THE TEN YEAR RULE

CHANGE IN DISTANCE TO BE
GAINED IN FOOTBALL

Proposed by the Northwestern Athletic Conference for Adoption
By the Big Nine

The proposition of the Northwestern Athletic Conference: that the number of yards to be gained in three downs be increased from five yards to ten is to be urged upon the 'big nine,' conference for adoption, it is reported. The object of the proposed change, as set forth by its advocates, is to increase the open work of the game and to decrease the number of mass plays. By making the number of yards to be gained an unknown, it is argued that football elevens will be compelled to resort to the greater ground-gaining tactics and will resort less to the grinding line backs. The tackle position, admittedly the weakest place in the line, will be materialiy aided. The greater ground-gaining end runs and much quilting, will be better pleased and the players will be relieved from the liability of injury receiving a chance to pass.

The proposed change will hardly receive much consideration from the conference. On the face of it, the new plan looks much as if it had been concocted by some theoretical members of boards of control, rather than by men who know a little of the game.

In the next place, the scheme supposes that football generals have a preference for mass plays as against end runs which will gain more ground. Experience will show that these generals chose to call three end runs. To gain the required distance is as great as it can be, and doubling the distance to ten yards will be a temptation for backs to want to make the distance any more.

So far as injury is concerned, the risk is much greater for the back through the possibility of injury received by an Iowa player in the last two years was that of Weiland, tripped by Flynnas he was about to tackle LaPana on his run for Minnesota's second touchdown in the Minneso-

DENTS FORTUNATE
LECTURES BY WELL KNOWN
TEACHER

By Dr. G. V. J. Bacon

At the regular meeting of Ba-
conian Prof. Shimek read a paper upon "An Iowa Desert." He spoke in part as follows:

"Rich soil does not assure abundant vegetation. On the other hand the desert is not without moisture or even rain. The desert plant has structure for evaporating surface above ground and retaining moisture. The desert plant has structure for the retention of water; little wind is essential to the desert but can be found in Iowa. True there is not the limitless expanse extending to the horizon but there are desert spots each having a flora of its own. Within a few feet may be a flora of entirely different charac-

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FOOTBALL

Conference-Agitated for Adoption

At the present time the first legislation increasing the dis-

stance to be gained is not going to make it easier to run opposing backs than it has been in the past. It has been hard enough for each team in every championship con-

flict to gain five yards. The rule proposed would change a football contest into a punt contest, with dependence upon one man's right leg instead of upon eleven men. If it is desired to help out the tackles, why not forbid more than one attempt in three upon them? Or lay down a maximum of force with which it may be permitted to butt into the tackle?

CHICAGO THIRD

Midway School New Ranks Third in Enrollment

Every few weeks there are a new batch of figures out on the performance in American universities. Such statistics are of interest to college people, as showing the numerical strength of the various institutions of learning. Here are the latest. It is condensed by the Minnesota Daily from Science for December. The figures are compiled from figures handed in by the registrars of the various insti-

tutions. These figures are more accurate than in former years as many have been taken in counting double registration.

Among the larger schools, Chicago has shown the greatest increase over last year. It has passed Michigan and now ranks third. With this exception the ranking of the universities is about the same as last year. Har-

vard is first with a total registra-

tion of 5,468; Columbia second with 5,332; Chicago, third, 4,796; Michigan fourth, 3,584; The other big schools rank as follows:

California 3,576; Minnesota 3,553; and Wisconsin, 2,864.

In the departments Harvard has the latest collegiate enroll-

ment. In the all the scientific schools, with the exception of Missouri, there has been a large general in-

crease.

There are fewer law students enrolled. At Harvard the number has decreased. With the exception of the Chicago has had a law faculty since last year. The total num-

ber of students in all schools also show a decrease which it accounted for largely by the fact that the ad-

mission to the college has been increased, and that the last class admitted at Harvard, without the degree re-

quirements, graduated in the spring.

The total of graduates students shows a slight increase over last year.

In the relative ranking of the teaching force Harvard still leads with Columbia second. Michigan has the largest faculty and Col-

umbia is second in the list in the faculty of medicine.

Buildings Progress

Work is being continued upon the medical buildings, the outside construction being push-

as fast as the weather permits.

At the present time the first course of Ohio stone is being laid upon the laboratory building and the bricklayers are at work backing up the foundation courses of the anatomy building with brick.
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Local
R. F. Decker M. '06 has been on the sick list for a few days.
S. E. Skelley was elected third member of the Zet team on the sophomore debate.
Sigma Nu gave an informal dinner at its chapter house on College Hill last night.
C. M. Kline M. '05 is just recovering from an attack of appendicitis which he had during the holidays.
Rev. G. D. Herrig of Muscatine will arrive here to address the men's meeting at Close Hall tomorrow at four o'clock.
Miss Parish, Sup't. of the University Hospital will hereafter conduct the training of the senior medics in invalid cookery.
Delta Tau Delta will initiate, this evening, the initiates being S. G. Weinick L. A. '05, of Burlington and F. R. Cooper L. A. '05 of Ottumwa.
W. H. Lewis resigned from his position on the junior debate as account of not expecting to be in school next semester, and H. L. Bryan was elected to the place.
The personal of the medical male quartet, which was so much appreciated at convocation yesterday in, first tenor, W. H. Martindale; second tenor, W. F. Edmonds; first bass, E. Pfeiffer; second bass, W. F. Bailey.

Amusements
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