The Athletic Board met regularly on a monthly basis throughout the school year; on several occasions however, special meetings were required. The primary goal of the Board was to review and finalize the policies governing the intercollegiate program which was begun over the past three years.

The eligibility regulations established last year are being reviewed at the present time with the objective of limiting freshmen participation. A policy governing a grant-in-aid program for athletes was established and forwarded to the Financial Aids Committee and the faculty for approval. A separate statement regarding the acceptance of funds for this program states, in effect, that donors will be encouraged to give undesignated funds, but in any case, the Board has final authority to determine the sports to which the funds will be diverted.

Dr. Klotsche undertook the initial steps in the formation of a new conference by holding a meeting in January which included the presidents of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Municipal University of Omaha, University of Akron, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Toledo and Wayne State University. A survey taken during the meeting indicated a favorable attitude towards formation of a conference by these schools. Dr. Klotsche and the Board are continuing the necessary negotiations, but it must be realized that these efforts take time. The present planning of the Board is to have the conference activated during the 69-70 school year.

In an effort to expand the intercollegiate program, the Board authorized an agreement with the Milwaukee Rowing Club to allow interested students to use the club's facilities. Each student is required to pay his own expenses at this time; if interest is sufficient this year, the Board contemplates paying the fees out of intercollegiate funds in the future. Soccer was offered on a club basis last year, but was not too successful this year due, primarily to the lack of a reasonable facility. Attempts to continue and build this sport into an intercollegiate offering will be continued. The Athletic Board is attempting to promote greater student and community interest in the present program, especially basketball. To this end, plans are being made to have the basketball team play one or two additional games in the Milwaukee Arena next season. Some games in the Field House will be scheduled in the afternoon, rather than the evening, to attract more student attendance.

Since the formation of UWM, the intercollegiate program has been supported by state funds. Many persons objected to this method. Beginning next Fall, therefore, all the intercollegiate budget will be derived from the Student Affairs budget and state support will be terminated. In turn, the proceeds from intercollegiate games will be turned over to Student Affairs.

Of primary concern to the Board as well as the Physical Education Department has been the loss of facilities over the past few years. These losses include (1) the intramural fields now occupied by the Fine Arts Building (2) eight tennis courts taken by Lapham Hall and its parking lot (3) The Physics-Engineering Building uses the former practice field for baseball (4) the intramural and football field where the new library is being constructed and (5) the loss of Pearse Field now being planned as a parking lot. Coupled with this is the 50% increase in participation in intramurals experienced during the last two years, the expansion of the physical education offerings, and the expansion of the Peace Corps program; all of which made use of these facilities. The loss of space and the increased demand have created a very critical situation that demands immediate attention.
Existing facilities include Engelmann Field, three tennis courts and the Fieldhouse. These are definitely inadequate for a school of our size. The Board has approved arrangements with the County Park System to use their lake front property for a men's intramural field and their diamonds for intercollegiate baseball. However these arrangements are temporary and do not eliminate the desperate need for space.

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