FOUR RULES ENOUGH FOR ATHLETICS

Impunity in Athletics comes from the idea that any Kind of a Victory is Debit
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 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 covered 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 in the mind and in the heart of the construction of others working for the gradation of existing evils.

These rules should give the moral support so much needed by those informing 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 confederacy between these teams, which has smoothed out many rough places, and this has been a really of little importance, for college men ought to be able to conduct themselves in any place and in any company where there is the least indefinable one which we know.

The root and stock of impurity in athletics at the present time is the 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 read, "and the loser ought to be damned." But: no: we must win. High priced coaches are hired. The 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 host of unhealthy conditions. When a representative of one team will not compete, the question being asked upon another, it is time we should feel that this is not only a brave thing to do, but also a thing of honor, of true sportsmanship is too high. The pace is too fast.

The above 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 important, the man must actually be doing full work while playing on the team. It is not to be construed as meaning that no modest 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 establishment in college athletics.

Thirdly, to prevent a man de- voting 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 a letterman, who would have him compete in all lines and thereby greatly cripple his real constructive argument while in college.

The question is whether the present rules apply to present conditions regardless of whether the rules originated. Few candid possess the ability of judging that 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 athletics four 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 clubs, as to whether he can get something on the side for playing on the track. Which of these two men is professional? Do we want the amateur in spirit, not the man who has been in school. By the man who is an amateur only to the extent that he has an interested in athletics, then we are certain that in any sense at all this is almost indefinable one which we know.

T. 6 Athletic Debt

In regard to the athletic debt the Iowa has secured the following official statement from the faculty member of the board of athletic control:

The indebtedness is approximately $1,000. A detailed report on the matter will be made to the athletic union next Wednesday evening. 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 northeast corner and now the baseball bleachers on the north part of the field, represents part of the ten year old debt. The forty thousand dollars managed by McCutchen more than paid for the grandstand. The surplus was spent in improving the grounds. The track and baseball season, save for paying the above mentioned expenses for the ball season run behind. For four years past neither student, alumnae nor friends of Iowa has been asked to contribute to athletics, besides buying tickets to the games.
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Calendar for the Week
December 5: Philanthropic.
Illinois preliminary debate, gen-
eral lecture room.
December 8: Meeting, Athlet-
ic Union, 7:30 p.m.
December 15: Assembly 9:15
at m.n.

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

"Leitmein (the students) dive-
into their pockets as the towns-
people who have supported ath-
etics here for ten years have done.
For, too many years, the latter
have borne the burden and been
forced to divide it, while the student
themselves have degenerated into
a crowd of knucklers from time to
time.

This statement is entirely un-
warrented. 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 support athletics of the
university. The citizens have
with others, liberally patronized
the games but in each case they
have received value for their ad-
mission fee. The Press would have
us believe that the good people
of Iowa City were being imposed
upon and that the univer-
sity 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
$800,000. 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, gener-
cious citizens in Iowa City, busi-
ness men and others who are ever
ready with their financial sup-
port 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 is others in the
town, and to relate who oper-
ate on a different principle, who
accept everything and give nothing.
Who if they have anything to sell
pick 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 possi-
ble for them to live. This is a
small but they are voy-
¬eurs and it is from them
comes the howl about bearing un-
due burdens. Those who have
the generosity to give to univer-
sity enterprises are not those
who talk loudest about bearing
the burdens. Despite the
crossing of these parasites,
athletics in the university will
probably continue and we are not
growing to like the whole business
be abandoned."

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Local

Mr. Harry C. Parsons, H. M. '55, has received notice that the pictures submitted by him in the Eastman Kodak Co.'s Amateur Photography Contest, have been awarded a prize.

Baconeon meets on Friday eve­ning at 3:30. 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. Imr 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 splendid article by Frank Horack of the department of political science on "The Recent Horsemen Strike in Philadel­phia."

Exchan cs


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 association to be known as the Northwestern Intercollegiate Association.

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The engagement of the Grace Cannon opera company at the opera house on Monday, Dec. 8, promises to be one of the musical events of the season. Reports from all over the country where "A Normandy Wedding" has been heard are to the effect that it is, from every point of view, one of the brightest, wittest and most tuneful comic operas seen in the last ten years.

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

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