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SUMMER BASEBALL QUESTION.

What is Our Attitude as a College Toward Permitting Members of Our Teams to Play Professional Ball During Vacation?

As was announced last week in our columns, the Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which held its second annual convention in New York City last December, made some sweeping changes in the control of all branches of college sports, similar in effect to its revision of the football rules the previous year. While the convention attacked every form of professionalism in intercollegiate athletics it laid the greatest stress on the necessity of reform in baseball, because as Mr. C. W. Hetherington said in part: "Baseball stimulates the most serious violations of the amateur rule; first, from the standpoint of frequency of occurrence; second, from the standpoint of conflicting practices for regulation; third, from the standpoint of conflicting opinions concerning the seriousness of infractions; and fourth, from the standpoint of differences in the remedies suggested for bettering conditions."

The sentiment of the Association was very strong for radical action being taken in regard to summer baseball and it was only through the efforts of "Pop" Golden that a sufficiently moderate view of the situation was taken to justify appointing a committee to investigate the matter thoroughly with a view to getting the opinion of colleges in general throughout the country. This committee has made its preliminary report in which it defines summer baseball and then divides

players into six classes. The basis of the report and of the division made is the result of circular letters sent out to sixty-one colleges and universities in the different sections of the United States.

According to the report of the committee the term summer baseball is applied to the practice of college students who are still candidates for their college teams playing baseball during their summer vacations on some team not connected with college, which practice makes it extremely difficult to determine the amateur standing of college players. Under this definition the six different classes of summer baseball players are, from the report of the committee, as follows:

First, those who join some of the professional league teams, either under their own names or some assumed name; second, those who organize or join an organization such as is connected with seaside or mountain resort hotels under cover of some other employment, but solely to play ball, their employers releasing them for practice and for games, but paying them their consideration as wages; third, those who are definitely employed and paid for certain work and then organize a baseball nine or play on it. This is the condition in mining districts, etc. The men are not employed for baseball, but baseball skill counts. Fourth, those in other occupations who play games here and there by invitation. They accept expenses and nothing more. Fifth, those who play ball on their home teams, which are partly professional. Some accept money and others do not. Sixth, those who do not

need to work during the summers and who play on mixed nines about their homes, seaside residences, or the mountain houses in which they seem to be genuine guests.

The rules governing summer baseball and the practice in dealing with this question differ greatly in different colleges, even in the same section of the country. Some colleges stand squarely on the amateur rule, while others have abolished it actually or practically. Let us, therefore, take this matter up and discuss it in the light of the principles set before us by the committee. Only by a fair and open discussion of the merits of summer baseball can we determine where we stand as an institution.

A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

Our Basketball Team Does Credit to State on its Eastern Trip.

Not in many years has Penn State been represented in basketball so strongly as by Capt. DuBarry and his men on the Eastern trip last week. A team that makes the showing that the present one has done is worthy of all the spirit and backing that the White and Blue followers can give, and too much credit can not be given to the faithful manner in which the team did its duty.

On Wednesday night F & M. was easily defeated at Lancaster. Our opponents were clearly outclassed by the excellent team work displayed by Penn State and it was only due the number of fouls that Watt threw that F. & M. scored the number they did. The result of the game was never in doubt.

Delaware College, at Newark, was met on Thursday night but the team