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A SERIOUS BLOW.

What threatens to be a very serious blow to cross country running at the Institute took place when notification was received that Technology was no longer entitled to enter the intercollegiate cross country race at Princeton. Although it is barely possible that Tech may secure the privilege of entering next year by some special action by the executive committee, it is not probable and cannot be depended upon.

If no team is sent to the race next year the set back to cross country running at the Institute will be incalculable. It took the Institute three years to get into the cross country association and now through some slip or negligence it is in the same position as it was before.

The membership of the I. C. A. A. A. is limited and it may be a difficult thing to get an application for membership granted. In this case on account of the lapse in intercollegiate competition the Institute would lose a great deal of the prestige in this line of athletics that has been built up by long, hard and conscientious work. The situation is a serious one and is greatly to be regretted.

A POOR THING.

Inter-fraternity baseball is no doubt a good thing, but when games come on the days of regular track meets and take men away from them, the institution has passed beyond its stage of usefulness.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM.

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Following day at two o'clock in New York City. The letter was dated March 5th and was delayed in some unaccountable manner. The cross country manager was unable to attend the meeting as he had an examination on that day and the assistant manager was kept at home for the same reason. He made an attempt to reach the captain of the team but was not able to do so and he let the matter drop without securing some other representative to attend the meeting and look after Technology's interests.

It was known that action affecting the status of all the colleges in the association would be taken. Notification to that effect having been given in the notice of the meeting. The letter sent to the manager follows:—"A meeting of the I. C. C. A. is called for March 14th at two P. M. in New York City to consider merging with the I. C. A. A. A."

On the twenty-first of March Manager Ferris wrote to the former secretary of the cross country association asking him what action had been taken at this meeting. The following reply was received. "In reply to your letter of the 21st would say that the meeting of the I. C. C. A. in New York the offer of the I. C. A. A. A. to take over the cross country association was accepted. There was no further action. Accordingly the cross country association no longer exists." This was signed by Guy Emerson, the manager of the Harvard Track Team.

This was not very definite information as to the status of Technology in the cross country race, but it was taken as final and no further action was taken to look it up.

A short while ago the manager of the track team began to speculate as to what condition of affairs really existed and he accordingly communicated with the secretary of the I. C. A. A. A. asking how Technology was regarded. A reply was received from this man saying that he did not think that Technology held any place in the association but he would refer the matter to the advisory council of the association and would send definite information within a few days.

A letter stating that the advisory council could see no way in which the institute could enter the cross country race. This they said was a fact they greatly regretted but that the fault lay with the Institute in not attending to securing membership in the association. Since the cross country management had not obtained the news of Tech's status in time to apply for membership this year the track management was not in a position to take the necessary action. It was presumed that the cross country officials were looking out for the Institute's standing in the cross country race.

Technology is therefore out of both associations and the time of the annual meeting of the I. C. A. A. A. at which application could have been made for membership had passed without any information having been secured.

The track manager, D. C. McMurtree 1910, has now made application for admission to the association which will be presented at the meeting of the executive committee before the annual meet in Philadelphia on the 29th of May. What action will be taken is doubtful.

It appears that the cause of the misunderstanding was that the cross country association was not taken over by the track association. The fact was that the track association voted to institute a cross country race, the colleges who were members of both associations agreeing that in this event the cross country association would be dissolved. Accordingly at the next meeting of that organization such action was taken.

The track association did not therefore take over the cross country association in any way and Technology which was the only college not in the I. C. A. A. A. A. was left out. The annual meeting of the association to consider applications for membership took place some time ago and the next one will not be held until after the cross country race next fall.

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