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GIRLS' BASKET-BALL.

The publication as announced by the University Publishing Company of the Collegiate Basket-Ball Rules for women, as formulated by the Rules Committee consisting of heads of the departments of physical education of the various institutions of the middle west and the editors and compilers, Mrs. R. G. Clapp, and Miss Louise Pound of the University of Nebraska, who were responsible for the conference leading to the formation of the rules. According to the preface the rules are meant for the many teams wishing a game not quite so swift, or so taxing on the players, as the men's game, yet enabling the team development and concerted play of the latter, as the field line games does not. There is ample room for both games; in fact throughout the country three styles of

neither short nor limited. Among the players, by this time a very great number, who, during twelve years, have played on the various regular teams in the University of Nebraska, in all sorts of contests, practice, inter-class, inter-collegiate, not one player has ever been seriously hurt or injured not even by a serious sprain; certainly none have ever been "overtaxed" or suffered harm from "over-excitement." A canvass of the names of the players during these twelve years, and their records on and after leaving school, renders wholly absurd the hypothesis that girls cannot safely play basket-ball; or safely play it without the restricting field divisions. In general as regards the possible benefit or the possible harmfulness of the game of women's basket-ball to the players, the editors feel convinced that much more depends on careful supervision of the games, and the careful preliminary examination of those who seek to be allowed to play, than depends on the particular kind of rules by which the play may be governed.

Needless to say these rules were compiled and edited before the persistent campaign of the Dean of Women seemed by a sudden and unexpected stroke to have crowned itself with success. Girls' basket-ball without a first team will be as dead here as in other schools which have none; or as men's football would become, were there no first team as a center of interest and goal for the players, and no contests. The girl's team at Nebraska has always been one of the best connected with University life; and its record for scholarship, to judge by the list of honors achieved, has been more brilliant than that of many other organizations in school. Girls who have made the team have always looked back on their experience on it as one of the most valuable features of their school life. The team frequently played but one game a year outside of Lincoln, and to play this game has been absent but one day from school. Instead of being harmed physically or morally by this game, the

Male students of Chicago University recently petitioned one of the instructors asking for the removal of picture hats from the class rooms. It seems that the boys were unable to follow demonstrations on the black boards because of these monstrous affairs, and a number failed, due, of course to the inconvenience. President Judson is now investigating the possibility of a further enlargement in hats and unless prospects point to more conservative styles will recommend that the ladies remove their hats in class.

Sophomore Notes.

The sophomore class voted at their last meeting to assess each member of the class fifteen cents to go to the Ivy Day fund. Each of the classes are contributing to this and the sophomore class should not be behind. This money must be in by May 1. So it is hoped that each member of the class will pay up promptly when asked to do so by some of the committee this week. Each man, when he pays will be given a ticket and he cannot get any of the feed on Ivy Day without this ticket. Let us all, then, help the committee and boost Ivy Day by paying the fifteen cents promptly when asked.

Freshmen Committees.

Track manager—G. E. Reid.
Ivy Day Program—Richard Russel, chairman; Ruth Mackin, Stella Hardy, Lyle Osterhaut.

Finance—LeRoy Temple, Chairman; Frank Walter, Ross Brooks, L. C. Burdick, Ralph Higgins, Ernest Hahn, Robert Patterson, H. D. Epp, P. L. Ernest, F. Fillipi, E. L. Hardy, V. C. Hascall, W. O. Forman, Jas. Lawrence, C. J. Lord, Paul Rivett, C. N. Robb, G. H. Rushton, V. B. Smith, W. B. Werner, H. C. Hathaway, Lew Wallace, J. N. Tait, Arthur Dobson, Walter Weise.

The Zoological Club.

The University of Nebraska Zoological club will meet at 8 p. m., Tuesday evening, April 28, 1908 in the Zoological lecture room. The program will be as follows:

"Transmission of Acquired Characters," by Kammerer. Reviewed by J. H. Powers.

"Transmission of a Sport," by Woodworth. Reviewed by N. F. Peterson.

Visitors are always cordially welcome to the meetings of the club.

Junior Auditing Committee.

The Junior auditing committee consists of the following persons:

Fay Hartley, Mary Graham, F. N. Wildish, I. S. Bigger, H. F. Wunder, E. R. Pelster, Ruth Easterday, Mabel Snyder, Maysie Van Andel, W. H. Reynolds, F. C. Harding, W. H. Taylor, D. M. Kuebler.

This committee will meet Friday at five o'clock in U 212. It is very important that every member be present.

I. F. BAKER,
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Notice.

There will be a meeting of the junior class today at 11:30. Memorial Hall.

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basket ball are now being played by women players; the men's game outright; the game with field divisions as edited by Miss Berenson; and the modified version of the men's game which the following rules, printed to meet persistent demand, have been formulated to set forth. The editors have in no point modified the game arbitrarily, or introduced local usages or interpretations.

The special provinces and the relative value of the three styles of the women's game now played are discussed in the preface. In response to the change, sometimes heard that basket-ball played without field lines, or indeed the game of basket-ball in general, is injurious for girls, because "overtaxing" them, or likely to be "overexciting," the editors point to their own experience, which has been

girls have always been the better for it, and for their basket-ball experience in general.

But the question is not that of propriety or the physical welfare of the participants, but rather let us ask why is it so difficult for the dean of women and the head of the department of physical education to agree on these questions? If it is very wrong for the girls to go away on basket-ball trips why is Mrs. Clapp so in favor of it? Her testimony on the health side at least is certainly strong. Of course the desire to win sometimes carries these things beyond reason, but the record of Nebraska's department is nothing of the sort. As the leader among western institutions its policy will determine the fate of athletic contests for women. Do these contests deserve such ignominious death?

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