

ACQUAINTING OUR PEOPLE WITH OUR PHYSICAL CONDITIONING STAFF AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

From the time of the early boyhood of Frederick Ludwig Jahn, the hero of the German common people, physical fitness has been tremendously exercised as a preparation for war. Jahn roamed the neighboring fields and forests, learned to ride, swim and shoot, and explored every road and footpath leading to the surrounding German state. Jahn became a great soldier and a great fighter.

All nations have intensified their physical fitness prior to engaging in war. The United States of America always a peace loving nation, was decadent so far as physical conditioning in their schools was concerned. Many educators held to the belief that physical conditioning should be as elective as Latin, history, English and Greek. Educators decried the compulsory side of physical conditioning, stating that the youth had a right to exercise its judgment so far as taking physical exercise was concerned, while maintaining exactly the opposite attitude on mental training.

Therefore, the educators of America must share their responsibility for many of the physically unfit youth of our land. So brilliant a scholar as President Robert M. Hutchins, facetiously stated, "When I feel the urge to exercise, I just go and lie down and soon the urge passes away." Suppose our sailors, soldiers, and marines - when they have the urge to fight, would just go and lie down. Such philosophy as that is erroneous as the inebriate who, before tilting the liquor glass, said, "There are a thousand reasons why I should not drink this stuff, but doggone if I can think of a single one of them just now." Both are destructive to the esprit de corps and the moral fabric of youth.

The University of Kansas had an elective physical education program. The catalog stated that the student to qualify for his baccalaureate degree should take 124 hours, 4 hours of which may be in physical exercise. Naturally, the boy who was timid, who had not played a lot, and who had not developed his body through rigorous exercises, combative sports and games, would very likely elect 4 hours of additional academic work instead of the much needed work to build a strong body in growing youth.

The trainer of race horses and racing animals of all kinds exercises the young animal daily from its earliest beginning. Seven-eighths of the returned circulation of blood to the heart is through muscular exercise. Vitality, Vigor and resistance to disease is developed through regular physical exercise.

What a metamorphosis has taken place in the physical fitness of youth of our United States since December 7, 1941! When the terrible news of Pearl Harbor was flashed over the radio, America stood benumbed and aghast for practically two weeks not realizing the infamy and treachery of the Japanese. When she did recoil, men of all ages rushed to the colors and a feverish organization in our country was started to make America fit in every possible way. Colleges hastily instituted compulsory physical conditioning for their boys and girls. Obstacle courses sprang up over the hillsides of American colleges over the week-end. And the ambitious aim of every liberty loving boy was to get in fit physical condition as soon as possible.

The University of Kansas began to recruit outstanding men in physical education to carry on the very important work the government was asking of her educational institutions. Our government made a contract with our University to handle physical conditioning and swimming, with life saving and all its attendant activities.

The Machinists Mates, the V-5 Naval fliers, the V-12 Naval program, the A-12 Army program - all were to be conditioned by civilian physical education instructors, augmented by the Navy personnel as soon as they could be assigned to locations. Then began a very strenuous hunt for outstanding men to do this job for the University and for Uncle Sam. It would be necessary to engage eight full time physical education teachers besides myself to do the job according to Uncle Sam's desires. Fortunately we had in our employ two outstanding teachers - Henry Shenk and Reginald Strait. Henry Shenk came to us from Junction City, Kansas, where he was director of physical education and coach of the city schools. He had made an outstanding record at Junction City. While a member of the varsity football team here at the University of Kansas in 1927 Henry Shenk caught a 32-yard pass from Art Lawrence and ran about 30 yards for a touchdown that spelled defeat for the Missouri Tigers. After graduating from the University of Kansas, Shenk took his Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in the spring of 1940. This year Shenk signalized his football coaching success here by defeating the vaunted Missouri Tigers 7 to 6 for one of the national upsets of the season. Shenk's chief teaching load is with the Navy V-12 program.

When Major E. R. Elbel left the physical education department to enter the Army Air Force Technical Training Command, we secured the services of Reginald Strait, who was then director of physical education for the Chanute, Kansas, public schools. Strait played football under Dr. Elbel at Ottawa University in 1924, '25 and '26. He also lettered in basketball at Ottawa in 1926. Strait has charge of the physical training program for the Navy V-5 cadets, and in addition he supervizes the sanitation of the swimming pool. Mr. Strait received his master's degree from the University of Iowa, and is now working on his Ph. D. at that institution.

Ray Kanehl, another Kansas graduate, who was head of the department of physical education at Wichita East High School, came to us with an outstanding record. Kanehl lettered in track in 1927, and was a member of the Missouri Valley Championship track Team under Coach Huff in 1927. He also lettered in basketball. Kanehl won state track championships ~~in~~ at Wichita East during the years of 1929, 1930, 1939, 1940, 1943. At present he is the varsity track coach for the University of Kansas. Ray Kanehl works with the V-12 boys and is the coordinator of the service groups regarding their schedules and locations of buildings. ~~xxxx~~

Robinson Gymnasium is used by the V-12 group, Hoch Auditorium and the Military Science building are used by the ASTP group, and the civilians use the large freshman dressing rooms under the west end of the stadium. The total enrollment of Army, Navy, fliers and civilians totals approximately 2500 students. The V-5 program requires six days, an hour and a half a day, of physical training, the V-12 requires ~~five~~ ^{three} days, 1 hour periods, the Army requires ~~six~~ ^{three} days a week, 2 hour periods per day, and the civilians have physical conditioning three times a week, one hour each period. The civilian requirement includes everyone in the University subject to military service.

