

Editorial — Comment — Bulletin

Athletic facilities are there, but . . .

Fifty percent of the men being called for duty are turned down because they are not physically fit, and their physical unfitness, medical advisors say, is the result of too much food, too much study with late hours, and above all of too little exercise.

The University of Nebraska has built a \$400,000 coliseum, and is now at work constructing a similarly large field house, in order that it might have the facilities to give the exercise to those who need it. There is no doubt that this university has those facilities.

Yet they are being utilized by but a fraction of the student body, that being the fraction needing the exercise least. Out of some 3,000 men on the campus, less than 1,000 take part in any sport in class or otherwise, and only 50 have baskets for individual recreation outside of classes.

The reasons for the lack of interest are not quite clear. The little demand cannot be because of monetary reasons, for the recreation there costs nothing; it cannot be because such training is not necessary, for every doctor will say bodily development is essential to good health. Nor can it be because the type of recreation offered is not interesting. For the coliseum offers every kind of recreation one could want. Handball courts, ping pong tables and general recreational equipment, prohibitive to the ordinary person in his home, are available here free of charge. And once a person starts

participating in a particular sport, it grows in value and interest to him.

The only possible reason therefore that these facilities are not being used more extensively is that they are not properly publicized. Great numbers of students who can undoubtedly find the time and have the desire for some sort of physical recreation possibly do not know that these facilities are available and that their intensive use is desired by the intra-mural and athletic directors.

If sufficient students now having this information express the desire, and regularly will make use of the equipment, the coliseum will be kept open in the evenings even after the intra-mural season is over.

But it is rather absurd to even think of keeping the building open for evening workouts when it is not being used as extensively as it might be during the day. When the building was first opened it was necessary to reserve handball courts in advance; today only a few are in use at any one time. Six ping pong tables are set up in the basement; they are never used fully, despite the fact that the ping pong tables in the Union are being overworked.

The coliseum is getting more and more into the center of campus activities. The facilities in its basement are now quite close at hand. Don't wait until the semester is half over. Check out a basket now, and plan your schedules, so that more time can be spent at the interesting and valuable recreations offered.



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Anzacs in Malaya

The Far East continues to furnish most of the war news as Anglo-Japanese relations become daily more strained.

In answer to Japanese threats against their military position in the Orient, the British have poured thousands of Australian troops and planes into their powerful base at Singapore. The Australians arrived completely equipped to reinforce British, Indian and Malay troops guarding the base.

Today the Malay peninsula has the greatest manpower strength in its history, and the great number of fighting and bombing planes that have arrived with the troops have so affected the situation that many observers are reporting that the balance of air power in south-eastern Asia has turned in Britain's favor.

Officially, the Japanese continue to be conciliatory and to maintain that they are ready to mediate warfare, "anywhere in the world." However, across the Gulf of Siam in French Indo-China the Japanese are reported to have more than 13,000 troops—far beyond the quota France formally permitted. Reports from Saigon also indicate Japanese fleet movements in the Gulf.

Contestants—

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or Europeans. Contributions not specially marked will be put in the general fund, which will be distributed as needed, with at least 50% to go to Chinese students.

Non-political.

The fund, declared Rollins, co-chairman of the local drive, is not political and will not be used for the advancement of either side in war. It will be used by students only, and, as government funds in these countries are not now being used for the betterment of education, it will not release such funds for military use.

A complete program for the campaign has been set up by the committee in charge. Various groups on the campus will be approached Monday, and the subject of contributions brought to their attention, to be acted on as they see fit. The convocation on Wednesday will seek to explain the aims and functions of the drive. Final appeals for support will then be made, with the campaign closing March 3.

Concession stands.

Concession stands will be operated by the committee at the Union dance a week from today, Marie Anderson, chairman of the special plans sub-committee, announced. Proceeds will go to the support of the fund.

The local drive is sponsored by the Religious Welfare Council and the Ag Religious Council.

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Owen, Pi Beta Phi; Geraldine Nelson, Sigma Kappa; Jean Wochner, Towne Club; Ruth Ann Sheldon, ag AWS; and Eleanor Boyd, Home Ed. association.

Judged on five points.

The girls are judged on five points; first impressions, originality, neatness, poise, and suitability of costume. Under each one of these each judge will have several other points.

This is only the first revue; others will be held at which the coeds will appear in date and

"dress-up" costumes before the final selection is made.

Royer commented on each girl when they passed his seat in Ellen Smith as to whether they were excellent, good, fair, or "no-good." After the revue he explained that the worst fault of Nebraska's coeds was that they dressed too much alike.

Originality in taste.

For an example, Royer pointed out the outfit of a girl who was not in the show. "She showed more originality in her taste, and I would rate her high if she were competing."

The girl in question wore a bright red and blue sweater and skirt, flat heeled shoes, silk stockings, and a sible coat, which, according to the stylist, definitely fitted and emphasized her individuality.

Bulletin

LUTHERAN STUDENTS.

The Lutheran Student association meets for its regular Sunday evening conversation hour at 8:30 p. m. Sunday in the Union, parlor X.

PERSHING RIFLES.

Pershing Rifles will meet at 8 p. m. today in Nebraska hall.

Abdul K. Mehta, champion cyclist of India, has organized a cycling club for students at Texas university.

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Ag entomologists meet

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