

Archery Equipment - \$130.80. In all the girls' schools over the country, the high schools, and the smaller colleges archery finds a more ready response than most any of the skill activities. It is one of the things consistently found in all schools. We are to teach teachers to be proficient in these things so that they may go out and teach others, yet how can we present this to our students unless we have such equipment that many of these students even in their high schools days have used. I am referring now to majors who are enrolled in the School of Education. This is not just for recreation for the students, but for teacher training.

Boxing Gloves - \$120.00. This is equipment for Course 32M, and it is necessary that these fellows learn to box by using boxing gloves.

Badminton Rackets - \$24.00. The badminton rackets are for both the men and women, and are necessary so that the instructors may be equipped. Of course, the students are forced to buy their own rackets, as in tennis, but the teachers of the department should not be forced to purchase equipment which they use only in teaching.

Shadow Silhouettograph - \$185.00. This is something very definitely needed in both the men's and women's department if we are to function in a modern institution.

Horses and Parallel Bars - \$138.00 A representative of the Medart Company was recently in the gymnasium looking over our equipment with an idea of making certain repairs which are badly needed. This is what he said, "We do not have repairs for that stuff. It is so old that we have suspended the making of repairs for these items. Apparently some of this equipment has been here since 1898. It is like trying to get parts now for a streamlined car using Model T accessories."

Gymnasium Mats - \$800.00. Ten years ago when I took over this department our mats were in a very bad condition. I got \$500.00 as a special item from Chancellor Lindley for canvas-covered felt mats. This sum was insufficient to give us an adequate number of mats, but helped materially. These mats have undergone disintegration, and are positively filthy. The canvas-covered mats are difficult to keep in a sanitary and hygienic condition. Upon investigation we have found that the sponge rubber mats are much more durable and much easier to keep in a sanitary condition. The University of Kansas City uses them and Dr. Kennedy, the director of Physical Education, is very enthusiastic regarding their use. Our mats are not useable for next year. They are just out of commission.

Mat Hangers - \$90.00 This item is necessary to preserve the new mats.

The Medart representative estimated that it would take \$10,000 to put the men's and women's gymnasium in first class condition as a modern gymnasium. I am speaking only of the first floor.

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Department of Physical Education

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TO THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE:

I respectfully submit for your consideration certain items and figures for the Department of Physical Education. The work of this department is divided into three parts: first, the development and training of the majors in Physical Education, both men and women; second, the service work in Physical Education to the various schools of the University, in which the Department of Physical Education serves their students in body building and health training for credit; and third, serving the students of the entire University in recreation, which includes intramural competition and free play for each individual student at their own hours of selection.

I have divided the items of the budget for the sake of description and importance. Having at the present time 90 majors, both men and women, in the new Department of Physical Education has entailed a definite demand for higher class teaching and more expert teaching. We have incorporated into our program some definite research work. It is very necessary that we have facilities with which to do this work.

In our service department we are endeavoring to enlarge the sphere of selective physical activities for the benefit and enjoyment of the students. And in our recreative field of intramurals and free play it is very necessary that we improve the terrain and the opportunities for play with reasonable supervision.

In the skill courses open to men and women we have golf, dancing, basketball, tennis, swimming, handball, individual gymnastics, fencing, boxing, hockey, and life saving. This year we expect to add to this large array of recreational courses badminton and archery. It has long been our slogan "Every student playing his favorite game", and if we can but find the play fields this dream for Mt. Oread will be more definitely realized this year than ever before.

Old Robinson Gymnasium which was built for a student body of 1200 back in 1906, now must accommodate the present student body of the Lawrence division of better than four thousand. The large cracks in the white maple flooring, on both the men's and women's side of the gymnasium, are filled with an accumulation of dust and dirt which makes it impossible to keep the floor clean and hygienic for health exercises. The women folks have complained bitterly for the last three years, stating that large splinters of this flooring have been run in the feet of the girls, creating a positive hazard. We have asked a number of times for this floor to be replaced, and 32 years of hard service requires that this situation receive immediate attention. About 8 years ago the top floor in Robinson Gymnasium was replaced, but for some reason or another the lower floor has received no attention. This floor, of course, should be replaced by the Department of Buildings and Grounds.

