J. Klinker
"Our Governor."

Debate: "Resolved, that foot ball should be abolished."

Affirmative, H. A. McCaffree, O. Veblen. Negative, H. C. Sanders, R. A. Cook.

Oration G. M. Simonson
"A Chapter in the History of Liberty."

Declamation A. P. Speers
"The Actor's Story."

Music—Instrumental Duet

..... Prof. Berryhill, Mr. Ostrum
Mr. Kitterman, in his first appearance, was well received, and deserves much praise.

P. J. Klinker in his speech enumerated many interesting things about Iowa's governor.

The debate was a very pleasing feature of the program. Each participant was well prepared.

The oration by Mr. Simonson was a splendid production, and the delivery was commendable.

Mr. Speers made an excellent appearance and deserves special mention.

Hammond Law Senate.

Last night the Hammond Law Senate rendered their first program of the term, in Professor Loos' room. It was opened by a vocal solo by Mr. A. B. Williams, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, and brought forth a hearty encore.

Senator Wyckoff delivered an oration on "Capital Punishment." Mr. Wyckoff very ably pointed out the evils arising from capital punishment, and showed that life imprisonment accomplished all the results desired.

The next number was a pleasing declamation delivered by the Senator from Virginia, Miss Williams, entitled "The Miser."

A vocal solo by Miss Wachtel was then listened to. It is unnecessary to comment upon Miss Wachtel's ability and pleasing manner in which all her selections are rendered. This was no exception, and called forth a hearty encore.

The debate of the evening was on Bill No. 742: "Be it enacted by the Hammond Law Senate that the trial by jury be abolished." It was supported by Senators Welty and Hoag, and denied by Senators Hughes and Meister. The bill was ably argued on both sides, and was lost by a vote of 16 to 15.

Philomathean.

The program was opened by a German song, which was heartily encouraged.

Next was the retiring remarks of the outgoing President, Mr. Hilpert. The new President, Mr. Schmidt, made a few fitting remarks after receiving the gavel, upon the Society's position in University affairs, and closed with a quotation: "Let us now be up and doing with a heart for any fate; still achieving, still pursuing, learn to labor and cease to wait."

After this Yates gave a declamation. He shows a marked improvement over his last appearance.

Scyenk gave an oration on "Justice not Law our Guide." This was up to his usual high standard.

The debate was on the question: "Resolved, that labor organizations promote the best interest of the workingman." It was affirmed by Blythe and Anthony, and denied by Hansen and Bond. Blythe gave a strong opening speech, which was the best of the evening. He reviewed the history of labor organizations with telling effect. Hansen showed improvement. This was Anthony's first appearance. He was a little slow in presenting argument, but his language was good. Bond did well.

Yule gave a declamation, "The Muses." He exhibited considerable oratorical bombast.

Albert closed the program with a speech on "Evolution," which was well written and rendered.

With the new song-books, and with Mr. O. A. Kuck's assistance as cornetist, rousing song services are being held at the Young men's meeting at Close Hall each Sunday at 4 p. m. To-morrow Mr. J. J. Lambert leads the meeting.

The Y. W. C. A. is trying to collect a complete file of the VIDETTE-REPORTER. Anyone having the following numbers would confer a favor upon the Association by leaving them at Close Hall: 1893-'94—Nos. 13, 16, 21, 22, 35, 37, 41, 46, 50, 74, 87. 1891-'92—Nos. 26, 57, 63, 89.

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What will the Legislature do?

The General Assembly convened last Monday, and it is soon to be seen how much they estimate the importance of the University. The appropriations asked for by the various state institutions amount to \$1,250,000. The University has been very moderate in her requests, asking for the comparatively slight amount of \$101,000. The Normal School has asked for \$118,200. The Trans-Mississippi Exposition asks for \$47,000, and it is recommended by ex-Governor Drake that the full amount be granted. If any amount approximating the sum asked from these and other sources be granted, the petition of the University should be granted without a murmur.

With one building condemned as dangerous, and the lamentable condition of our Library, we feel entitled to a liberal appropriation. After the destruction of the Library last summer, the students were led to believe that it would be replaced as soon as possible. At present it consists of a fair working Library, but is not to be compared with the old one or libraries of first-class schools. It behooves the University to restore it to its former condition as early as possible. The advantages derived from an adequate library are one of the greatest elements in a college training; and if these advantages are not to be had in the University, students will look for them elsewhere.

