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FAVORS ONE YEAR RULE

FOUR RULES ENOUGH FOR ATHLETICS

Impurity in Athletics Comes from the Idea that any Kind of a Victory is Desirable

By PROFESSOR A. G. SMITH.

There is at the present time a prevalent feeling that the athletic situation in the colleges of the country is not a normal and healthy one. Although perfectly convinced that no section of the of the country can point the finger of scorn in any sense at another in this respect, yet the following remarks refer entirely to the geographical limits dominated by the "Conference Colleges."

The necessity of the various institutions meeting upon a plane of equality, and in order to promote harmony between competing athletic teams, makes it highly desirable that uniform athletic rules should be followed.

The natural result of these rules should be an era of good feeling between those interested in athletics at the various institutions. There should be an elimination of ill feeling, distrust and jealousy which so often have their whole existence rooted in ignorance of, and distrust in the good intention of others working for the eradication of existing evils.

These rules should give the moral support so much needed by those enforcing the law. There has been at times this moral support, and at other times a lamentable lack of it. There has been also acquaintanceship and friendship among those in charge, which has smoothed out many rough places. This alone however is really of little importance, for college men ought to be able to conduct their contests with honor, and then only good feeling can prevail. The all important point it seems to me at present is the almost indefinable one which we know as purity in athletics.

The root and stock of impurity in athletics at the present time is the one idea in the mind of all seemingly from the faculty to the water-boy at the game, that it is winning the game only that counts. The dictum of the wise man of old that many compete but only one winneth the prize, has been added to today and reads, "and the loser ought to be damned." But no: we must win. High priced coaches are hired. The annual crop of high school graduates is culled over by coaches and managers like high priced thoroughbreds at a stock sale. The strenuous almost morbid craving for victory has given rise to a host of unhealthy conditions. When a representative of one team will consent to act as a spy upon another, it is time we should feel that the price paid in loss of moral honor, of true sportsmanship is too high. The pace is too fast.

To consider the question of rules, four rules would, I believe, cover the whole field. A first requisite would be, a player must be

a bona fide student doing full college work. The last clause in this rule is all important, the man must actually be doing full work while playing on the team. It is not to be construed as meaning only that he did full work the previous term and passed all examinations. The later interpretation, I believe, is followed by some.

A second condition, the man must receive no remuneration from any source for his services on the team. That is, he shall receive no privileges in the class room or elsewhere not offered to all students alike. Remuneration for outside labor, out of all proportion to services rendered is covered by the above. This last condition is often the real source of professionalism.

Thirdly, to prevent a man devoting a disproportionate part of his time to athletics, he should not be allowed to compete for more than four years in the aggregate. This includes all sports. This will tend to save the athlete from his friends who would have him compete in all lines and thereby greatly cripple his real college work.

The question is whether the present rules apply to present conditions regardless of where the rules originated. Few candid thinkers will deny that in general any student in college primarily for study and who is carrying out his idea, should be eligible to the athletic teams of his college. Do not bar this man from the team for years ago competing in a fat man's race, and then play a man who during his last year in preparatory school, has been negotiating with the various managers trying to get something on the side for playing on the team. Which of these two men is the real professional? We want the amateur in spirit, not the man who is an amateur only from lack of opportunity to become a professional. In order then to prevent the professional grafter, to do away with the undue pressure brought upon young athletes to make them choose their college, for opportunities offered in this line, I would insist upon the following rule: Any candidate for a college team must have been a resident student doing full work for one year. A prominent player leaving school at the close of the season would then be an exceedingly rare event. Fewer men technically amateurs would then be found to be true professionals in spirit.

While the above rules will not eliminate all technical professionalism yet they will almost entirely remove the real professional spirit and leave the amateur in truth.

In conclusion I would leave this last query with the reader. Would not the ceasing to charge gate receipts accomplish almost everything desired.

R. A. E. McFord, L. A. '04, is at the university hospital threatened with typhoid fever.

FIRST PRELIMINARY

TO SELECT DEBATERS WITH ILLINOIS

Philos to Hold Their Preliminary in Liberal Arts Auditorium Tomorrow Evening

The first preliminary of the season preparatory to the selection of Philo's representatives in her series of inter-university debates will be held in the auditorium of the liberal arts building, Friday evening. From the participants in this contest the Philomatheans will choose the three men who will debate here on January 16 with the representatives of Illinois.

The question to be debated in both these contests is: Resolved that the United States adopt a system of complete commercial reciprocity in lieu of the present policy of high protection.

This will be affirmed by A. O. Thomas, Paul Dorweiler, W. W. White. The negative will be upheld by T. Farrell, R. F. Drewry and F. E. Harris. Each debater will be given twelve minutes for constructive argument and in rebuttal five minutes each.

Dr. Henry Albert will act as chairman of the evening. The judges of the debate will be J. J. Lambert, and Professors Samuel Calvin and B. F. Shambaugh.

Preliminary debates are of the utmost importance in the development of new men, and should be heartily supported by the student body. That the present contest will merit your approval is evidenced not only by the timely question to be discussed, but also by the hard and earnest work the debaters have put the subject.

