

We are in full swing with our community recreation program for the faculty and friends of the University. On Wednesday night we had an open air street dance in front of the chemistry building, Bailey Hall. We blocked off the street at the intersection by the gymnasium and down to the corner at the east end of the chemistry building. We used 125 pounds of cornmeal and 100 pounds of soy bean meal. Early in the afternoon we flushed the street with a big hose, swept it, and in the evening we sprinkled our meal over the street. The evening was perfect. Oliver Hobbs, the director of the high school band, used a twenty-piece male high school orchestra that was a knock-out. Six hundred people came up on the campus and danced from 8:45 to 10 o'clock. Faculty members, townspeople and oldsters sat on the benches and chairs and watched the jitterbugs and some of the oldsters glide to the rhythmic tunes of Oliver's orchestra. He did a wonderful job.

After it was over, eight of us used brooms and swept the cornmeal from the concrete arena to be saved for the next dance, two weeks from now. On next Wednesday we will have Miss Irene Moll, a K. U. graduate of 1938, who is a teacher in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, high school, call square dances. She is a past master at this art and we will have the hill-top packed with ye olde time recreation features of Civil War days. We plan to have each night in the week an event night. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings we have a "kiddie Kollege". The youngsters of kindergarten age are brought up on the low platform and taught kindergarten songs and dances. That, of course, pleases the youngsters and the parents, and with the giant slide, the monkey mazes, the teeter-totters, the swings, the sand-pile, the ice-cooled drinking fountain, together with shuffleboard for the oldsters, archery, goal-hi, badminton, volley ball and croquet, it gives activity and re-creation for all ages.

The quadrangle is beautiful with twelve large lights which scare the mosquitoes away, and with the basketball benches borrowed from the athletic association and the football benches borrowed from the stadium, the friends of the University have a splendid time commingling, playing and visiting on one of God's beauty spots.

We are endeavoring in our recreation program to make it as pleasant as possible for many principals and superintends who come for their advanced degrees, with their families. Their little tots are not always accorded the best of facilities due to the overcrowded condition of Lawrence. She is packed to the guards with Sunflower Ordnance workers. There is not a vacant house to be had, and in some cases three families live in one house. You can appreciate the crowded conditions that these families of the teachers are subjected to.

With a piano for the little tots in their nursery games, and with the swing band and the dance orchestra, these young mothers are provided an opportunity to sit and cool off while the children enjoy themselves.

Director Russell Wiley, with his University Band, plays two outdoor concerts during the summer. So with the other recreational activities in the Union Building under the direction of Dean Werner, the faculty and students are enjoying themselves immensely. We are getting this ready for you when you return so that things will not take on such a changed appearance, but we want you to visualize old Mount Oread welcoming you with a gracious smile.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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