

constitution to the same effect, she was merely hewing straight to the mark of her policy. Whether she is right in her idea or whether she is wrong is not for us to say. It is true that our delegates to the Athletic meeting voted for the amendment, but it was more for the reason that we would benefit by such a rule than from any consideration of the right and wrong of the case. It is a mooted question and one that bids fair to figure very largely in intercollegiate circles for some time to come.

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THE withdrawal of the University of Pennsylvania from the State Intercollegiate Athletic Association of course increases our chances for the cup a great deal. We will now be sure of making second place and stand a big show of securing first. If our boys do what is right, they will all come out and work like Trojans. Let them take Swarthmore as a model. There we have a college with just about half as many male students as we that stands first or second every year at these contests. Why is it? Are all her men born athletes? No. The simple explanation is that she uses her material to the best advantage. Every man that has anything in him at all is carefully drilled, schooled and developed till every possible bit of ability is brought out. Then he is sent to the contest to pick up seconds and thirds and perchance by good luck first.

There is no reason why we cannot do as well if not better. We have every facility for the most thorough training, a track, athletic house, hot and cold baths, gymnasium and everything. Add to this the services of a trainer who thoroughly understands his business and is himself a prominent athlete and a winner of contests without number. All that is needed is the proper raw material, and if we have not plenty of that few colleges have. How is it that we get out the best football team of any college our size in the State and probably in a good many states? The material is here, lots of it and, if we could only get it out, we could send just such winning teams as Swarthmore,

Therefore the LANCE makes a personal appeal to every man with any athletic ability at all to come out and practice. Mr. Hoskins will be glad to offer instruction to every candidate. If you have not ability enough to go to the State sports, you will at least stand a chance of winning in one of the numerous field days to be held this Spring and will be in good trim to win points and glory for your class at the great contest of Commencement week. Then too a man in training always feels good, is in good spirits, and has a clear brain for study. Don't let the star performers rule the roost and do all the contesting, but come out every one of you and do what you can.

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IN this connection, it might be well to say something on the matter of team caps. When the custom of awarding the caps was begun last year, it was with the idea that they were to be just as much trophies and awards of honor, as silken badges or medals. They were to perform the same functions and carry the same meaning that the great Y on the sweater of a Yale man carries to the rest of the students at Yale. They are awarded only to men who have fairly and squarely won them in open contest, and therefore they should only be worn by those men. Of course, the cap is the property of the winner. He may destroy it, sell it, give it away if he sees fit, and no body has a right to take him to task for it. But that is no excuse for his allowing any body to wear it around who wishes to. It soon makes the cap common, takes away its original significance, and consequently neutralizes the effect of being a spur to athletic talent which it was intended to have. Its a pretty sure thing that a new man will not look longingly at a team cap if he sees fellows wearing them around who though they may have the talent within them never *won* the right to do so. This Spring, there will be a number of team caps won unless present indications fail. Let us therefore try to keep them as sacred as the Yale man does the Y on his sweater.