

needy student who puts in a summer at good, hard, conscientious ball playing, thereby earning enough money to help him through college the next year. How do these two types compare, and which is doing the greater good for himself and his college? As long as the student has not engaged in professional sport before entering college, and is in good scholastic standing, what other reason in the name of good common sense can be advanced for prohibiting his participation in college sports? It will be found throughout the college world that the men who are howling "professional" loudest, are those who have never taken part in any sport themselves, and are the least competent judges of athletic reforms and abuses.

What flimsy evasions of "professionalism" are now exemplified in our colleges? Take for instance Princeton and Pennsylvania, both of whom announced recently that they were done with "professional" coaches in base ball, having engaged respectively Cosgrove and Gladfelter, graduate student athletes, as coaches. And what, may we ask, have Messrs Cosgrove and Gladfelter been doing since graduation? Playing professional ball, both of them; Cosgrove at Plattsburg, N. Y., and Gladfelter at Washington, Pa.

Were it not best for every institution to come out in straightforward manly fashion, and admit that the best instructors obtainable are secured in athletics, just as in mathematics, languages, or physics, for the American College idea is to secure the very best talent in all branches.

A thorough understanding all around is the most pertinent requirement among our colleges, and as soon as every institution feels certain that her neighbor colleges desire to be square and above-board in all dealings, little of the present friction will be in evidence. There is a

crying need for the adoption of some plain, definite code of eligibility rules by all the colleges throughout our country. The "Big Four" in the East have taken the lead, but all their rulings will prove ineffective, unless concurred in by all other institutions. A brighter era for college athletics is surely approaching, and no institution East or West will hail its coming with more genuine satisfaction and more broad-minded attitude than Pennsylvania State.

#### Freshman Caps.

The Senior and Junior classes have voted to inaugurate at "State" a custom which is at present in vogue in many of the larger colleges, and an attempt is being made here to have the Freshmen adopt it. It seems to be the impression among student bodies in general that Freshmen ought to have some distinguishing mark, and the "Cap idea" has been decided upon. Wherever this custom prevails, the first year men wear a black cap with a large green button or a green necktie with pink dots.

The movement has passed the two upper classes, and it is hoped that the Freshmen will be favorably inclined to whatever the upperclass committee decides upon.

#### Y.M.C.A. Notes.

Evidently strong influences have been at work in the college body since the coming of Mr. Sayford and Mr. Dodge, and many fellows have shown the desire and intention to lead changed lives.

On Wednesday the Nashville delegates returned from the Conference. It is expected that a Conference meeting will be held on next Sunday evening, at which things of especial interest at the Nashville Convention will be discussed.

Remember the Tuesday evening meetings in 529 Main at 6:15 o'clock. All are cordially welcomed.

At the trial debate held last Saturday evening in the Old Chapel, Mr. E. F. Palin, '09 was chosen alternate on the first team. This team will debate against Dickinson soon for the championship of the Intercollegiate League.

Oratory has been abolished from the curriculum of Colgate University.

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