So unbearable was the floor in the women's corrective exercise room that the Department of Physical Education treated this as an emergency measure this year. We purchased the lumber at a cost of \$47.25, but the Department of Buildings and Grounds bore the expense of laying it, and sawing and finishing the floor. In order to preserve this new floor, and as an economy measure, a piano trunk was purchased at a cost of \$39.20.

Mr. Bayles, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, has been especially fine to the people in our department. With the large influx of incoming majors the gymnasium was in very poor condition, and Mr. Bayles had the walls repainted on the first floor. This was very much appreciated, and made a very desirable place for these new students who would have been forced to work in unsightly and unhygienic quarters.

With the full class schedule that we maintain it was necessary to install two electric clocks for the teachers, one in the men's gymnasium and one in the women's gymnasium, at a cost of \$20.50. As a safety measure it was necessary to secure some rubber matting for the floor in the pool room, at a cost of \$27.21. Previous to purchasing this matting one boy slipped and received a slight concussion from the wet floor, and the purchase was a safety measure, at least for the future. Another emergency expenditure was for the repair of the soap dispensers in the shower rooms, \$22.47.

With the inauguration of the new set-up in Physical Education no allowance had been made in last year's budget meeting for equipment for the new office. Items amounting to over \$250.00 were purchased. We preferred to treat other purchases which we needed very badly in an expeditious manner. The equipment for the office was necessary if we were to do the job.

To facilitate the towel room service and to get things in workable order a sum of \$150.00 was spent for fireproof equipment. We also spent \$121.05 for cleaning and painting the towel and basket room for the men. It was necessary for the department to buy the paint as well as to engage labor for cleaning and painting the room to make it more hygienic. The Department of Buildings and Grounds does not take care of this.

I desire to call the attention of the Budget Committee to the income received from the towel fees. For the year 1926-27, at 50¢ per student, for towel fees the department received \$1292.25; for the year 1927-28, at 75¢ per student, the amount received was \$1869.50. This indicates a decrease in the number of students purchasing towel tickets. Your committee will recall that the towel fee was increased from 50¢ to 75¢ to make up the difference in the budget cut which the committee allowed. For the year 1926-27, \$3000.00 was allotted for maintenance, and for 1927-28, \$1900.00 was allotted. This made a reduction of \$1100.00 for maintenance over the previous year. The department received but \$597.25 increase from the towel fees on account of the 75¢ fee. This left us \$502.75 worse off for this year, and that in view of the fact that we were setting up a new office and handling a large number of new Physical Education majors, which required new expenditures in many different directions.

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When Dr. Lapp was engaged a budgetary estimate of \$2000 was permitted for a position as assistant professor. Of this amount but \$2400 was expended for his salary, thereby leaving a saving of \$400. I would not mention this item were it not for the fact that we are financially embarrassed due to the necessary expenditures for office furniture and emergencies mentioned above which, under the old regime, would not have been necessary. We have curtailed expenses sharply to keep within our budgetary allowance, but we will not be able to carry out our spring program for intramurals and recreation unless we have some relief.

Another salary item - Mrs. Alberta Hulsten's appointment was for the period September 7 to the end of the fiscal year. This allows for her services up to July 1, and since the position allowed in the budget was for eleven months there will be a small balance remaining in this item. In a previous letter to the Budget Committee I have pointed out the necessity for having a full-time secretary for the year, and I sincerely trust that the committee will permit Mrs. Hulsten to continue through the summer.

The service and activities of the women's division of the department are to a certain extent different from the men's division. Tau Sigma, the honorary dance organization, represents a real contribution to the factors of departmental publicity and community cooperation. I feel this group should have some financial aid from the department, and urge that a sum of \$50.00 be allotted to Tau Sigma activities.

I respectfully submit a letter with estimates from Professor F. A. Russell with regard to the grading and drainage of the Intramural field. I would greatly appreciate it if you will give serious consideration to this project. It seems logical and thinkable that the state should definitely spend some money on a place for the students to play just as much as they would erect a building for them to exercise in. The last amount spent on physical education for the students of the University dates back to 1906.

Sincerely yours,


Ernest Allen
Director of Physical Education.

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