

very uweful many times. . . We are located at a very nick little spot out here - womewhere in the ocean. We are doing quite a great deal of flying; but not too much. Its pretty hard to get in too much flying, especially when a person likes to fly. The recreational facilities are very good. Temmis, boxing, softball and plenty of really swell beaches."

Johnny, we didn't play baseball this year. The season was so short and school examinations began on May 8 and ran to the 13th. We will have football this fall and Henry Shenk will coach the football team. He also coached the track team last spring and did mighty well. We are expecting to play basketball, although the Big Six basketball schedule has not been made out. But the talk is that we are taking a shot at it. We are going to have a big intramural program and I am going to have charge not only of the intramural program for the students but for all the boys in the service, V-12 and Naval Cadets. We are expecting to have a swell intramural program and it will be an extensive one.

This June 30th day simulate an early fall day. We have had wonderful weatherrall spring and summer. Grass and shrubs are as green as on any early May morning. The anatomy building burned and they have removed all of the drbris and sowed grass there, and for the life of you as you stand in Robinson Gym and look east across this beautiful quadrangle it is difficult to imagine that a building ever stood there. During Chancellor Lindley's regime it was built for a cafeteria. Then when the Union Building was built the cafeteria was moved over there, and the medics took over this building for cutting up human stiffes with scalpels.

The Mineral Resources Building, or Lindley Hall, will house from 800 to 1000 Army engineers when and if they move in within the next month or so. The V-12 boys will take over the houses of Kappa Sigma, Delta U., Phi Delt, Phi Gam, Beta, Sigma Nu, and Phi Psi. They will also take over Templin Hall. The Naval Machinists Mates are quartered in Frank Strong Hall. The officers' quarters and orrices are on the first floor at the west end and the dormitories are on the second and third floors of the west end. There are about 800 to 1000 men.

I believe I should tell you that we had a flood in Lawrence this spring. The Kaw River rose to a height higher than it had been in 35 years, and the military authorities called out the medical reserves, the Machinists Mates, and the Naval fliers for sand-bag duty on the Kaw. The University officials excused all the male students from classes in thei emergency so they could fill sand bags to keep the dike from breaking. They worked all day and all night, and about 20'clock in the morning a portion of the dike broke and about 12 or 15 Naval Machinists Mates with sand bags in their arms made a flying wedge after the old football formation, and held the river against that break until immediate assistance could come. Some described it and said there were a thousand sand bags in motion as soon as the dike broke.

The Machinists Mates are being immortalized in Lawrence, and K.W. Davidson, our publicity man, is trying to get some publicity in LIFE or TIME on this heroic action. The business men, firms and others raised over \$4,000 to buy all these boys who reuined their clothing and shoes replacement material. The town put on a big feed for these boys and four thousand bottles of coke and pop were drunk by these boys, and they ate about eight hundred pounds of ham and cheese. It was a real celebration and everybody seemed to recognize the heroism of these chaps. Henry had charge of the entertainment of sports and games. Lawrence has been undeggoing quite a bit of excitement.