PROPOSED INTERCOLLEGIATE AGREEMENT

Through action of their respective Governing Boards, the institutions undersigned have entered into an agreement with each other for the purpose of reaffirming their intention of continuing intercollegiate football in such a way as to maintain the value of the game while keeping it in fitting proportion to the main purposes of academic life.

Under proper conditions, intercollegiate competition in football offers desirable recreation for players and a healthy focus of collegiate loyalty. These conditions require that the players themselves shall be truly representative of the student body and not composed of a group of special recruited and trained athletes. They further require that undue strain upon players be eliminated, and that they be permitted to enjoy the game as participants in a form of recreational competition rather than as performers in a type of public spectacle. In the total life of the campus, emphasis upon intercollegiate competition must be brought into harmony with the essential educational purposes of the institution. In general terms, the problem is one of avoiding the well-recognized excesses of intercollegiate football while retaining and enhancing the values which are known to lie in the sport.

With a view to the accomplishment of this basic purpose, the participating institutions agree to cooperate through two inter-institutional committees: (A) a Committee on Administration, and (B) a Committee on Eligibility.
A. Committee on Administration

Each institution shall name a representative, who shall be the responsible administrative officer dealing at the institution with intercollegiate athletics, to serve on a committee to handle the various phases of administration other than those affecting the eligibility of players. The responsibility of this Committee shall be two-fold: (1) to keep the conditions under which intercollegiate football is conducted in the member institutions under an overall review and appraisal, and (2) to induce and promote inter-institutional cooperation designed to effectuate the spirit and intent of this agreement.

The Committee on Administration shall have a chairman and a secretary, the latter chosen by the Committee itself. The chairmanship of the Committee shall be held in annual rotation by the representatives of the member institutions in the order of institutional seniority. There shall be a vice chairman, who shall be the member of the Committee next in line for the chairmanship. The chairman shall set the date and place of the regular meetings and of any special meetings requested by the representatives of any three member institutions.

Each institution agrees to furnish the Committee on Administration such information affecting the organization, support and conduct of intercollegiate football, other than with respect to player eligibility, as the Committee may deem necessary to the effective discharge of its duties.
The participating institutions agree to give prompt attention to any actions or policies recommended by the Committee on Administration and to abide by any policies which have received the formal approval of a majority of the institutions subscribing to this agreement.

The following principles are agreed to ab initio:

1. Football schedules shall not be made more than two years in advance.

2. The subscribing institutions shall not engage in post season contests or any contests designed to settle sectional or other championships.

3. Contests involving extended absences from the institution shall be avoided.

It is expected that the Committee on Administration will in due course make recommendations with respect to other matters of general concern, such as (1) the length of the regular playing season, (2) the admissibility of games played outside the regular season, such as pre-season games and spring games, (3) the extent of spring practice and the timing of the start of fall practice, (4) the proper place and treatment of scouting, (5) athletic publicity, (6) operating budgets and ticket prices, (7) the control of "extra-curricular" activity of coaches (such as broadcasting, or writing for publication on the subject of athletics, or the endorsement of commercial products).

B. Committee on Eligibility

Each institution shall name a representative, who shall
be a full-time member of the academic faculty, to serve on a committee to administer rules of eligibility set by agreement of the participating institutions. The Committee's administration of these rules shall be with due regard to the circumstances in individual cases and at all times in a manner calculated to promote the amateur spirit.

The Committee on Eligibility shall have a chairman and a secretary, the latter chosen by the Committee itself. The chairmanship of the Committee shall be held in annual rotation by the faculty representatives of the member institutions in the reverse order of institutional seniority. There shall be a vice chairman, who shall be the member of the Committee next in line for the chairmanship. The chairman shall set the date and place of the regular meetings and of any special meetings requested by the representatives of any three member institutions. (It may be well for this Committee to meet occasionally with the Committee on Administration.)

Each institution agrees to provide complete information to the Eligibility Committee concerning all candidates for freshman and varsity football teams. It is expected that the information required by the Committee will largely relate to course grades, academic standing, prior academic connections, if any, and financial aid. The Committee shall be free at all times to request from the member institutions whatever information it deems necessary to the successful discharge of its duties.

The Committee on Eligibility shall recommend to the participating institutions such principles of eligibility as it
believes should be adopted, and shall draft detailed rules necessary to the sound and effective administration of the principles of eligibility approved by the participating institutions. These detailed rules shall be invariably reported to the subscribing institutions. Rulings on the eligibility of individual players shall be settled by a majority vote of the Eligibility Committee and enforced by the proper institutional authorities.

The following principles are agreed to ab initio:

1. No student shall be eligible for a varsity team until he has completed satisfactorily an academic year's work at the college or university he is to represent. (Exceptions may be made for men who have been or still are in Army, Navy or Marine Corps training.)

2. No student shall be eligible for a varsity team in more than three different academic years.

3. Only undergraduate students shall be eligible for a varsity team.

4. No student shall be eligible unless he is in good scholastic standing as determined by the standards set by the faculty of his institution.

5. We reaffirm our disapproval of athletic scholarships. No student shall be eligible who has received financial support from any source except (a) from personal or family resources, (b) in return for services (other than of an athletic character) rendered through employment at normal wages, (c) from scholarships awarded through the regular
academic channels of the institution in which the player is a student, (d) from government grants to war service veterans.

Exceptions to these rules may be allowed in individual cases in which the circumstances are unusual and the Committee on Eligibility is of the opinion that the exception will be in accord with the spirit and intent of this agreement.

The Committee on Eligibility will undertake to formulate as soon as possible a principle governing the eligibility of transfer students. This should be submitted to the member institutions for possible amendment and approval. In general, it is expected that the recommended policy with respect to transfer students, possibly excepting war service veterans and junior college graduates, will provide that no transfer student shall be eligible until he has satisfactorily completed a normal academic year in the institution to which he has transferred.

In all phases of this agreement, as well as in the work of the proposed Committees, no important and enduring results are likely to be obtained except as the relationship of the subscribing institutions is genuinely cooperative. Rigid application of set rules is almost certain to doom the undertaking to failure. On the other hand, wise and flexible administration in the setting of mutual respect and good faith among the subscribing institutions should produce results of great benefit to the game as well as to the institutions participating. It is firmly believed that the undertaking as a whole has large promise and should be given every available support.