

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Lawrence

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.