Dean Nesmith, who played football here in 1933, '34, '35, is the other teacher handling the V-12 program. In Dean's first college football game played at the University in 1933 he ran 85 yards for a touchdown from the kick-off against the Warrensburg Teachers. Dean was playing tackle and many people marveled at his broken field running. It was learned later that he had played fullback at Belleville during his high school days. He had had quite a bit of broken field running. Dean is trainer of all sports here at the University of Kansas. The boys hold him in high esteem, and call him, affectionately, "Pappy Nesmith".

Now for the Army. Howard Porter lettered in football and basketball at Kansas City University. He received his master's degree at the University of Missouri in 1939. Howard formerly taught at Argentine High School with Eddie Ash, another of Kansas' famous all-round athletes. At present he is assisting the speaker with the varsity basketball team.

Vernon Hayes, Army physical educator, played at Washburn University - football and basketball - from 1927 to 1931. He is a brother of Rutherford B. Hayes, who captained the Jayhawker football team in 1935 and played an outstanding game at left end. Vernon Hayes was teaching at Waterville before coming to Lawrence.

Elmer Schaake, one of Kansas immortals in football, played a great game for the Jayhawkers in 1930, '31 and '32. He also won letters on the championship Jayhawk basketball team. In the game with Notre Dame in 1932, Carnie Smith threw a pass to Elmer Schaake for a touchdown against the fighting Irish. Schaake coached the Bethany College with fine success and then made an outstanding record at Lawrence Memorial High School before coming on the hill to resume his work here.

Jack Austin, the fourth member of the Army quartette, played quarterback for Fran Welch's Emporia College football team in 1928, '29 and '30. He also played on the baseball team. Austin is completing his work for his Ph. D. degree in the School of Education. Only his thesis and three or four hours remain before he receives the coveted ^{ted} Doctor of Philosophy degree. Austin is coaching the ASTP basketball team, which has proved to be quite a sensation. The Army boys have an outstanding quintet.

Four of these boys have already purchased homes in Lawrence, Kansas. Henry Sherk resides at 1255 Kentucky Street, with his wife and two children. Ray Kanehl purchased the residence at 824 Arkansas Street. He has a wife and four children. Reginald and Mrs. Strait purchased the William Herbert Carruth property at 1346 Louisiana Street.

Howard Porter purchased a cottage at 2133 Vermont Street, where he and Mrs. Porter and their one child live. The domicile of Elmer Schaake and his wife and two children is at 1125 Vermont Street, and Dean Nesmith, his wife and two children live at 936 Alabama Street.

Jack and Mrs. Austin and their daughter live at 1536 Tennessee Street, and Vernon and Mrs. Hayes and daughter live at 1428 Ohio Street.

The entire coaching staff of the University of Kansas at present resides in the physical education department. During war time economy is the watchword with the administration and it is necessary to curtail expenses. But certainly the coaching has not suffered because Henry Shenk, Elmer Schaake and Dean Nesmith did a wonderful job with the football team. Ray Kanehl promises to get as much as any big time coach out of the track team. Only the basketball team, perhaps, will fall far below their previous standing. It is not known who will coach the baseball team, but it is rumored that there will be a varsity baseball team this spring. In addition to doing a bang-up job with the full-time physical conditioning program, these coaches have done their extra stint in coaching varsity athletics to a superlative degree.

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KFKU - June 1, 1944

The Big Six Outdoor Track championship of the conference was won by Iowa State College at Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 20, with 67 points. Kansas showed surprising strength in taking second place with $56\frac{1}{2}$ points. Kansas won seven first places, and had she had a larger squad, as did Iowa State, undoubtedly Kansas would have been the winner. Other Big Six schools placed in the following order: Oklahoma, $34\frac{1}{2}$ points; Missouri, $32\frac{1}{2}$ points; Nebraska, $24\frac{1}{2}$ points; and Kansas State, 9 points.

Kansas has experienced a very successful indoor and outdoor track season under the splendid tutelage of Ray Kanehl. Kanehl graduated from the University of Kansas in 1927, having won a gold track shoe on Coach Harry Huff's Missouri Valley Championship team. Coach Kanehl is in his first year at the University of Kansas, having come to us from Wichita East High School where he was chairman of the Physical Education Department. Kanehl won five track championships while at East High in Wichita.

