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The Amazon Department. WE HAVE a letter today expressing indignation because of the required physical education which women students at the university are required to take. The letter states in concrete form some of the objections which we have heard voiced by a number of girls who were or are performing the various physical antics required of them before they are given a degree from this university.

The writer of the letter can see no relation between required physical education and other requirements which are admittedly essential to make a college degree indicative of some degree of academic effort and knowledge. Neither do we, and we agree with the writer when she asserts that students of the university should be old enough to look out for their physical well-being without being herded into large classes whose attempts to improve the physical well-being of the students impress us more as attempts to make "iron women" of the amazon type.

The physical education department has a decided place in an educational institution and the Nebraska women's phys. ed. department is to be congratulated in some respects for what it is doing. It maintains a splendid intramural sports program which appeals to a large number of girls. That program in itself is reason for the existence of the department. The value which is derived from that program, however, we believe results almost entirely from the fe t that the girls taking part do so because they have the inclination to do so.

When this spirit of voluntary adherence to a program is removed and compulsion is substituted, we believe that by far the greatest degree of value is removed.

ASIDE from the evils of the system of compulsion, the women's physical education department is criticized by many girls for numerous other practices which it fosters. Red tape requirements seem to have been built up amazingly in the department, which is probably a logical outcome of the attempt to physically educate all university girls.

For example we are told of the case of the under-weight coed who three years ago was forced into the so-called sleeping class in the department. Her schedule permitted her to take the class only at 8 o'clock in the morning, so on the designated mornings, it was necessary for her to arise and proceed to the university there to fulfill the requirement of getting sleep sufficient to build up her

physical well-being. To test the effects of the instruction in certain courses coeds are required to take tests of their strength on various mechanical contrivances provided by the department for the purpose. We may be wrong and perhaps our information in this connection is inaccurate inasmuch as we have never taken the course, but we fail to see | scale, A. B. C. D and F

why coeds should be forced to become prodigies of strength. We are thoroughly unconvinced that the acquisition of strength is a requisite of a good education, or even a necessary requirement of physical education.

DED TAPE requirements are Also criticized by the writer of the letter in connection with the purchase of equipment for the course. It seems that all coeds must buy certain kinds of clothing from certain stores. Gymnasium shoes, for example, which are in any respect different from the white regulation shoes provided for by departmental edict are banned. Even gymnasium suits formerly required by the department cannot be used save by special dispensation. The cost involved is something to complain about and we think the coeds have a just cause for complaint.

For those who enjoy and derive benefit from the interpretive dancing classes, from foil fencing, and from developing strength and poise and agility on the gym floor, we say well and good. But for those who dislike the courses, who find them burdensome, and who can see no possible benefit in them, we say they are being subjected to a requirement for which

there is not adequate justification. What to do about it? Probably all that can be done is to object without expecting any change in policy. Compulsory drill has been the object of innumerable and well founded criticisms but is still with us. Compulsory phys. ed. has similarly come to occupy the position of a vested interest and it is scarcely within the realm of possibility that a mere objection by a student printed in the Nebraskan will effect any change.

It's getting rather close to the time for canny collegians to have misunderstandings with girl friends. Somebody said there are only ten more shopping days until Christmas.

Professor Einstein in applying at the American consular office in Berlin for a visa to the United States was submitted to a grilling by an officious agent who asked him rudimentary questions concerning communism, pacifism, and anarchism. He patiently endured the farce for some time and then lost his temper and left the office declining to answer further questions. Coming in conjunction with the opposition of the Women's Patriotic Corporation of this country to Prof. Einstein's being allowed to teach at Princeton university, he must have formulated by this time a rather unfavorable impression of American hospital-

While both incidents are absurd in the extreme, it is unfortunate that Americans cannot make asses of themselves in private without notifying the world of their stupidity. The incident of the quizzing of Dr. Einstein is rather typical of the American official's love for red tape. We imagine Dr. Einstein had to fill out long records for somebody's filing system, too. In view of his pacifistic ideas, it is strange that the D. A. R., and other similar organizations have not yet come out in support of their more outspoken sisters.

The board of athletic control at Ohio State university this week announced its decision to abandon intercollegiate baseball.

The sport will be placed on an intramural basis, along with fencing, swimming, wrestling, polo and golf. A 50 percent drop in football gate receipts made financing of a baseball schedule difficult, it was

Under this system, the student receives either a grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory). All home study courses, however, will be graded according to the old

THE STUDENT PULSE

Conscientious Opinions.

By a representative poll taken Thursday afternoon, a large majority of the student body expressed the opinion that classes should be dismissed after Friday. Approximately 80 percent of the students interviewed were in favor of dismissal. Of the 80 percent, over 50 percent had in some form suffered from the flu. Many of the students who had not been confined to bed had continued to attend classes in spite of their illness, exposing others to it.

Of the 20 percent against dismissal, very few had contracted the flu. Also many of the opponents, being socially inclined, desired to stay over the week end until Wednesday in order to attend parties, that being their sole and only reason.

All who wish for Friday dismissal, will leave Lincoln, immediately, some going home to recuperate while others will leave for home or their destination for the holidays, which in either case will retard the epidemic now spreading. The main arguments for the administration to take such action are that a number of students state several of their instructors are incapacitated and the classes are not meeting; that approximately 90 percent of the university students will leave Lincoln within twenty-four hours after dismissal; and that by dismissing classes Friday vacation would extend over three weeks instead of

Lincoln physicians already have sent many students home to recover from the flu and are of the opinion that keeping the student body in school, is needlessly exposing every one to the attack. Dr. Lyman stated that the epidemic was not spreading according to the number of cases handled by the infirmary but seems to be unaware of the fact that a large number of the students, when taken ill, do not utilize the infirmary but call local doctors directly. Probably a better check of the spread of the epidemic would be to consider the attendance of classes, some of which are mere "skeleton squads." Faculty members refused to commit themselves either way, giving no reasons for their withheld opinions.

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Suggestions

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Social Dancing Class. The Social Dancing class will be held Friday at seven in the Arm-

Classics Club.

Friday afternoon at three o'clock the Classics club will meet in room 202, Andrews hall. Dr. Ginsberg will discuss the subject "Was There Any Arbitration in the Ancient World?"

LARGE CROWD SEES ORCHESIS PRESENT ANNUAL CLASS FETE

(Continued from Page 1.) number showing events in the life of the people. Ghys wrote the music for "Amaryllis," a comic skit, in which girls represented a flapper, a policeman, the village dandy and a villain. "Water Lily," by MacDowell, showed a white flower with a yellow center which unfolded and moved, and finally the petals turned up at the end of

Several senior physical education

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The Ticker, student newspaper at New York City college, this week was being published again after a two months' suspension.

New editors were in charge of the paper, however, the old managing board having refused to submit to a faculty censorship.

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