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## PURITY IN ATHLETICS

### IOWA "I" SOCIETY APPROVED

Professor C. A. Waldo of Purdue Speaks Highly of Iowa's Endeavor to Elevate Athletics by Influence of "I" Society

BY PROF. C. A. WALDO

Anyone who will take the pains to read carefully a pamphlet by Professor Jones, of Minnesota, containing the proceedings of the Intercollegiate Conference Faculty Representative since January 11, 1895, will be impressed with the genuineness of the endeavor of the faculties of our leading institutions here in the middle West to make intercollegiate athletics clean, helpful and ideal. Athletics are not the purpose of college life. They are its incidents. Rightly cultivated they help to secure strong bodies for strong minds. They furnish the occasion for self-conquest, high endeavor, loyalty, self-sacrifice, and the cultivation and practice of a keen sense of honor. These are the many virtues of the forceful and helpful life—the life of the saving remnant; and for such fruits as these of our athletic system our faculties are longing and striving.

There should be a program agreed upon which might require several years to complete, but would point the way for further effort. The Conference colleges are an example of a group of colleges that are organized to work together; the Ohio Conference is another; and so other groups can be easily found. For every such group I would suggest a program somewhat as follows:

1. Absolute business publicity.
2. A worthy and permanent record of athletic achievement.
3. One year's residence and reasonable success in studies before a student can become a candidate for an intercollegiate or interscholastic team.
4. A reasonable amount of disarmament.
5. A lower limit than now prevails for a maximum admission fee to witness intercollegiate sports. Dethrone the almighty dollar and return to simplicity.
6. One other source of reform has recently been heralded from the University of Iowa; namely, new, compactly formed, well-guarded intercollegiate athletic society among students who have attained distinction in athletic events, and whose purpose, energetically carried out, shall be to insist upon an amateurism above suspicion and ideals of manhood, honor, and courtesy that will at once and forever eliminate every objectionable feature from our college sports.

By absolute publicity I mean something adequate and permanent; some such cure, in fact, as is proposed for the trust evil of the country. While faculty members may be honest, conscientious, and fearless, they may still be careless. Something is needed to spur them to the utmost vigilance

in the discharge of a great duty.

If this should make the labors of the athletic committees seem too burdensome to some now in control, they should retire and make way for successors who would be willing to accept the responsibilities of their office, as well as its honor. In my opinion the athletic committee is today the most important by far in our colleges. It deals directly with the morals of the student, his rightness or his wrongness under stress in his relation to others. Other committees may prescribe the conditions under which an institution shall bestow its honors for intellectual achievement, but the athletic committee deals directly with the habits of thought and action which make the student a good or a bad citizen. There is no body of men connected with our colleges and universities whose doings deeply interest a larger class of people than the faculty and student officers of the athletic association. There are none who owe to the public a more accurate and explicit accounting and record. Elsewhere I have advocated the publication by groups of institutions of an athletic annual. This is a book-making age, yet happy is the man who writes for a large and assured constituency; and such would doubtless be the case with the editors of a well-constructed and reasonably complete annual. Besides giving the public inside facts, it would tend to emphasize to athletes their correct and reasonable rewards for excellence. In the proportion that the glory of achievement fills the imagination of the ambitious athlete, in that same proportion will money cease to influence his thoughts. The promising young athlete will ask himself: "Where, while securing the intellectual training I desire, can I as a secondary purpose probably achieve for myself the greatest permanent athletic good and distinction?" At the same time he will have powerful influence added to those already existing to keep his record clean.

Isn't the matter of admission charges greatly overdone?

I am not prepared to abrogate the gate fee, but certainly we should think twice before allowing our students to engage in sporting exhibitions where the income of a single fixture runs into the tens of thousands. Let us encourage them to defend the honor and reputation of their institution with the best that is in them. That is manhood. But when our principal concern is to get big receipts from their heroic endeavors, it becomes what the eastern professor quoted above characterizes as the essence of professionalism.

I do not believe we are going to purify the entire student body by acting upon them from without. We must set some leaven at work within.

For one I shall watch with interest the new development said to have been inaugurated at Iowa.

## Class Day Program

The class of 1903 have arranged the following program for their Class day exercises, which will be held June 15 at 1:00 p. m.

