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Sec. 5. Special students in order to be eligible to represent the college in athletic contests must be duly registered for at least the minimum number of credit hours per week required of freshmen in the school in which they are registered.

Sec. 6. A member of any athletic team desiring to play summer ball shall submit a request to play to the Alumni Advisory Committee, giving name of team and conditions under which he will play. This committee shall decide favorably or unfavorably on the case. Violation of this decision will suspend the offender from further participation in varsity athletics.

We feel that State is now ready for these restrictions and believe the student body heartily agrees with us. Athletics are, of course, secondary in importance to the classroom work, and to make our sports truly collegiate without in any way handicapping us with other colleges, we earnestly recommend the above regulations.

Sections 2, 4 and 6 are possibly the only ones which may need a further word. The bad impression created in the college world by taking an athlete trained in another institution and using him on our teams immediately after entering here cannot be denied, and such a rule as Section 2 would not only prevent such a thing, but would not encourage a man to come to us for the sake of athletics alone.

Practically all the colleges of importance have legislated in some form or other on summer baseball. Many have made most stringent rulings and few, if any, are living up to the letter of their laws. The question is due for a violent discussion at the next meeting of the association in New York this year, on account of the chaotic state of affairs now existing.

In the first place your Alumni Committee will not suggest a stringent rule and then permit it to be broken. We prefer that our actions be perfectly fair and open on such questions. Under present conditions it is not fair to put our men under the absolute amateur rule.

We do not feel that the chief dangers of professional ball or professional sport of any kind lie in the taking of money for services rendered. While this idea creates the spirit the opposite to that fostered by pure amateur sport and is a detriment to college athletics, it might be considered a benefit if a man otherwise unable could, marketing his ability as a baseball player during the summer, enjoy the benefits of a college education.

What appears to us to be the real danger of summer ball is the influence a crowd of professional or semi-professional ball players has on a college man's character and the consequent effect on his college associates in athletics.

In a game played for profit there is bound to be more or less dishonesty, and these are the things most guarded against.

All summer teams, however, are not bad any more than all business organizations are not dishonest, and our rule as suggested above is based on this belief. We feel that by careful watch on our men in summer baseball we can to a much greater extent than at present guard our

athletics from the bad effects.

It is our hope to see some time soon the pure amateur rule in force at State, and while the above rule is not as broad as it can be we feel it is a step in the right direction. It will at least help us a little until the association meeting at New York can suggest some definite and practical solution of the problem.

We have one final recommendation to make—that basketball as an intercollegiate sport be eliminated from our list of sports for a period of at least two years. The expense of maintaining a varsity basketball team, with the honors and benefits accruing to so few men is out of all proportion to other branches of sport. It is always a losing venture and its deficits must be made up by other departments. With time necessary for games and daily practice it makes our gymnasium practically unavailable to a great part of the student body who can get no real benefit from physical exercise.

Practically all colleges which are real factors in the athletic world have taken the action we suggest, either for the same reasons as apply here or on account of lack of interest on the part of the student body. It may not be amiss at this time to outline the attitude of the alumni to the system of athletics at State. There seems to be an awakening to the fact that our department of physical education should bring out something more than a few teams of highly trained athletes.

The college graduate of today needs more than mental strength; he must have a healthy and sturdy body to enable him to make the most of his mental ability, and he must know how to keep that body in proper condition. What are we doing along this line for the average student? Practically nothing.

The total number of men on our various athletic squads probably does not exceed one hundred and fifty—ten per cent of the total number in college. Can we not do something for the other ninety per cent? The freshman class, of course, has gymnasium work, but the sophomores, juniors and seniors get nothing because of lack of gymnasium facilities. One thing we do not lack is outdoor playgrounds. Our facilities in this respect are unexcelled, and are being bettered each year. Climatic conditions at State College are unquestionably ideal. With everything in his favor why should not every man daily acquire some of his health capital? It cannot be denied that it will bear good interest later in a business or professional career.

As a step towards this goal there has been added to the sophomore schedule, in place of gymnasium work, weekly lectures on subjects vital to the physical well being of every man.

We would urge upon the officers of the association and upon every individual student to cooperate with the director of physical education in such plans as aim toward the ideal condition, where every student participates in some branch of outdoor sport, whether intercollegiate or intra-college, and the nearer we are to pure amateur sport

The committee also suggested that we drop basketball for at least

two years, but, as this question was decided by the association at the meeting of Oct. 7, it is not necessary to go into their discussion of this question here.

Respectfully submitted, Alumni Advisory Committee—A. C. Read, J. E. Quigley, G. R. Meek, J. H. M. Andrews, R. H. Smith.

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Will Give Their Entertainment on Saturday Night at Auditorium.

A grand miscellaneous concert will be given at the Auditorium on Saturday evening, Oct. 15, for benefit of the building fund of the Episcopal church.

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The price of the tickets will be 25, 35 and 50 cents and will be on sale at athletic store from 6 to 8 p. m. Friday, Oct. 14 and at the Auditorium on the night of the concert.

Everyone—seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen turn out and support the cause.

"Gym" Addition and Improvements.

Among the other improvements which have been made around college during the summer are those in and about the gymnasium. What was formerly the locker-room has been converted into a drying room, and a spacious addition has been placed at the west end of the building to serve as a locker room. Here are two hundred and fifty of the best steel, ventilated lockers on market. In the east end of the addition are the modious rooms. A large number of the newest and best showers have been installed and in the future there will be no necessity for a mad rush for a shower. Paint has followed along close behind the alterations and now everything appears exceptionally neat and up-to-date. The two rooms on the stage have been changed into offices. The one on the right of the stage is now occupied by "Pop" Golden and the one on the left by Mr. Lewis.

On the outside improvements are also evident. The two tennis courts on the west of the "Gym" have been kept in excellent condition during the summer and a one hundred yard straight-away is now being constructed also.

Where and Who Other Colleges Play on Saturday.

- Penn State vs Sterling A. C., at Beaver field.
- Princeton vs. Lafayette, at East on, Pa.
- Penn vs. Brown, at Providence, R. I.
- Yale vs. West Point, at West Point, N. Y.
- Harvard vs Amherst, at Cambridge, Mass.
- Cornell vs. St. Bonaventure, at Ithaca, N. Y.
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