

Recreation Hi Lights

By ALBERT WABAUNSEE

The K.U. recreation program will close August 5. Dr. F. C. Allen and his physical education classes have organized and carried out this program, and are well-pleased with its success. The supervised playground has been the main branch of this program.

In order to take advantage of nature's gift to K.U.—a cool, breezy hill-top, the playground was placed atop Mt. Oread. It has been open to the faculty and students and their families almost every evening throughout the Summer Session. The playground has afforded facilities for badminton, shuffle-board, archery, ping pong, croquet, organized games, and folk dancing. The gym has been open to anyone who cared to tumble, work on the bars, etc.

Doctor Allen, Mrs. Josephine Sams, Mrs. Ernie Vanek, Miss Evelyn Harriman, Mrs. John Cress, and the elementary playground and community recreation classes have worked hard supervising the various parts of the playground and were extremely gratified by the attendance record—an average of 100 children and 50 adults each evening during the sessions.

Other branches of this recreation program have been the swimming hours, supervised by John Cress, intramural softball, officiated by Doctor Elbel and Doctor Bayles, and the regular weekly dances—one informal dance in the Memorial Union ballroom, three cornmeal cakewalk dances, and one all-Summer Session picnic and dance. The attendance at those events was good and everybody enjoyed them.

The recreation program was begun as a social center for Summer Session students and the faculty and was meant to provide relaxation and entertainment for them. The leaders hope that it will give those who take part in it ideas to take home and use in their own communities. Doctor Allen is already looking forward to next summer and is planning to add new games to the playground and more arc lights.

The recreation supervisors and officials say "Bood-by until next year!"

By BUNNY GREEN

Eight weeks of fun and frolic for the youngsters, who came up to the quadrangle on Mount Oread at night are coming to a close on August 5. During these past eight weeks the children and parents of the community have come up to the community center for a grand time every night. The young children just waited for the minute when the piano started playing and then rushed over to the band platform to participate in the folk dances and singing games in charge of Mrs. John Cress.

The mothers and grown-ups enjoyed watching these rhythmical activities almost as much as the children. The mothers relive their own youth in the dancing of their children, and probably hope they will become a future Ted Shawn or Ruth St. Dennis. Some of the two and a half and three year olds furnished much amusement for the audience because they trot around up on the stage, not knowing where they are going or what they are doing, but having a big time in general.

Mrs. Josephine Sams and her elementary playground class were in charge of games and sports on another part of the quadrangle. Us-

ually older children participated in these games. Some of the games played were: club snatch, three deep, stealing sticks, dodge ball, bat ball, hit pin baseball, etc. The children had some good vigorous play without a hot sun shining down on them which helped a great deal.

The equipment the children used were the three different sizes of jungle-gymns, two turning poles, teeter-totters, swings, a sand pile, loop tennis sets, and croquet sets. Shuffleboard also was popular with the family; everybody seemed to like to scoot the little wooden discs across the sidewalk. The reason three sizes of jungle-gymns were installed was because last summer when the lights went out, two married couples climbed up in the jungle-gymn and were seen sitting there when the lights flashed back on. Doctor Allen decided he should get a larger jungle-gymn to provide for the adults and also the teen-aged children.

There was a good set-up of equipment this summer, but Doctor Allen plans to buy more for next summer. A slippery slide is almost ready to be installed now. The community playground was a great success this summer, and it will be just as good or better next summer.

By CHET GIBBENS

When Doctor Allen conceived his idea of the playground here atop the cool and breezy Mt. Oread, he saw

the need for some competitive sports to give spice and zest to the program. There are hopes for additions next year of which Lawn Bowl or Bowling on the Green is to be the main attraction. However, at the present these sports consist mainly of Loop Tennis, Badminton, Croquet, and Goal-Hi.

Goal-Hi is a game originated by our own Doctor Allen. It consists of one goal placed in a circular court and play resembles that of basketball. However, it has advantages over basketball since it can be played by the oldsters and women as well as the younger generation. The fundamentals of basketball can be learned and practised without the excessive running and physical exertion that comes from the two distant goals of basketball. This excessive exertion is not only tiring but might prove harmful to unconditioned or undeveloped bodies. In this way a com-

petitive spirit and self confidence can be created in individuals who are unable to enjoy benefits of the more strenuous basketball. Also, they can experience the excitement of watching their shots drop through the ring and still get the proper amount of exercise.