

Intramural Athletics

The year 1925-26 opened with every indication of a successful year. An attempt to organize some of the independent groups on the campus into competitive leagues was successful when the dormitory and class teams entered men in most of the sports contested. Twenty-six teams competed in basketball that year, and baseball schedules were arranged for 23 teams.

The present year has been the banner year of the department. Under the guidance of Frank Shelton, senior manager, the department has made great strides toward its cherished ambition. The fraternities have been organized 100 per cent, and the independent groups increased in size. Thirty-eight teams competed in basketball this year, with the Military teams enjoying their first year of competition.



FRANK SHELTON
Intramural Manager

The adoption of an all-year point system and the addition of several new sports has greatly increased the scope of this year's program. Competition for the trophies in the different sports has proved keener this year than ever before, and the race for possession of the five-year trophy for all-sports competition is close enough to keep the entire organization interested.

The intramural program is seriously handicapped by the lack of adequate space. It is impossible to conduct any sport during the fall season aside from tennis and cross country because of the lack of fields. Only one field other than the Varsity gridiron is available, and that is used by the Varsity football team each day until dark.

The intramural department could easily use 5 or 6 fields and at least another gymnasium if they were available. Future expansion of the program will be seriously handicapped by a lack of adequate playing space.

From a small beginning, one can readily see the large proportions which Intramurals has attained. Along with the remarkable increase in numbers participating there has been developing a splendid spirit of fair-play and co-operation. The student body is being mixed up; men are meeting and making friends among the various organizations, which is thus tending to bring the student body together as nothing else will do.