An interesting thing about the coaching situation at Kansas is that all of the varsity coaches are members of the Physical Education Department, having come under the enlarged army and navy conditioning program. This also applies to Dean Nesmith, head trainer and property man, who also assists with the varsity football. Henry Shenk, head coach of football, came to the Physical Education Department, a year before Pearl Harbor. Elmer Schaake, who came last year, is assisting the ASTP program and aiding Coach Shenk in a valuable way in coaching the varsity football team. Shenk, Schaake and Nesmith experienced a thrill that few Kansas coaches have experienced recently in football by whipping the Missouri Tigers here on Memorial Field last Thanksgiving Day, 7 to 6.

Coach Schaake is now doubling as baseball coach, having taken over the reins last week when Coach Austin, who was also in the ASTP program, resigned on account of a curtailed enrollment among the ASTP boys. Coach Vernon Hayes,

brother of Rutherford B. Hayes, Kansas captain in 1937, is also resigning June 1 on the same account. The V-5 program for Naval Aviation Cadets have their physical training under the direction of Reginald Strait, a former pupil of Dr. Elbel and a graduate of Ottawa University and the University of Iowa. Coaches Shenk, Schaake, Nesmith and Kanehl have the Navy V-12 trainees. The ASTP boys received their physical training under Howard Porter, who left the University to go to Wichita; Jack Austin, Vernon Hayes, and Elmer Schaake. Elmer Schaake will be the only remaining member of the ASTP physical instructors due to the fact that the enrollment has been cut from 700 to 51 trainees. However, we are expecting 250 additional ASTP boys in July or August.

Now, back to track. You will remember that Kanehl was graduated in 1927. As an undergraduate he made his numeral in basketball, was assistant instructor in the Physical Education department in 1926 and 1927, and was an outstanding student during his student days on Mt. Oread. Last year Henry Shenk coaches the Kansas track team to a third place in the Big Six. In looking over the records it appears that Kanehl has made the best record of any track coaches for the past seven or eight years.

The experience of track coaches throughout the nation this season has been one of changing personnel. Kansas has been no exception. Of 93 men who have reported for track during the season, only 38 remained to finish the season. A number of these boys were Navy V-12 trainees who were transferred to other units. Several civilian boys were called into service by Uncle Sam.

The outdoor track schedule included two dual, one triangular, one relay carnival, and the Big Six Outdoor Championship Meet. In the dual meets Kansas was defeated by the University of Oklahoma at Norman by a score of 70 to 60, and by Iowa State at Ames by a score of $91\frac{1}{2}$ to $39\frac{1}{2}$. In a triangular meet with Nebraska and Kansas State at Lawrence, - Kansas won with 85 points to 37 for Nebraska, and 12 for Kansas State.

In the Drake Relays at Des Moines, - Kansas placed the following men: Robert Lillibridge, second in the broad jump; Frank Stannard, third in the 120 yard high hurdles; Tom Scofield, third in the high jump; Jim Richey, third in the 440 yard run; Leroy Robison, third in the javelin throw; and a mile relay composed of Lynn Leigh, Robert Lillibridge, Frank Stannard and Jim Richey placed fifth.

In the Big Six Outdoor Championship Meet at Lincoln, Frank Stannard, who placed third in the 120 high hurdles at the Drake Relays, won both the high and low hurdle races; Walter Isageson was also a double winner at Lincoln, winning both the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Tom Scofield, last season's Big Six outdoor champion high jumper, won both the high jump and the broad jump this spring in the Big Six meet. Leroy Robison won the javelin throw; Harvey Morrow placed second in the pole vault, Junius Penny placed third in the shot put, and Jim Sargent tied for third in the high jump. Robert Lillibridge placed second in the 100 yard dash and fourth in the broad jump. Jim Richey, who placed fourth in the 440 yard run, had received an injury prior to the Drake Relays, suffering with a so-called pulled muscle, and was not in the best of shape. Some of Coach Kanehl's key men suffered injuries prior to the Big Six Meet. Had they been in tip top shape the score for Kansas would undoubtedly have been much higher. However, Kansas won seven first places to two for Iowa State, but the team strength of Iowa State was too much to overcome. Due to a Navy regulation for 48-hour liberty for trips, it will be impossible for the track team to attend other meets this spring.

Mr. Karl Klooz, the acting athletic director, had written Mr. Dale Arbuckde, of the University of Oklahoma, on the possibility of scheduling some baseball games with the Sooners. From news reports out of Oklahoma they have accepted the date of June 10, although Mr. Klooz has not received word. That will be the only baseball game remaining on the home schedule for Kansas.

In all fairness to Elmer Schaake, a fine football and basketball coach, it should be said that he does not profess to be an expert in baseball. He merely took this over as an accommodation to the athletic department because of Jack Austin's resignation. Kansas has not been highly successful in baseball having been defeated by Iowa State, Herington Army Air Base at Lawrence, and Sedalia Army Air Base at Lawrence. But the boys are getting a lot of fun out of playing the game, and Schaake is doing a good job under the circumstances.

The athletic department is valiantly carrying on by using the Physical Education coaches. In this way both ends can be met financially because there is no great expense involved, and yet the boys have the fun of playing.

So take out your notebooks, you baseball fans of Lawrence, and write down the date of June 10 for the Oklahoma Sooners on the Kansas baseball field just off of Mississippi Street. Baseball is a splendid game and we should do our level best to keep all sports going even though the quality of play and the expert coaching is not of pre-war days. Your speaker coaches the Kansas varsity for a couple of years, but due to other duties was unable to handle varsity baseball this year.

