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TO REGULATE ATHLETICS.

An Intercollegiate Association of National Scope Will Govern Sports.

A movement of far reaching importance to intercollegiate athletics was inaugurated when representatives of sixty colleges and universities throughout the country met at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York City, on Dec. 28. All of the important colleges were represented except Cornell, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and Annapolis. "Pop" Golden and Prof. Higley were our delegates at this convention. The outcome of the meeting was the formation of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States. The question of professionalism in college athletics occupied a great portion of the time. It was generally conceded that at the present time the sport that demands the most serious consideration is baseball, because of its general popularity, the ease with which players may evade any rules that may be passed, and because the nature of the game itself makes it very difficult to draw a sharp line between professionalism and amateur playing.

The sentiment of the convention seemed to be in favor of excluding from summer baseball all college men who expected to represent their school during the following year. This was about to pass as a final decision when "Pop" Golden, in a most excellent impromptu speech, so aroused discussion in the convention that a committee was appointed to investigate the sentiment of the different states on the matter. This committee appointed a man in each

district to search out and report the sentiment in his section. To this end circular letters were sent to over sixty colleges and nearly all of them replied.

The question is plainly up to us as students of an institution of this size to decide whether our baseball men are to be allowed to play summer ball or not, and then to register that vote in the next convention. A meeting of the Association will be held next December to decide this matter and we must get busy at once if we are to have a fair discussion of this most important matter.

Track Schedule.

Manager P. B. Bennetch announces the following schedule of meets for the track team next spring, subject to the approval of the faculty athletic committee:

- April 25, Relays at Philadelphia.
- May 2, Syracuse University, at Syracuse, N. Y.
- May 9, Carlisle Indians, at State College.
- May 16, Lafayette, at Easton.
- May 23, Interclass meet.
- May 30, Intercollegiate meet, at Harrisburg.

The 1909 La Vie.

Work on the La Vie is progressing rapidly and it is expected that the first half of the book will go to press in the near future. The photographic work will be finished this week. All cuts and engravings are being made by the Electric City Engraving Co., Buffalo. The contract for the printing and binding of the book will soon be awarded. Every effort is being made to have the La Vie here in time for Commencement.

CHANGES IN FOOTBALL RULES.

The Forward Pass will be Governed by New Rules During the Coming Season.

When the Intercollegiate Rules Committee convened a short time ago to revise the football rules for the season of 1908 the forward pass was the subject of the most discussion. The pass as used by the Indians and some of the small colleges last fall showed the game of chance that was involved in making the pass. The ball was thrown thirty yards or more indiscriminately and with the hope that some player would recover it in the mixup for a gain. In view of this fact the Rules Committee decided that only the one man eligible to receive the ball could touch it, and that if a player eligible to recover the pass touched and fumbled it, he alone could recover it for the side which made the pass. Failure to make the pass gives the ball to the opposing side at the point where the pass was made. In order to equalize things the defending side is prevented from holding and can only use hands in pushing an opponent out of the way.

Any penalties imposed on a team may be declined by the offended side. The intermission was lengthened to 15 minutes, and the failure of a team to appear in two minutes after the signal gives the ball to the team then on the field on their opponents thirty yard line. Several other improvements were suggested, such as numbering the players and the like, but no definite action was taken.

Princeton debates Harvard on March 20th.