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Athletics For the Students.

THE Columbia Spectator last fall raised a rumpus over the charges it made that football players were being subsidized by the university. As a result of these charges a committee was appointed to investigate the situation. The committee has just brought in a report that the charges were unfounded and the players are not favored by salaries, insecure jobs, or scholarships.

But the finding the athletic situation technically above reproach the committee pointed out a number of conditions which it considers unhealthy. These conditions it finds are partly a result of the overemphasis placed upon athletics of the spectacular nature as compared with athletics for the students as a whole. The criticisms drawn are valuable because they apply not only to Columbia university but to nearly every university in the country including Nebraska.

"The facilities for healthful outdoor exercise are not only insufficient for the entire university body, but are inadequate even for the undergraduate body of 1,800 students in Columbia college," the report says. More practice fields, a new gymnasium, development and use of equipment for the benefit of more than just the expert players was recommended by the committee.

AT Nebraska the situation is similar, even worse. What meagre facilities are available are used almost exclusively by athletic teams or by classes in physical education. The stadium is impractical for use by anyone except the football team and the track team. The coliseum is quite largely used by the athletic teams and the classes in physical education. The swimming pool is fairly well monopolized by classes. The tennis courts during the day fairly team with the green-bloomered coeds who are compelled to take physical education.

There is no land on the campus available for use by students for various kinds of sports. The intramural program, we admit, has been well worked out and takes care of a large number of students who enjoy sports for sport's sake. But the facilities for students who like to play when and how they desire are practically nil. And such as they are they are monopolized by the teams and the classes.

The Nebraskan is vigorously opposed to compulsory physical education. But it does believe that provision should be made where at all possible to accommodate stu-

dents who desire to get physical education on their own initiative.

WE are not advocating that the university buy up a lot of land for use by students, or that a lot of equipment be purchased. Obviously that is impossible. But it is not impossible that the facilities now available should be made more generally useful to students not members of athletic teams or those taking physical education courses.

When the basketball team is practicing in the coliseum, it seems hardly necessary that no other students can use basketballs to play on the other courts. When the tennis courts are open, it seems hardly necessary that the coeds should monopolize them for their foolish antics which can hardly be called tennis. When the swimming pool is built by student fees, it hardly seems just that the men's and women's physical education departments should use most of the time to conduct their classes and then refuse to heed the students' pleas that what little time is left be used for swimming by men and women students at the same time.

A little money from the athletic department might well be diverted to opening tennis courts for the use of all students. A little more money might be used to put in stock some swimming suits for men so that the pool could be used by men and women at the same time.

The lettermen and the physical education departments have a right to use Nebraska's athletic facilities but not to monopolize them.

If we can't arouse the campus about anything else, perhaps we could start a controversy about the new spring hats for women. Another "straw" ballot might be sponsored by the Nebraskan. Anyhow we know of one vigorous negative vote for the skypieces.

A Deadline That Is a Deadline.

THE Nebraskan likes to poke fun at the Cornhusker for its numerous and ever receding deadlines. But this time the deadline cannot be extended. When the Cornhusker sales close sometime in the near future they will really close.

Always there are a few students who wail loudly around the Cornhusker office in the spring when the books are distributed, trying to get a copy somehow or other. The Cornhusker has to figure closely in order to make expenses. Every book that isn't sold is just so much loss. It is therefore impossible for them to print extra copies beyond the number actually sold. Students should not expect them to do so.

As for the value of the book, that is an individual matter of decision. But when the books are distributed in the spring, we'll bet our copy of the Cornhusker against somebody else's desire for one, that the value of the book will jump about 80 percent in the minds of a lot of students who don't have them.

This is not a sales talk for the Cornhusker, but it is a reminder to those who are dubious about the Cornhusker deadline, that five bucks is going to be worth just as much in two months as it is now. And so far as the Cornhusker is concerned five bucks is worth a copy of the book now, and it won't be worth that two months from now or in fact any time after this week.

'Not the Victory But the Game.'

NEBRASKA completed its basketball season Saturday night without a very impressive record so far as games won are concerned. Naturally it would have been fine if the team could have won the Big Six championship, but it is doubtful if the games played at home, particularly during the latter half of the season could have

been much more enjoyable than they were.

The team improved consistently thruout the season. The players set a good example to the spectators, who haven't been very apt pupils, of how to keep cool and unemotional in the face of discouraging breaks. The games were fairly close and always exciting. There is little more than can or should be asked of an athletic team.

There is a motto carved on the

front of the Nebraska stadium which includes something to the effect that it is not the victory but the game that counts. That is supposed to be the ideal of athletic contests. We hope it is.

The most surprising thing about the Boettcher kidnaping case was the fact that the family still had \$60,000 to pay as ransom. If the police of the country can't prevent kidnaping, maybe the bank moratorium will.

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