Mr. Klooz informs me that the athletic directors at Lincoln, Nebraska, set the date of August 12th for the Big Six basketball coaches to meet at the Continental Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, to discuss and if possible draft a Big Six basketball schedule for next year. The teams have heretofore played a double round robin tournament, but with transportation what it is, some adjustment may be made in the schedule. Certainly Kansas will not play the great number of games in basketball they did last year. Travel conditions were then severe, but they will be much worse this year. After D-Day the troop movements and other necessary travel will come first, and personally I look to see a great curtailment in civilian travel. Therefore, I think we should play only a minimum number of games - enough to keep the boys interested in their activity

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In baseball there were not enough teams in the Big Six playing baseball to arrange a conference schedule, so there will be no championship in baseball. Kansas was third in football, tied for third in basketball, and in track placed third in the indoor meet and second in the outdoor meet.

and still schedule enough games so that the friends of our sport in this community can enjoy their favorite sport. Some have the conviction that it adds to the morale to keep things moving not only on a pre-war basis, but on a war basis.

We are receiving many letters from the boys overseas, and many of them are asking to be remembered to Earl Falkenstien, the affable financial secretary in the athletic office. All the athletes were very fond of Earl Falkenstien because he was highly efficient but always pleasant to the boys when he was forced to sometimes turn down their requests for extra tickets.

In 1923 the speaker inaugurated a plan at Kansas to determine the conference championships in all sports. We called it the pentathlon scoring sheet. A low score was a high. If a team finished in first place they were given one point and if they finished in sixth place they were given six. It was an idea to get teamwork among the coaches so that each coach would be for the other fellow's sport. In the early days too many people placed too much emphasis on the one sport and lost interest in the other sports. This method of scoring has been followed by the Missouri Valley Conference and the Big Six for a great number of years.

By this reckoning Iowa State would win the Big Six pentathlon scoring championship for the year 1944. They placed first in both indoor and outdoor track, they tied for first in basketball, and they were second in

football. Oklahoma would run a close second, with a first place win in football a tie in basketball and a third and fourth place in track. The figures have not been compiled, but it looks as if Kansas and Missouri will run a close race for third place, with Nebraska and Kansas State tying for fifth and sixth. So all in all, Kansas has had a very good war year record. The University of Kansas has been more concerned in fighting the war than they have been in developing crack athletic teams during this very critical period. This is as it should be.

Too many coaches are indulging in frantic flag-waving while posing as developers of young men, aiding the war effort through physical conditioning programs of athletic games. These coaches are traveling over the country signing up all the likely 4F boys with athletic potentialities. They are also scouting for all 17 year old high school graduates who have one year of athletic competition before registering for selective service. Our number one business in America at the present time is to win the war with everything we have got in the shortest possible time. Back the attack by an all out effort on the home front. The 4F athlete in war time should not be glorified nor should he be villified athletically, but when they are made the medium of an all out effort to go professionally big time, then there should be pause for sober reflection. So be prepared for more flag waving, more high sounding patriotic phrases emulating top physical conditioning of our athletic teams for the coming year by these same pseudo-developers of college teams.

KFKU - May 11, 1944

On the K. U. campus, the National Recreation Association of America, will offer a Wartime Recreation Training Institute, sponsored by the Department of Physical Education of the University of Kansas, the week of May 16 to 20, inclusive.

The time: The time will be every evening beginning Tuesday, May 16, from 7 until 10 p.m. during the week days, and on Saturday, the 20th, the sessions will start in the morning at 10 o'clock and run until noon; and in the afternoon the closing session will be from 2 to 4 p.m., so that the registrants will be able to get to their homes before dark. We have arranged these evening and Saturday sessions to fit into the schedule of the worker and the teacher.

On Saturday a luncheon will be served for members of the Institute at Lindley Hall. Colonel Watson McMorris, commandant of the Military Science division of the University, has generously cooperated with us, and the noon meal on Saturday will be served from 12:30 to 1:30. Arrangements have been made so that all members attending the Institute may have this exceptional G.I. meal for forty cents.

The place: ~~The~~ All sessions of the Recreation Training Institute will be held in Robinson Gymnasium, on the first floor at the east end of the building.

The fee for the Institute for the entire week is but \$1.50. Students of the University and other colleges are admitted for \$1.00, while any single session is fifty cents.

This question has been asked: What is the content of such a course?

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War has emphasized the need for carrying out this purpose.

Experience over nearly forty years has shown clearly that recreation is a fundamental human need equally in peacetime as in wartime. The national recreation movement from a very small beginning has come to have a central part in American life. The recreation movement strives to offer opportunities for wholesome leisure-time activities to every age group in every community. Yet all over the world are groups who don't know how -- groups that are groping for the right answers to their recreation problems.

These are the things that Mrs. Anne Livingston will teach you people attending the Recreation Training Institute: Activity programs -- Techniques -- Organizational procedures -- Practical suggestions -- Music for fun -- Mixers -- Parties for special events.

