

The real news is that the university now sees the obligation upon the state's first institution of learning, growing out of that determination, and is taking steps to provide a university trained leadership in community recreation—trained under modern methods not only in the things to be taught but in the art of teaching them.

The announcement is that the university is to offer a four-year course in physical education, available in the freshman year. Dr. F. C. (Phog) Allen will head the school. The course is to be under the department of education and a bachelor's degree will be awarded to those completing it.

#### Decided Upon Last Fall.

Now that the information has become public as a routine news item, with the approval of the university senate, it is reported with a calmness typical of education that the board of regents decided upon the change last fall. Early in the spring, it is explained with equal calmness, the board recommended Dr. Allen to be head of the school. He already is head of the physical education division in the teaching end of the course and is expected to teach basketball.

Those who follow the fortunes of the university in athletics and many others know that all has not been calm around the university since last fall. So the change certainly is news and not the routine matter the announcement of a new course at the university ordinarily might be. Educators of the university attainments seldom are agreed as to movements which move education into closer contacts with the masses, where it might soil its hands and tear its pants.

It is true the Kansas State College of Science and Applied Arts—the snooty name by which the old Kansas Agricultural college now goes—but in some circles around the university the Manhattan institution is regarded as a “cow college” for all its new name. The fact that Manhattan had such a course failed

may have aroused within some hearts “on the hill,” it ends the period in which the university was hampered and its service restricted by the two-year course. In the future it will be able to educate students who desire to be coaches, as it has not been possible to do in the past. Among many friends of the school the shift is regarded as one which will strengthen K. U. by rounding out its athletic department, in which something admittedly has been wrong.