Possibly No More PE’s

P.E. Program Studied

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At a meeting of department heads and faculty Wednesday afternoon, a “fact finding” committee was organized to look into the recently proposed changes in curriculum for athletes and to re-evaluate the entire athletics program.

The changes proposed by the administration involve setting up a new major for athletes, giving a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. A major in Physical Education would no longer be offered, although students already enrolled in the program would be allowed to finish in P.E. and receive their degrees.

The study committee consists of Dr. Wann, head of the Psychology Department, Dr. J. D. Thomas, Associate Professor of English, Dr. Bray, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, Dr. Davies, Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Pfeiffer, Professor of Electrical Engineering, and Dr. Chapman, Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

The committee will consider such matters as the increasing difficulty of recruiting athletes for the intercollegiate teams, the high dropout rate—over 50%—among P.E. majors, and the dissatisfaction with the P.E. major expressed by a significant number of athletes.

Although no date has been set for the committee to submit its report to the faculty, the committee will try to finish its investigation by April 20.