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Inter-fraternity Athletics.

The following clipping from the Syracuse Daily Orange explains itself and expresses in a clear way what is before the minds of college men—the participation of all in athletics. The scheme is meeting with great success at Syracuse and there is no reason why it should not do so at State where there are quite a large number of fraternities and clubs. We have inter-fraternity tennis; why not football, baseball, basketball?

“The formation of a basketball league by the fraternities of the University will be of great benefit, not only to the University and the fraternities, but to the men themselves. It is an excellent plan for discovering and developing good material for the Varsity team. The baseball series of last spring fully demonstrated the usefulness of such friendly and manly athletic contests in the promotion of good feeling between the several fraternities.

But the chief benefit is that accruing to the men themselves. It is a trenchant criticism of American college athletics that too much is made of intercollegiate supremacy that only men of extraordinary ability are encouraged to participate in athletics. The attitude of the students of English universities is in sharp and wholesome contrast to this. There everybody engages in some form of recreation, and almost their entire attention is directed to the contests between their own teams. The men engage in their sports for the personal benefit to themselves. There is need of such a spirit in American colleges. Any movement, therefore, which contributes to this end should meet with the warmest encouragement.”

Rules Committee Act.

A wholesale change in football rules has been mapped out by the National Inter-collegiate Football Rules Committee. Nothing has been definitely decided upon as yet, but will be at another meeting in about a week. In the interim the proposed change will be discussed and considered preparatory to being acted upon. Before actual embodiment in the rules book it is probable that experiments will be made to test the new ideas to prove their worth. The suggested changes favor open play, elimination of unnecessary roughness, and provides for the appointment of officials by a central board. Little can be said of the outcome, as it is yet vague and an unknown quantity, but that the change will be radical and rapid we feel sure from the attitude of Columbia Union, Harvard, and several others, which have demanded a decided change.

Debating Club.

The Debating Club as usual met in 367 on Saturday evening. On account of the small number of those present it was decided to carry the program over to the following week. The resignation of C. R. Stahl, '07, from the varsity debating team was reluctantly accepted, and his place filled by the alternate, W. H. Wentzel, '08. The coming debate between the second State team and Juniata College was discussed. Fuller particulars in regard to this debate will probably be ready at the next meeting.

— For Sale. — One subscription to Hapgood's Industrial Agency. See Manager of the paper.

Basketball.

Our Varsity basketball five returned last Monday from their Eastern trip. Two defeats were experienced but only after good hard contests. The fellows report that both Lehigh and Penn won in square style, although against Penn, State seemed a winner until the last few minutes of play. Both referees, Messrs Dougherty and Sharpe, proved splendid officials and in the Penn game the latter certainly called all the fouls in sight, which slowed-up the contest to a large extent. However, the Philadelphia papers called the game “a whirlwind affair” so that State's sons must have at least managed to keep the grass from sprouting beneath their feet. The Penn floor is as large as that in our Armory so there was plenty of room for passing and good team work; but at Lehigh the extremely limited floor-space naturally resulted in a rough and unsatisfactory argument.

Although our five dropped both games we wish Captain Heaton and his men to feel that the students are with them stronger than ever, and confident in an unbroken string, of victories during the remainder of the season. The smallness of Lehigh's floor space was a decided handicap to State's five, but Lehigh's men, as well as the five at Penn, played clean, fair basketball. Considering the strength of their teams, Penn State cannot feel in any way discouraged. Here are the scores:

STATE 19		LEHIGH 31	
Moorhead	forward	Froutman	
Ross	forward	Anderson	
Yeckley	centre	Pierce	
Heaton (Capt)	guard	Travis	
Kilmer	guard	McMullin	

Goals from field Anderson 4, Travis 4, McMullin 3, Froutman 2, Ross 3, Moorhead 2, Yeckley, Kilmer. Goals from foul Pierce 5, Moorhead 5. Referee—Dougherty. Lehigh Timers—Golden, State, Smith, Lehigh. Halves 20 minutes.

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