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## THE VALLEY CONFERENCE.

Student sentiment is hard to deal with, and is often in the wrong. When the student bodies of the different colleges of the Missouri Valley decided upon the action that should be taken on certain matters with regard to athletics as well as other college activities, that sentiment must be considered.

What should be the action of the University of Nebraska with regard to

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terially, because a temporary athletic field can be made on the grounds of the new university medical college at Omaha, and the university will be able to have the benefit of a football game in the metropolis and still comply with the rules of the conference. But regarding the abolition of the Thanksgiving game and the summer baseball ruling, the chief objection of the students is raised. Summer baseball has become a serious matter, and if men of the different schools are allowed to play baseball as amateurs on college teams, when they participate in summer games at which admission is charged then the rule becomes a joke, or it sounds the knell of college baseball.

There is not a man in the university who has played baseball and is of varsity material, but has played in games at which admission has been charged. As a result, if the baseball team of the university next spring is to be made up of men who have not played in such games, then baseball might as well be abolished at the University of Nebraska, and this is exactly what the members of the athletic board of the university are planning to do. If baseball goes, the death of foot-

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athletic relations in the Missouri Valley conference, has caused a great deal of discussion since the result of the recent meetings at Des Moines has become known. The students of Nebraska are divided in a way, and the whole affair has caused a certain amount of excitement to pervade the campus.

The situation, as it now stands, is for Nebraska to stay in the conference, give the rules and regulations which have been drawn up a fair trial. If they prove dissatisfactory, and not of the sort desired at this institution, then the school should demand that the rules be changed so that this school, as well as the others, be bound by regulations which are satisfactory to all the colleges. Rules and regulations for athletics in all colleges and universities are both proper and necessary, but they go farther in that these rules and regulations should be kept by all the schools entering the compact. That Nebraska intends to do this cannot be doubted, and as a member of the Missouri Valley conference they should do so.

The chief objection of the students seems to have three sources. One of them is to the effect that summer baseball should be permitted. Another is that a Thanksgiving game should be played, and the third is to the effect that athletic contests should be permitted on other grounds than those of the colleges. The latter rule does not affect the University of Nebraska ma-

ball is foreseen in the distance.

The Thanksgiving game is not as important a matter as summer baseball. But nevertheless it is worthy of attention and the students have done this by criticising the action of the conference. However, the entire settlement of the matter is not at an end. The real manly way for the students of the school to take this matter in hand would be to give it a fair trial. Many objections were raised to the one-year residence rule, but now it is seen that the rule is proper and necessary. Perhaps this is the case with these matters. If such is not the case, after the whole thing has been given a fair trial, then let the student body draw up a monster petition asking the university authorities to withdraw from the conference.

Nebraska would not be the first school to do this. Michigan's standing has not been injured by her withdrawal from the Chicago conference, and if it becomes necessary for the University of Nebraska to refuse to be bound by rules in which schools like Ames, Drake and Washington have a part, then withdrawal will be proper and supported by schools who realize the position that the University of Nebraska feels herself to be in.

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