T. e Athletic Debt

In regard to the athletic deficit, the IOWAN has secured the following official statement from a faculty member of the board of athletic control:

The indebtedness is approximately \$5,000. A detailed report on the matter will be made to the athletic union next Wednesday night. Measures are now being considered to raise the amount by subscription. The matter of baseball and track schedules will be considered later. The present task is to put athletics upon a basis free from debt."

Part of the above indebtedness reaches back ten years. The grandstand originally built in the northeast part of Iowa field, later moved to the northwest corner and now the baseball bleachers on the north part of the field, represents part of the ten year old debt. The three football years managed by McCutchen more than paid out and the surplus was spent in improving the grounds. The track and baseball seasons, save for last year's baseball season run behind. For four years past neither student, alumnus nor friend of Iowa has been asked to contribute to athletics, beyond buying tickets to the games.

ANENT THE ALUMNI

The Old Students—Where they are What they are doing

P. A. Bond, L. A. '01, visited relatives in the city during the Thanksgiving recess.

Mr. John Reynolds, L. A. '97, was married on November 26th to Miss Jane Johns Dilley at the home of the bride's parents in Hastings, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds will make their home in Boone, Ia.

Announcements have been received in the city of the marriage of Miss. Mattie Brown, Ex. '00, to Fred Albin, of Colorado Springs, Col.

Frank Swartly, L. Ex. '04 has established a collection agency at at Spokane, Washington.

H. R. Shannon D. Ex. '03 is attending the Northwestern Dental college.

The nuptials of Roy Stanton Hayward, L. '01 and Alexa Mercedes Mitchell were celebrated on November 15 in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Hayward is practicing law in Emerton, Washington.

Miss Imo Moler, L. A. '02 teacher of mathamatics in the Iowa Falls high school, spent Thanksgiving at the home of her parents in this city.

Frank Grimstead, Law Ex. '05 was elected county superintendent of Stevens county, Washington.

J. S. Morthart, Law '00 recently moved from Peterson, Iowa to North Dakota, where he has a position in a bank and will also practice his profession.

R. D. Walker L. Ex. '03 is attending the University of South Dakota.

Guy E. Lovell, Col. '01, L. '01 has a position in the law department of Northern Pacific railroad and is located at Tacoma, Washington.

W. E. Bullock, M. '01 has moved from North Liberty to Lake Park where he is enjoying a lucrative practice.

Miss Stella Lowman, L. A. '02 was at her home in this city during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Wilson Koontz, Ex. '03 is in the city visiting relatives and university friends.

D. C. Bleshfield, L. A. '85, is editor in chief of Austin's Cyclopaedia Digest of New York Decisions. He has also published a book on instructions to injuries, both of which works are held in high esteem by the profession.

Verner B. Lovell, L. A. '86, was democratic nominee for congress in North Dakota.

Board Meeting

There will be a meeting of the IOWAN board, Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1 p. m., northwest room, old capitol building.

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Calendar for the Week.

December 5: Philomathean, Illinois preliminary debate, general lecture room.

December 10: Meeting, Athletic Union, 7:30 p. m.

December 19: Assembly 9:45 a. m.

"Who Bears the Burden?"

The State Press in speaking of the finances of university athletics has the following to say:

"Let them (the students) dive into their pockets as the townspeople who have supported athletics here for ten years have done. * * * For too many years the latter have borne the burden and borne it willingly and smilingly, while the students themselves have degenerated into a crowd of knockers from time to time."

This statement is entirely unwarranted. The facts of the case are that not once during the past four years have the citizens of Iowa City been asked to donate one cent to the athletics of the university. The citizens have with others, liberally patronized the games but in each case they have received value for their admission fee. The Press would have us to believe that the good people of Iowa City were being imposed upon and that the university was a great burden to

them. Since the Press has brought up this matter let us consider it for a moment. The university, its faculty and students, spends annually in Iowa City upward of \$600,000. Is this a burden? The athletic union, the special object of the attack, itself expends several thousands of this sum. This amounts to \$75 per capita for each man, woman and child within the corporate limits of the municipality. That's the burden they are bearing.

There are many, loyal, generous citizens in Iowa City, business men and others who are ever ready with their financial support for every legitimate student enterprise athletic or otherwise. These are the true friends of the institution and they are pretty well known and kept in mind by the student body. But these are the ones who talk the least about what they are doing and do the most. But there are others in the town, sad to relate who operate on a different principle, who take everything and give nothing. Who if they have anything to sell ask the highest price of a student because he is one, and in return refuse to do the least thing for the institution which makes it possible for them to live. This class we know is small but they are voracious and it is from them comes the howl about bearing undue burdens. Those who have the generosity to give to university enterprises are not those who talk loudest about bearing too much of the burdens. Despite the croaking of these parasites, athletics in the university will probably continue and we are not going to "let the whole business be abandoned."

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Local

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Baconian meets on Friday evening at 7:30. The paper will be read by Prof. Weld on "Some Applications of the Statistical Method to Astronomy."