Greeting	Pres. G. E. Green
Song	Genevieve Murphy
History	Katherine Switzer
Prophecy	G. E. Hill
Poem	Jennie Louizeaux
Song	Gladys Whitley
Class Memorial Dedication	Fred Albert
Response on behalf of the university	Pres. MacLean
Farewell to the University	W. C. Prof. Wilcox

1903 Yells

## Board Elects Manager

The board of athletic control yesterday elected H. E. Spangler, of Adair, general manager of athletics to succeed Donald McClain, whose term expires this month.

Mr. Spangler graduates this month from the college of liberal arts. He has been manager of the DAILY IOWAN for two years. As president of the Athletic Union the past year, he has done excellent work in raising the \$5,000 indebtedness of the union.

Manager McClain, the retiring manager, has done excellent work in his position this year. He has devoted a great deal of time to the work and has brought to the managership a fund of honest and earnest endeavor. He has been popular with managers of other colleges and with the students and faculties of the university. He succeeded Manager Fred C. McCutchen, whose assistant he had long been, last June. Manager McClain was not a candidate for re-election, as he will begin to practice law upon his graduation this month.

## Conference Rules

The assent of the principal colleges of Iowa to the conference athletic rules has been obtained by the University of Iowa, so far as applies to track and football. The matter of conference rules applying to baseball is yet to be decided upon.

The assent of Grinnell college, Drake University and the State Agricultural College to the conference rules, so long desired by the University of Iowa, which the state institution belonging to the conference, was obtained at a meeting of a faculty representatives in Des Moines last week. The rules are to be submitted to the college senates of the various institutions for ratification.

The rules will allow athletes to play but four years in the aggregate, will not permit men who have ever received money for their athletic ability or skill to play, as against the old state compact which allowed men to play just so they were not being paid for playing by the college, and provides for a strict enforcement of scholarship requirements and faculty certification of students eligible to play.

## FORUM AHEAD

### LAWYERS BEST AT BASEBALL

Inter-society Games not all Played—Results not Decisive—Philos only one Playing on the Schedule

No games have been played in the inter-society league for two weeks. The standing of the teams at the time of cessation of hostilities was by no means decisive of the championship though it had demonstrated that the laws were in general superior to the collegiates at the national game. The Philos are the only team which have played out their schedule. Their record shows four straight against them. Forum has two victories to its credit and both Hammond and Zet the same number coupled with a defeat apiece. As Forum has defeated Zet it is probable the final contest would be between the two teams from the college of law. At the same time Irving with only one defeat against her might pull up among the winners.

Standing of teams.

	won	lost	per c.
Forum	2	0	1.000
Hammond	2	1	.666
Zet	2	1	.666
Irving	1	1	.500
Philo	0	4	.000

Miss Etta Fair, L. A. '05, is entertaining her two sisters from Agency this week.

A number of prominent Iowans will attend commencement exercises this year among them being Gov. Cummins and Congressman Hepburn.

Pres. Northrup and Senator Allison have been invited to speak at the alumni banquet on the evening of June 16. The latter has accepted.

Joel Johnson Ex. '02, who has been principal of the Iveton schools for the past year, is visiting in the city. Mr. Johnson has been re-elected and will accept the offer for next year.

Dr. C. S. Chase has been given leave of absence for the remainder of the year, which he expects to use in special research work in Pharmacology at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, preparatory to introducing it into his department next year.

The Zetagathian society have elected the following officers for next year, President, A. W. Lauer; Vice president, L. Bedford; Recording secretary, Robt. Quigley; Corresponding secretary, W. B. Joy; Treasurer, H. C. Anderson.

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Calendar for the Week.

June 11—Inter-Collegiate Rifle Shoot at Rifle Range.

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He Is not Called to Council

Far be it from us to abuse anyone much less the present editor of the Republican. But when a public institution is openly, violently and unjustly attacked it is well to look at the motive prompting such a course. The discovery of this may explain the whole matter.

In addition to Mr. BRANT's enmity to Joe R. Lane, whom he vehemently asserts he has forgiven, there are two other easily discoverable reasons for his attitude toward the institution. Mr. BRANT, never feels comfortable unless he is in a fight. He was trained on a trouble-maker, the Cedar Rapids Gazette, and his career in Clinton was marked by continual war with any and every body. His popularity in that community became such that he moved away to Iowa City a year and five months ago. During his stay in this community he has

accused the City Council of corruption because they let bids to the lowest bidder. He has strenuously opposed a waterworks proposition which was very fair to the municipality and which received the approval of the voters. This veritable box of Pandora now turned his attention to the university and if nothing else could have been trumped up, there is no doubt he would have criticized the institution just to provide himself with the congenial atmosphere of battle.