The word recreation, or "re-creation" is heard today on every hand. Yet widely different meanings are attributed to it, and it is applied to a great variety of activities. During war time this Recreation Training Institute is most timely. The tremendous demands made by the war on recreational personnel have resulted in the entrance into the field of many young, untrained workers and many new volunteers of all ages.

To help equip these individuals for the responsibility of leadership we have secured Mrs. Anne Livingston and Mr. Pat Rooney, from the National Recreation Association of New York, to bring us inspiration, a new vision, and to stimulate us in doing a better job than we could do without their help. Their leadership is resourceful.

The National Recreation Association has a very simple but far-reaching purpose:

"That every child in America shall have a chance to play; that everybody in America, young or old, shall have an opportunity to find the best and most satisfying use of leisure time."

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Dr. John H. Finley has pointed out that the word recreation is broad enough to include "play" in its every expression and also many activities that are usually not thought of as play -- music, the drama, the crafts, every free activity and especially creative activity for the enrichment of life.

To you who are listening in tonight, should you be interested in attending this Wartime Recreation Training Institute in Robinson Gymnasium on the campus of the University of Kansas at Lawrence, I suggest that you write the office of the Department of Physical Education, or phone K.U. 83, and Mrs.

Alberta Hulteen, secretary of the Department of Physical Education, will be glad to enroll you. Remember - this institute is for those volunteers who are concerned with the recreational needs of your community. If you are handling the recreation of your club, whether it be a service club, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, or any of the classification clubs, this conference will serve as a real benefit to you. If you are a field recreation representative of the various community war services, or an agricultural agent of the Farm Bureau, or a home demonstration agent or state club leader, these sessions will be particularly valuable for you. The institute is planned also for business and professional women's clubs, fraternal organizations, Elks, Masons, Odd Fellows, Eagles, Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. secretaries, youth clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, leaders of youth in churches, camp counsellors, Parent-Teacher Associations. Someone in the American Legion could profitably enroll for the benefits of such a course. Certainly community recreation councils and their workers could find much helpful inspiration here. Women's clubs, such as the American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Soroptimist, City Clubs, - physical education directors - in fact anyone interested in this type of work cannot ordinarily enroll in such a course for less than \$25.00. The Department of Physical Education at the University of Kansas obtained these recreation specialists for the obvious need of volunteer leaders.

Remember, this will not be all dry theory. Rather, it will be a well balanced program. The first part of the evening sessions will be given to lecture-discussions, then an intermission of ten minutes before the practical activities begin - including ways of starting a party, breaking the ice and introducing folks, simple musical mixers and square dances. The activities will include creative games - active, quiet and musical games and stunts for crowded places and unusual conditions; conducting activities for ~~fix~~ girls and women,

or meeting the needs of the boy crazy girl; folk dances and games for little children and growing girls; the conduct of parties and dances, Grand March, Paul Jones and Old Time Couple dances; organizing and using junior and adult councils, games and musical activities for too many women, not enough men or visa versa; recreation for industrial girls and women; recreation for families of defense workers; day or evening recreation for overworked home-makers; community recreation for service men, day or evening.

In securing Mrs. Anne Livingston to conduct the Institute, the Department of Physical Education brings you one of the outstanding leaders of the country in conducting leadership training courses for professional and volunteer leaders. For the past seven years she has trained ^{thousands} ~~hundreds~~ of leaders in institute courses.

Among those groups who have already declared their intention of enrolling in the Recreation Training Institute are members of the Lawrence Recreation Council, Girl Scout representatives, Sunflower Ordnance recreation leaders, Recreational Therapists from the Meminger Sanitarium of Topeka, under the direction of Mr. K. Woolworth who says he has a staff of seven Recreational Therapists, each of whom specializes in some phase of the work. It is his intention to send two or three of them at a time to the meetings that will be most valuable to them. Mrs. Lillian Webster, the principal of ^{Lincoln} ~~Woodlawn~~ School, ^{in Lawrence} and Mrs. Thelma Hayter, representing the recreational interests of the colored people of Lawrence, have evinced a desire to attend. Letters have been received from State Club Leaders at Manhattan, Salina, Leavenworth, ~~and~~ Oskaloosa and Topeka, seeking information as to the nature of the Institute.

Advance enrollment is advisable because on Monday evening a planning committee will meet to go over the list of registrants with the idea of working out programs to give these people who have enrolled the most beneficial course according to their needs.

Miss Ruth Hoover, head of the women's Physical Education Department, Miss Joie Stapleton, assistant professor in Physical Education, and Mrs. Dorothie C. Hunt, dance instructor in the department, will be the hostesses, while the men of the department - Henry Shenk, Reginald Strait, Ray Kanehl, Dean Nesmith, Elmer Schaake, Vernon Hayes and Jack Austin - will assist in making the Institute a most enjoyable affair for everyone.

