

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 \$150.03 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 1937-38, at 75¢ per student, the amount received was \$1889.50. 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 1936-37, \$3000.00 was allotted for maintenance, and for 1937-38, \$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.