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Dear Sir:-

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, at its annual convention in Detroit last December, passed resolutions urging its members to enlarge and intensify their physical training programs to insure the proper physical conditioning of their students for the prosecution of the war. Many of the institutions comprising our membership already have effective programs in operation, and many more will initiate them with the opening of college this fall.

The vital importance to the war effort of these physical hardening programs in the colleges cannot be overestimated. The experience of all branches of the armed forces with the men coming into the service amply demonstrates the urgent need for full cooperation by the colleges in this regard, in preparing their students for the task of winning the war. The fact that most of the enlisted reserve programs established in the colleges specifically require that a definite amount of time be devoted to physical conditioning, indicates the importance attached to this matter by the armed forces. This is definitely emphasized by Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department and Chairman, Joint Army-Navy Personnel Board. In a letter addressed to college presidents, he states:-

"It is the hope of the Navy Department that the students of all universities and colleges throughout the country will realize fully the seriousness of the present war and the sacrifice and toil each must make in order to fashion a total victory from it. It is further hoped that the men of the universities will institute among themselves a regime of self-discipline and conditioning in order better to complete the immediate job at hand and prepare for the greater tasks to come. It is sincerely urged that the college officials and faculty members will support and participate in all such programs....."The rejection