

Future Inactivity

Policy of Physical Ed. Department to Improve Health by Exercise

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In this day of "curtailment" the University of Wichita physical education department is doing its share along that line.

However, it is not tires, cars, production, or hog-raising that this department is seeking to curtail.

"Curtil inactivity" is the watchword that might well be posted on every beam in Henrion Gymnasium. Instead of eliminating any part of the intramural program or physical education activities, Dr. Laurence Morehouse and the entire department is seeking to expand them.

This policy has been established for two purposes:

1. In order to get all the men in the University to engage in the intramural program.

2. In order to actually improve the health and physical condition of the students by vigorous activities.

These purposes are being accomplished by two different means: first, by adding activities to the present program—that is, enlarging the entire set-up; second, by substituting more strenuous activities for the non-stimulating types.

Addition of sports involves the completion of the "combative" sports program by adding fencing, and wrestling to the boxing and to the physical education curriculum. There are, at present, 25 students enrolled in the boxing course and 16 in the fencing course. Ten lessons in the art of self-defense, commonly called jujitsu will be given by Dr. Morehouse later in the spring.

Physical education majors will hereafter take a course in baseball (hard ball) under the direction of Coach Paul Nye. In addition to this, the Intramural Council of the University is considering adding baseball to the spring intramural program.

Another endeavor in the expansion of physical education activity was made in the sport of swimming. At the request of a group of 15 swimmers who had engaged in previous competition in high school, the athletic department attempted to form a swimming team and provide facilities for training swimmers. But, as all available pools in the city are being used to their capacity, University officials found it impossible to obtain a pool.

Substitution of more strenuous sports involves the elimination of contract bridge and foul-shooting from intramural athletics to leave room for the new activities. Also, the two league system which has