

# SPORTS TOPICS

## Softball Leagues Are Organized

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Last night's recreation picnic, which attracted around 75 hungry Summer Session students for games and food, proved highly successful. It has apparently become an established tradition on Mt. Oread for exhausted bookworms to relax almost as if aboard a luxury liner, what with shuffle-board, loop tennis, swimming, archery, and other sports common on vessels of the high seas. Improvements this year in equipment and facilities are making the life of the Summer Session student indeed "the life of Riley".

**Looking Into the Future:** Students who are playing golf at the Lawrence Country Club will get a chance to enter a summer school tournament to be held on the University's course soon. . . . if enough interest is shown by golfers, they may sign up as favoring the tourney at the recreation office. . . . prizes probably will be new golf balls and accessories. . . . An out-of-town writer for a nationally famous magazine will stop off in the near future to scribble a yarn on "Phog" Allen and Kansas basketball teams. . . . reports are that it should help pahlenty in putting the Jayhawkers on a par with any team in the country. . . . Two long eastern trips are in store for K.U. footballers next fall, games with Villanova and George Washington having been scheduled. . . . it is hoped the Jayhawkers will make the George Washington crew's claims they'll win constitute the first lie ever uttered by George Washington. . . . Oh well

**Bruce Drake, Oklahoma basketball coach, has informed Gerold Tucker, Winfield cage ace, that if Tucker would enroll at O.U. next fall, he (Drake) and some friends would procure the boy a job with Phillips Petroleum company after he is graduated. Now isn't that a laugh! Kenneth "Boots" Adams, president of the Phillips company, Ray Ebling, Fred Pralle, Paul Endacott, former alumni president, and possibly Don Ebling, all of whom have starred on Kansas basketball teams, are employed or hold big offices with Phillips. Can Bruce Drake "fix it up" for Tucker for going to Oklahoma better than "Phog" could if the boy comes here? Having lived up to the name "Sooner", Mr. Drake, how about laughing that one off?**

**Heard From Our Clairvoyant:** Fred Harris, former Jayhawker punting expert, is now coaching at Emporia Teachers and reports the job's a honey. . . . which reminds this column, speaking of Freddie, of the time he booted one 72 yards in the air against K-State in 1935. . . . Jim Raport, physical ed instructor vacationing in New York, writes that playground recreation has become the universal pastime for the big city's grown-ups and kids, especially because they are trying to stress athletics and clean sportsmanship while others are at war. . . . Asserted by some to favor interesting boys in going to Missouri, Tom Van Cleave, Jr., of Kansas City, is one of the "hustlingest" alumni for K.U.—make no mistake of that. . . . and so is Ray Evans (Bob Busby please note.)

Dr. Allen's year-old game, Goal-Hi, which was popular with the summer session students last year, received quite a bit of national recognition. The game will be played in Fowler Grove again this summer. The sport is similar to basketball, but the court is smaller and circular, and there is no backboard to shoot at. The hoop can be hit from all angles, that is, if you can hit it at all.

Seventy-five men, composing six teams, signed up for play as the Big Six National Softball league got off to a flying start last Tuesday. Play for all teams will begin next Monday, with games scheduled between the Sooners and Wildcats, the Cyclones and Tigers, and the Jayhawkers and Cornhuskers.

The schedule for the first round has been drawn up and is printed elsewhere in the Kansan. The second round will begin immediately upon completion of the first, which ends July 8.

Softball players who have not yet signed up were urged by Dr. F. C. Allen, director of physical education, to do so immediately if they wish to play.

Umpires for the league will be Dr. Allen, J. W. Twente, professor of education, and E. R. Elbel, associate professor of physical education.

Games will be played on the intramural fields located south of the campus behind Robinson gymnasium. There will be no admission charge and a game between the league champions and an all-star team will be offered as an extra attraction at the season's end.

## More Than 300 Attend Picnic

More than 300 persons of all ages played and lunched at the annual Summer Session picnic sponsored by the recreation office, held last night in the quadrangle adjacent to Robinson gymnasium. The event signaled the start of the summer's recreation program, directed by Dr. F. C. Allen, basketball coach.

Events began at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with the assemblage engaging in loop tennis, shuffleboard, badminton, goal-hi; and children playing on teeter-totters, in sand piles, monkey mazes and swings. The University band, directed by Russell Wiley, offered a varied musical fare, supplemented by community singing, the performance of Haskell Indians who danced and boxed, and movies shown publicly for the first time of the University's basketball team in action against Indiana, Southern California, and Rice last winter.

At 6 o'clock the picnic took on added attraction when food was mentioned and "players" settled down to satisfying the appetites they had built up.

### SCHEDULE OF FIRST ROUND OF SOFTBALL GAMES

Monday, June 24:

Sooner vs. Wildcats  
Cyclones vs. Tigers  
Jayhawkers vs. Cornhuskers

Wednesday, June 25:

Sooners vs. Tigers  
Wildcats vs. Cornhuskers  
Cyclones vs. Jayhawkers

Monday, July 1:

Sooners vs. Cornhuskers  
Tigers vs. Jayhawkers  
Wildcats vs. Cyclones

Wednesday, July 3:

Sooners vs. Jayhawkers  
Cornhuskers vs. Cyclones  
Tigers vs. Wildcats

Monday, July 8:

Sooners vs. Cyclones  
Jayhawkers vs. Wildcats  
Cornhuskers vs. Tigers