

SIGNIFICANCE IN A SHIFT AT K. U.?

New 4-Year Course to Give High School Contacts.

Physical Education Degree Offered Under Phog Allen.

AVAILABLE TO FRESHMEN

"No Snap," Those Who Know Requirements, Warn.

Change Lifts Hampering Re- strictions "on the Hill."

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Lawrence, May 20.—Equip a casual observer in this "Athens of Kansas" for a preview of the spring state editorial golf tournament with the magic spectacles of imagination; give him poetic license clad in overalls and ready for rough work, and he may see the University of Kansas inching its way toward the softball field.

There really is no occasion for alarm. The university isn't leaving its culture behind for such dirty handed, perspiring, hell-roaring recreation. Mercy no! The Athens of Kansas is taking along its tomes and test tubes, its Greek and Latin, its ponderance of prerequisites as compared to electives and everything which makes a university scholarly in such a dreadful degree.

Recognizes New Conditions.

What the big school on the hill actually is doing is recognizing that the new leisure this generation has found is not going to be used exclusively in the superior activities which cultivate the intellect. Much of the leisure is going to be used in play which involves physical exercise

to recommend it to some persons in the K. U. group. Many of the larger educational institutions have such courses.

So while the decision to establish a four-year coaching course at the university may not be revolutionary, it is of wide interest. What it means is that the student with a bent for athletics and a flair for pedagogy will have a chance to have four years of the course he desires instead of being required to spend most of his time studying something else to get a little of what he wants.

Not to Be a "Snap" Course.

It would be a serious error for the prospective student to decide the new course is to be a "snap." It will be difficult. The high school athletic who has been weak in everything except athletics will find it impossible to make the required grades, those familiar with the requirements say.

For all the advantages gained for candidates for the degree of bachelor of science in physical education, such old enemies as English and history and economics, to say nothing about other terror-inspiring subjects, are to be met and mastered. The university trained high school coach four years hence may be able to tell the editor of the county seat newspaper something that will help the editorial golf game. But it seems the coach is to be a terribly well educated person, which probably is as it should be.

Even a casual observer armed with a special dispensation doesn't mention K. U. and athletics and Phog Allen without mentioning football. The function of the four-year course in physical education will be to train men to coach and instruct in high schools.

The high schools are the bushes upon which the good football players grow. Kansas State, with its four-year coaching course has enjoyed a much closer contact with the high schools of the state than has the university under the conditions which have prevailed in the past. That feature may receive the football significance it is desired to give it.

Rounds Out Athletic Department.

Whatever emotions the change