Looking Backward On Athletics

The following article is an interview with Major Frank H. Briggs '81.

"You want me to talk about athletics, do you?"

"But if you won't, I tell all that I know, but it will not be in any good taste."

"There are only a few of us left who still remember how good old Ea.

"In the late nineties and early eighties, there was a tremendous spirit among the New England baseball teams. The league was called the New England Commercial League. The majority of its teams were based in Boston, and it was a highly competitive league. The teams were known for their enthusiastic fans and their innovative strategies. The league was disbanded in 1900 due to financial difficulties.

"About 1904 and was christened on Field Day St. Armory.

"About that time track and field was pioneered in Europe, and it quickly spread to the United States. The first track and field meet in the United States was held at Harvard in 1890. The event was called the Harvard-Yale Meets, and it included a variety of events, such as running, jumping, and throwing.

"There was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm surrounding these early meets. Athletes and spectators alike were captivated by the physicality and athleticism on display. The meets were highly anticipated, and the finish lines often saw some of the finest runners and long jumpers in the country vying for victory.

Minor Changes To Campus

"You say that's old stuff and you want to hear what's happening today."

"Well, I have been doing some research on the history of Babson College, and I can tell you about some recent changes on campus."