Then again, and in this he has some justification, he has been slighted by the university authorities. He has not been called into council. His opinion has not been asked. He has not been allowed, strange as it may seem, to point the path for governor, regents, and faculty to follow. This was certainly a great oversight on the part of all of these persons in their various spheres of authority. But Mr. BRANT should be more magnanimous. Some of the benighted university people, absorbed in their books, may not have known who he was immediately on his arrival. He should give these denizens of the world of letters more time to appreciate earthly greatness and and bend the knee. A little forbearance and due deference will be paid him who is capable of directing the policies of the institution.

As the board of regents, as presently constituted does not seek his advice and direction, he is striving to obtain a board that will do so. When the back room of the Republican office shall be the seat of power in university affairs then will Iowa's University assume her proper position among the universities of the land.

Objection is taken that the needs of a department are overlooked in the action of the regents. The needs of all the departments are cared for as far as is possible, but the needs of one department can not be so superior to the needs of a whole university. The erection of one of two buildings is not so important as is a united university working for Iowa's general welfare.

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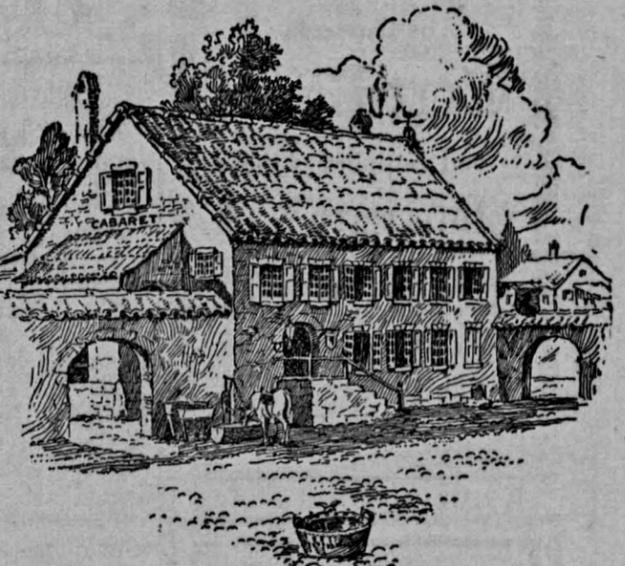
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S. O. } Hdqs. U. of I. Battalion  
 No. 28 }      May 25, 1903

The battalion will participate in the Inter-collegiate Rifle Shoot again this year.

The final contest will take place Thursday, June 11, at 2:00 p. m. on the University Range under the supervision of the commandant.

The conditions governing are: team of ten men; ten shots each off hand; two hundred yards; man target "A"; Springfield rifle with regulation trigger pull; no sighting shots or other preliminary firing on day of contests; match to be shot on home range and results, (original score sheet and bulletin) certified by commandant. Attention is called to paragraphs 436 & 535 in firing regulations for the U. S. army.

The competition is open to all members of the battalion and Commandant's medal will be awarded for one year to the man making the highest score. All cadets desiring to take part should report at once to Major H. E. Hadley, Inspector of rifle practice.

By order of Col. Geo. R. Burnett, Commandant.

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A rate of one and one-third fare has been granted on all roads for the summer session provided one hundred tickets are sold. A certificate must be obtained at the time the ticket is purchased and filed later at Iowa City to entitle the holder to reduced rate.

TRACK TEAM

All men who took part in the Grinnell dual meet, the state meet or the conference meet, are requested to meet at Luscombe's at 1:00 p. m. Saturday, June 6th, for team picture and election of captain.  
 R. M. Anderson.

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Under wise direction that may become precisely the influence for which we are looking. When that change of student ideals has some such high standard as exists today in English universities, we may then turn this whole matter over to the students themselves, to the great advantage of all concerned.

In conclusion may I say I am not, and never have been, hostile to athletics. In college days they were my delight; through all my life they have been a source of health, strength, and rejuvenation. May I also say that I have not in this article aimed one word of criticism at any particular institution, professor, or coach. But I would eradicate from our present system all the diseases which the last five years have brought to the surface. Our colleges have ever been and are now the fountains from which flow the saving influences of our nation. Let us keep that fountain clean from all other forms of contamination.

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