Why do we have play, or recreation, leadership? Parents, sisters, brothers, and companions are still teaching children to play either by offering an example for them to imitate or by actually instructing them. But valuable as it is, this natural, informal, and often unconscious teaching is not sufficient. In supplementing the teaching of parents and companions, the play leader gives a deeper significance to the child's play life by bringing it to a wider experience and trained understanding. This would have been true even in a more leisurely age, as modern education with its great emphasis on the importance of child life has revealed. Today it is especially true, for the conditions which made playgrounds and recreation centers a necessity have also made the play leader indispensable.

Adults are taking a more active part in municipal recreation programs than ever before, and many of the new facilities are primarily for adult use. Large numbers of school buildings have been opened for community recreation use for the first time. The value of recreation in sustaining morale and in affording joyous, constructive, healthful use of leisure time has been more widely demonstrated and is more generally appreciated than ever before. Universities and colleges have become deeply interested in recreation and have considered the desirability of establishing courses to prepare individuals for recreation leadership. ~~War has emphasized the need for carrying out recreation programs. Experience over nearly forty years has shown clearly that recreation is a fundamental human need equally in peacetime as in wartime.~~

Work in the field of recreation, except for the selective service draft, is now classified by our Federal government as essential. Of course, ⁱⁿ wartime or peacetime, it is essential to keep on living, to have a zest for living. In wartime, recreation is more than ever essential, when usual values are suspended, when homes are broken up, when always there is uncertainty. The question for recreation workers in such a period is this: Are we making our job in recreation essential? Are we thinking about ourselves, our careers, recognition for ourselves -- or are we losing all thought of ourselves and thinking only of how each hour may be made to count for the people we serve?

An essential job is kept essential only when it is done in an essential spirit. In other words, the recreation leader can loaf, can be trivial, careless. It is axiomatic to say that he himself as well

may we quote E. R. Eastman, Editor of the
Rural Agriculturist —

There never was a time in the history of the world when people needed more the emotional outlet, the re-creation of spiritual courage, than they do now. Some, like Lincoln, will be sustained and helped by a sense of humor; others will find their relief in getting acquainted all over again with great books that have nothing to do with the war; still more will renew their spiritual strength by playing games with the family, the neighbors, and other friends, thereby getting better acquainted with one another. But the best re-creation of all is music and singing. A famous general once said that you couldn't lick a singing army. We are all in the army now, and all of us need to laugh and to play and to sing together. We need as never before to re-create our tired and faltering spirits in order that we may work together to create a better and happier world.

--E. R. Eastman, Editor,
Rural Agriculturist.

Since we call this a Wartime Recreation Training Institute, we agree with Mr. J. Lee Brown, the field representative of the Community War Service of the Federal Security Agency, Topeka, Kansas, who said:

"We Americans have appointed ourselves the arsenal for military defense for democracy. Let us also be the arsenal of defense for the mind and soul behind democracy."

Therefore if there are any laymen or social workers who are interested in enrolling in this Wartime Recreation Training Institute for the inspiration and sheer joy of participating I bid you a cordial welcome.

Remember the time May 16th to 20th. On week days in the evening from 7 to 10 P.M. On Saturday from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M.

The place, Robinson Gymnasium on the Campus of the University of Kansas, Mt. Oread.

The price for the entire 5 days \$1.50.
Students 1.00. Any single session 50¢.

2:00p.m.
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Football! In the merry month of flowers! Did you think I said showers? Yes, and showers and showers and showers! But what we want is flowers, and no more showers. But we are going to have football here in Lawrence, Kansas, ^{under the lights} at Haskell Stadium on Saturday night ¹ this week, April 29.

The game will be played between K.U.'s varsity of next year and the alumni All-Stars. Of course, they may not all be alumni but they will all be All-Stars because they are the pick of the best we have got to oppose the varsity. Head Coach Henry Shenk may even loan some of his varsity men to augment the strength of the All-Stars because you know the All-Stars do get old in age but never in ambition. But of course you will want to see the All-Stars, and particularly you will want to see in action Henry Shenk's hopefuls - these men who will carry the prestige of Kansas on the football gridiron next fall. ~~Coaches Shenk, Schaake and Nesmith will have this squad augmented by a group of new arrivals of Navy V-12 boys on July first. ^{But} the football fans will want to see what he has now so that you can get better acquainted with these boys - their names and their activities on the gridiron. ^{for next fall's} ~~their first~~ ^{campaign} ~~regular~~ game of the season will be played the night of September 23 in Kansas City against Texas Christian University, but there are rumors current that acting Athletic Director Karl Klooz may schedule a game with Washburn University prior to this T.C.U. game. However, there are no definite announcements. Perhaps the Washburn game will be played in Topeka as a night game, as it was last year.~~

~~But~~ before we go too far in this scrimmage between the varsity and the All-Stars let us touch on the origin of this grand, historically old gridiron game ~~of struggle~~. Educators and practical men have always agreed that it is beneficial for young men to struggle because after all life is just

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one/struggle - and we want it to be a victorious one.