We feel confident, however, that our petition will be duly urged, since Mr. Edwards, the Representative from this county, is chairman of the committee on University affairs. He appreciates the needs of the institution, is an S. U. I. man, and has the welfare of his Alma Mater at heart.

Foot Ball Manager.

As announced elsewhere, the election of foot ball Manager for the season of 1898, has been necessarily postponed from the prescribed constitutional time for such election, by reason of the fact that no nominations have yet been received for that importance office.

This, of course, is not as it should be. As the several recent communications relative to athletics more than intimate, there is but one way in which this University can retain its various athletic institutions, and that is by the whole student body evincing an active interest in them. The teams alone can not make athletics a success in S. U. I., nor can the officers of the Union. The hearty, active and co-operative support of the students themselves is an indispensable necessity. In the failure to make any nominations for foot ball manager, no promise of such a spirit and support is disclosed.

But this does not improve the present state of affairs. What is needed now is enough nominations and competition to renew an enthusiasm in this branch of collegiate activity. The position of foot ball manager is one of the most important and responsible in the gift of the students. The manager may make or unmake the entire prosperity of athletics, not in his own department and year alone, but for years to come after his short incumbency of the office. For that reason, men of competence and ability are an absolute necessity for foot ball manager. There is but one way to secure such men, and that is by creating a competition and rivalry between a sufficient number of candidates to insure the survival of the fittest, in the true meaning of that term.

Let us have enough nominations, and a large enough paid membership to the Athletic Union, to elect a manager upon whom the 'Varsity can depend and in whom it may place its confidence.

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FACT AND RUMOR.

Ed Smith, '97, is visiting University friends.

A few good seats to be had for F. Hopkinson Smith's lecture.

Ida Kriechbaum, '98, will not return to the University this term.

Miss Booth, '01, will not return to school on account of ill health.

C. A. Fields' of Cedar Falls, was the guest of J. Lambert, '99, Friday.

F. C. McCutchen is "renewing acquaintances in the University."

Miss Mattie Watson, of Vinton, is spending Sunday with Miss Golden, '98.

Harry L. Harvey, L. '94, is private secretary to Lieut.-Governor Milliman.

Judge Robinson yesterday closed his lectures to the classes in the Law department.

The youngest Senator in Iowa is Francis L. Malloy, L. '95, who represents the "State of Dubuque."

C. H. Washburn, L. '97, of Belle Plaine, Ia., was transacting business in the city this week.

Judge H. E. Deemer will commence his course of lectures on Trials and Practice, and Guaranty and Surety, Monday.

Professor Eugene Wambaugh, of Harvard Law School, formerly professor in our Law Department, has an article in the January Atlantic Monthly, on "Present Scope of Government."

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

The "line-up" for reserved seats today would indicate that Hopkinson Smith will draw the largest house of the season.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting Sunday afternoon will be led by Gertrude Preston. Subject, "The Sovereignty of Character."

A number of the lady students attended the reception given by Congregational ladies at Mrs. Currier's, Friday afternoon.

We understand that the Debating League has received a challenge from Nebraska to hold a debate with them. No action has been taken as yet.

The enthusiasm at the meeting of the Oratorical Association last evening would indicate that the interest in oratory was not declining, but decidedly increasing at S. U. I.

On account of the illness of his father, and the liability of being compelled to leave school, W. S. Ankeney has resigned from the Junior debate. A. J. Burt was elected to take his place.

A large audience assembled at the Unitarian Church, Wednesday evening, to hear Mrs. Helen Well's lecture and readings from Robert Browning's "Blot on the Scutcheon." Mrs. Well is a talented elocutionist and an earnest thinker.

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Notice.

Owing to the fact that no nominations of candidates for foot ball manager have yet been made, the regular meeting of the Athletic Union, where at the manager is elected, is thus necessarily postponed. The meeting of the Union will be held at Close Hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 29th, and will be called to order at 7 o'clock sharp. At this time the manager will be elected. Nominations for that office must be endorsed by fifteen signers, and must be published in the University papers not later than Saturday, Jan. 22d. A President of the State Athletic Association will also be elected at this meeting; nominations for this office must also be made one week previous to election.

The Constitution of the Union permits only those persons to vote who are in good standing in the Athletic Union. Fifty members constitute a quorum. A large attendance is earnestly solicited at this meeting, as it is of the utmost importance.

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