Huh??
A football goal post *next to the Quad*??
When was this taken??

Photo from Stearns History Museum
“Mystery of the Uprights: Football by the Quad?”
What's there, and when…
...and what’s not there when?

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So this photo must have been taken between 1916 and 1921.

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Roloff, Fr. Ronald O.S.B. “Now It Is In Building,” *Scriptorium*, Spring 1946, p. 69-70:

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In 1909, the first SJU football field, referred to as the 'Natural Bowl,' was completed...

However, just a year later, football at SJU was abolished on the grounds that it promoted "unfriendliness towards other schools."

'The Bowl' stood vacant for ten years until 1920, when the Johnnies joined the MIAC.

http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/207 “Now It Is In Building” p. 69-70

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