It is thought that the Greeks played a game somewhat similar to our football and probably the forerunner of our modern game as far back as twenty-five hundred years ago. Mr. Parke H. Davis, of Easton, Pa., who has devoted much time and study to the history of sport, particularly football, is authority for the following statement: ~~Quote:~~ ~~They~~ (the Greeks) played it in a game amazingly like our own. Their field was rectangular in shape and bounded by side lines and a goal line. They also had a center line. The forward pass in their game as in ours was the principal feature in the attack. Because of the prominence of the forward pass, the game was called Harpaston, meaning the forward pass game, from the Greek word Harpazein, meaning to throw forward, hence, also, comes the English word Harpoon.

However the American game of football was without the F.P. 1905 along with Stegg Russell
Football in England was probably a direct descendant of the

Greek game. It is thought that the soldiers of Julius Caesar learned the game from the Greeks and carried it to the British Isles at the time of their expeditions. In the American game, near the middle of the nineteenth century, a modification of the Rugby game was introduced at Yale by an undergraduate who had previously been a student at Rugby. At about the same time other seaboard colleges in America were learning of the game and gradually it began to appear as an interclass and interhall contest. The first intercollegiate game to be recorded in this country was played Nov. 6, 1869, between teams representing Princeton and Rutgers. In 1872 representatives of Princeton, Yale, Rutgers and Columbia met in New York City and adopted a set of rules which formed the first intercollegiate football association in America.

Professor E. M. Hopkins came to the University of Kansas from Princeton and was the first football coach at K.U. in 1891.

This short historical sketch brings us to the coming football struggle in Haskell stadium on Saturday night at 7:30. ^{PM} But before going further I should mention that there are two very zealous young men - Gordon Stucker of

last season

Lawrence who played end on the football team, and George Dick, the honor captain of last year's varsity from McLouth, who are responsible for initiating this game. The money will be used by the Relays Club to promote the better interest of football at the University of Kansas, and of course they want your interest and the Relays Club can use your money.

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Next Saturday night at 7:30 on the Haskell gridiron will be given a preview of things to come in Jayhawker football next fall when the All-Stars play the K. U. varsity in a practice game. The game is ~~being~~ sponsored

by the Kansas Relays Club and promoted by the K Club. All football fans are urged to attend. This game will end spring football practice at K.U. While both teams will lack polish and perfection due to the shortness of their preparation and the inclement weather which has made it impossible to hold extensive practice, nevertheless a spirited battle is assured between the former greats and the aspirants for next fall's gridiron machine.

The All-Stars have added three boys to their roster who will undoubtedly be in uniform for Kansas next fall. These players who have been loaned to the All-Stars are Warren Riegler, left end who played stellar football for Kansas last fall and who hails from El Dorado, Kansas; John Bergin, right halfback from *San Francisco* Frisco, California, who will be remembered by Kansas fans for his long touchdown run against Oklahoma *at Norman* after receiving a thirty yard pass from Bob George; and Bob Miller, halfback from Oakland, California, who starred in the second Washburn game here at Lawrence last fall.

The co-captains and managers and coaches of the All-Stars will be Gordon Stucker, end, who learned his prep football at Lawrence High School under Elmer Schaake; and that grand old man of Kansas football, George Dick, who hails from McLouth and has played three years for K.U. *Capt elect Kansas '44*

The tackle position for the All-Stars will be held down by John Sutherland, of Kansas City, who had had no college football experience, and Wally Grimes, of Kansas City, Kansas, who played on the varsity team last year. Carl Hird, who is over at Olathe in the Navy, is coming over to engage

in a family feud with his brother, Wayne, who will be playing at center on the varsity. Carl will be remembered as a stellar guard on Gwinn Henry's teams two and three years ago.

The other guard will be Chief ^{specialist} Ralph Hayes, who is stationed here with the V-12 unit and who is boxing instructor for the V-12 boys. This oldster is an aggressive, scrapping guard who will be in the thick of the battle just for the fun of it.

The center on the All-Stars will be Dick Dreher, 170 pound boy who played at guard on the Jayhawker team last year and was noted for his fight and aggressive play.

In the backfield besides Bergin and Miller, whom we have already mentioned, the All-Stars will have Bill Mowery who will long be remembered by Kansas fans for the eighty yard touchdown run he negotiated last year against Warrensburg in the final quarter of that game when Warrensburg was leading K. U. 12 to nothing, and for the second touchdown he scored a few minutes later from the two yard line after a block^{ed} punt to defeat Warrensburg 13 to 12. At the other halfback spot the All-Stars will have Dwight Sutherland, a V-12 boy from Kansas City, who has not been out for K.U. football previously. Dwight was on the frosh squad at Princeton before being assigned to the Naval unit at K.U.

The All-Stars are enthusiastic about their chances to trim the varsity and have been concocting weird plays and practicing diligently.

The Varsity squad will have at ends Charles Daignault, a V-12 boy weighing 160 pounds, whose home is in South Worcester, Massachusetts; Harold Hill, 175 pound boy ^{who hails from} ~~whose home is~~ Shawnee-Mission, Kansas and who was on the varsity squad last year; Sam Harris, V-12 boy from Kansas City, Missouri; and Wilmer Baumann who weighs 180 pounds, from Lake Field, Minnesota. None of these boys have had previous college experience.

