

STUDENT HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION
AND
INTER-COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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Throughout my years of intimate contact with educational problems as a Trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, I came to realize that one of the greatest of these problems, one that unceasingly confronts all educational institutions, was the orientation of the individual student to the life of the institution, and the education of that individual so that he might be enabled to play a more useful, effective and important part in the complicated social processes of the day.

With my assumption of the office of President of the University of Pennsylvania on July 1, 1930, and because of my deep, personal interest in the problem, I conceived it to be my duty to inform myself thoroughly as to the provisions which this University makes for the intellectual, spiritual and physical well-being of the students committed to its care.

Particularly I found it necessary to satisfy myself upon the adequacy of the opportunities afforded to the students to acquire life habits conducive to health, physical fitness and intellectual vigor, without which a University education lacks balance and completeness.

It had long been evident that the conception of a university's obligations towards its students was undergoing wide and fundamental changes, particularly with respect to the physical aspects of campus life.

In order to get at the very root and essence of the problem