E. C. Jaeger, Ph. Ex. L. A. '03, of C. I. mar is in the city renewing acquaintances.

Professor Nutting delivered one of the university extension lectures at Muscatine Tuesday evening.

The November number of the Journal of Political Economy contains a scholarly article by Dr. Frank Horack of the department of political science on "The Recent Horseshoers Strike in Philadelphia".

Exchanges

Coach Yost has picked what he calls a strong combination eleven. He disavows being a critic or competent judge; but the team to which he refuses the title of All-American is, Center—Holt of Yale. Guards—DeWitt of Princeton and Glass of Yale. Tackles—Hogan of Yale and Kinney of Yale. Ends—Redden of Michigan and Bowditch of Harvard. Quarter—Weeks of Michigan. Halfbacks—Heston of Michigan and Chadwick of Yale. Fullback—Graydon of Harvard.

Representatives from the Universities of Washington, Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Washington Agricultural College and School of Science, Montana State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, Oregon Agricultural College, Whitman College, and Pacific College, met at Spokane on the eleventh of October and formed an intercollegiate athletic association, to be known as the Northwestern Intercollegiate Association.

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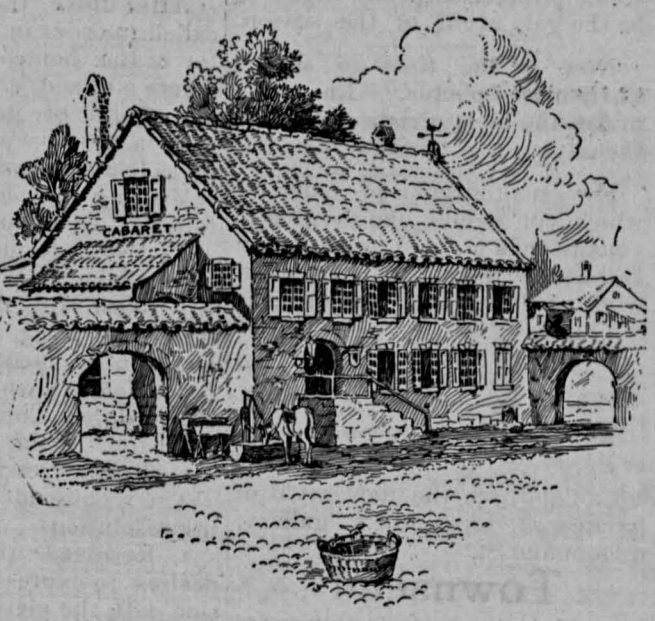
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The biggest and most elaborate production of the ever popular melodrama "In Old Kentucky" at the opera house tonight.

"The Power Behind The Throne", the offering in which Miss Willard will be seen in at the Opera House on next Friday December the fifth gives her every opportunity to display her forcible and artistic ability. Surrounded by a company of twenty five capable artists, including Wright Lorimer, her last season's leading man, and a complete scenic production, this ought to be the gala event of the season.

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The meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Association of Central Iowa was called to order at 10 a. m. by Pres. F. J. Becker after which the address of welcome was made by Prof. Gilchrist.

Prof. Gilchrist then gave a very interesting paper on the question of the "Standard of Medical Schools."

The question of the necessity of a state board was thoroughly discuss, all participants agreeing that it was one of the unnecessary evils which hazard the life of a young physician.

Prof. Royal next appeared with a paper on "The Present Status of Medical Education."

Prof. Gilchrist, Prof. Cogswell and Dr. Hazard all ably discussed Prof. Royal's paper.

The society adjourned to the Burkley Imperial where a splendid dinner awaited them.

After dinner the meeting was called to order in the amphitheater of the homeopathic hospital where a mixed clinic was held. The chairs of practice, materia medica, surgery and eye and ear participating therein.

Visiting physicians were as follows: Emeritus Prof. C. Cogswell, Cedar Rapids; Dr. Mich, Belle Plaine; Dr. L. W. Strable, '97, West Liberty; Dr. Emma Richardson, '93, Cedar Rapids; Dr. Hubble, Mechanicsville; Dr. Borts, '90, Downey; Dr. C. M. Morford, '90, Toledo; Prof. B. R. Johnston, Cedar Rapids; Prof. Geo. Royal, Des Moines.

The society adopted the following resolutions.

1. Resolved, that this society desires to express its dissatisfaction with the methods pursued by the State Board of Medical Examiners, of subjecting all applicants for licenses to an examination regardless of the character and reputation of the applicant.

2. That in the present state of legislation we heartily approve the prospects of inter-state reciprocity.

3. That we also express the belief that the functions of a Medical Board begins and end with the medical college. That colleges should be graded into state and private schools, and that the diplomas from state schools and the highest grade private schools should be a sufficient license to practice medicine in any state of the United States.

Official Bulletin

All scrubs will meet at Luscombe's tomorrow at 3:30 p. m., to have their pictures taken.

The Middletonian will hold its regular program this evening at Close Hall followed by a business meeting.

The sophomore medics will meet tonight at the physiological building for the purpose of a quiz in materia medica under Prof. Chase.

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