At tackle - Charles Keller who lettered last year at guard will play one tackle. Charles is a fine defensive player from Southwest High in Kansas City, Missouri. Jim Shondell from Ward High School, Kansas City, Kansas, and Jack Bouse, from Argentine High School, Kansas City, Kansas, were both on the squad last year and can be expected to perform creditably at the tackle positions.

At guard we find Joe Ryan, last year's squad member from Murdock, Kansas, and Garland Cantrell, 175 pound guard from Neosho, Missouri, who played one year with the Joplin Junior College. Paul McDonald is another possibility at guard.

At center - Wayne Hird, last year's 17-year-old freshman center who was coming along rapidly at the end of the season, should turn in a very creditable performance. Wayne is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 210 pounds. D. R. Stockdale, last year's squad member from Wyandotte High School, Kansas City, Kansas, has been alternating at center and guard.

At the left halfback position - Charlie Moffett, a regular starter last year, from Peabody, Kansas, ~~will~~ will also handle the signal calling. Charles is still a freshman but should go great guns next fall. John McShane from Santa Monica, California, has never played either high school or college football. His fine coordination and all-round ability make him a natural and he will get some needed experience in the game.

Incidentally, John is a V-12 student who has seen active service with the Pacific Fleet. L. A. Casteix, who played his high school football at New Orleans, is an excellent prospect at the left halfback position.

At right halfback will probably be found James Weatherby who was on the varsity squad last year and comes from Fort Worth, Texas. James weighs 170 pounds and is an excellent punter and developing into a good passer. Dick Williams who was on the frosh squad at Kansas State year before last comes from Hiawatha, Kansas. Dick weighs 180 pounds and should give a good account of himself.

At fullback Don Faulkner has been converted from a guard into a back. Don weighs 185 pounds, is very fast, and is a good punter and a fair passer. He is also a southpaw. T. E. Short who is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 212 pounds, has been sent back to the V-12 unit from the Fleet. He played one year of high school football at Omaha, Nebraska.

At the blocking back position - Ben Welch who weighs 172 pounds and comes from Liberal, Kansas, is showing possibilities in his blocking assignments. Larry Benedict, 160-pounder from Bennington, Kansas, may also see service in the backfield, as well as Edward Schmitt from Southeast High School, Kansas City, Missouri, and Raymond Orr, of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Both ~~teams~~ ^{outfits} are all pepped up for the fracas and fans are assured that the teams will make up in fight what they may lack in finesse and experience. *

If you like football you surely will want to see this glorious struggle -

Head linesman for the game will be Lieut. Claude M. "Tadpole" Smith, formerly great halfback at the University of Mississippi, and assistant football coach at that institution until his induction into the Navy. He is now Physical Training Officer for the Navy V-5 cadets. Coach Chalmer Woodard, of Lawrence Memorial High School, will be Umpire, ~~and the referee will be~~ *Ensign Ware of* the Navy V-12 will serve as *Field Judge and* Lieut. Zeller of Navy will Referee. *Lieut Zeller will be remembered as the stellar performer on the Chicago Bears great Champion* *Profess football team*

Admission is fifty cents, tax included. Tickets are on sale at Carl's, Ober's, the K.U. Business Office, or may be secured from any K man.

THE HALF BACK

(Berton Braley)

When the stands are black with people, and they yell, yell, yell!

When the whistle shrills the signal for the start,

Then the spirit sort of grips me in a potent spell

And the blood goes dancing swiftly through my heart!

And the rooters are forgotten with their flags and all,

And the joy of battle pulses through my frame,

And there's nothing worth the having but that pigskin ball

And there isn't any glory but the game!

Mow 'em down,

Throw 'em down,

Keep 'em on the go!

Get some ginger in you there, you're too slow!

Worry 'em,

Hurry 'em,

Never twice the same!

Keep your wits a-workin' hard, and--

PLAY THE GAME!

Oh, it's good to hear the signal and with courage steeled

To go plunging where the linemen make a hole,

And it's bully to go flashing through a broken field

As you dodge and twist and scurry toward the goal;

There's the thump of men colliding, there's the thud of feet,

There's the play that starts as sudden as a flame,

There's the grit that knows no quitting and that won't be beat,

And they all are part and parcel of the game!

Rumple 'em,

Crumple 'em,

Smash their little play!

Jump 'em fair, but jump 'em hard -- that's the way!

Stop 'em quick,

Flop 'em quick,

Hold 'em till they're tame!

Keep forever on the jump, and--

PLAY THE GAME!

Is there anything that fills you with a zest more keen

Than to spill the interference in a pile,

Or to slam the runner earthward with a tackle clean,

Or to gather in a punt in proper style?

It's the game of Anglo-Saxons, it's the hard old stuff,

It's the horror of the timid and the tame,

And it calls for men of daring and of fiber tough

Who are worthy of a chance to play the game.

Break 'em up,

Shake 'em up,

Fool 'em with a trick!

Forward pass and double pass -- plunge or kick,

Razzle 'em

Dazzle 'em,

Never twice the same!

Keep your eyes upon the ball, and --

PLAY THE GAME!

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