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Physical Fitness And Patriotism

The Colorado State School of Mines has already adopted a physical fitness program. It was not accepted very cordially because students were forced to participate in it. The Student Council with the cooperation of the university administration is striving to institute such a program at Nebraska which would be run on a voluntary basis. The advisability of making the physical fitness program entirely voluntary may be seen by the following editorial which appeared in the Oredigger, journal of the Colorado School of Mines.

The administration has repeatedly stressed the fact that the new physical training program, recently instituted at Mines, is part of a nationwide movement to put the people of this country in better physical condition so that they might better adapt themselves to the high pitch of our new war economy. In stressing this, the administration has brought out the fact that the program was conceived by the government, and instituted at the request of the government, and that the school had nothing to do with it. This accounts for the fact that the program was squeezed into the crowded curriculum in spite of the very limited athletic facilities of the school.

This nationwide physical training pro-

A War Ago

By Marsa Lee Civin.

As a result of extraordinary economy practiced in the management of athletic funds during 1917, the department was able to give \$17,000 to the Red Cross. No unnecessary expenditures for clothes saved much money, and many of the football players were content to wear shoes which blistered their feet.

Chancellor Avery commented on the fine spirit in which the management and the individual players cooperated to make the gift possible.

A committee of 200 was formed as a permanent organ of Nebraska students to take charge of all branches of war work. The committee was separated into two divisions with 20 squad leaders each.

gram is a patriotic movement. The government has called on all of its citizens to put themselves in better physical shape for the simple patriotic reason that they will be of more value to the government if they are in good condition. This does not apply simply to men of military ages, but to all citizens who are in any way affected by the increased tempo of the war economy.

Since this a patriotic movement, its reception at Mines would undoubtedly have been more cordial if it had been introduced as such. Instead, it was thrust at the student body with threats of failure due to non-attendance and even ultimate denial of diplomas. A more satisfactory program could probably have been found if the problem had been turned over to the student body itself. This could probably have best been done by putting the student council or Blue Key in charge of the program. In this way, the voluntary patriotic aspect of the project could have been better stressed.

Even under its present arrangement, the program does not impose any rigorous regimentation of physical training as is commonly believed by the student body. Any student can be excused from all regular classes at the field house after school by simply making arrangements with the athletic department. To do this, he must show that he is doing some kind of regular physical conditioning. Such excuses are actually encouraged so that the problem of limited facilities during the regular classes can be alleviated.

When better weather conditions permit more outdoor sports, more men will probably take advantage of the freedom permitted in the physical training program, and actual classes should practically disappear. In this way, the program will lose all of its unpleasant aspects, and cooperation from the student body can be more easily attained.

Engineering Stresses War

Students Step Into Defense Work in June

The engineering college is training more men to step into war activity positions than any other college on the campus. O. J. Ferguson, professor and dean of engine college, said yesterday.

"Almost without exception, every senior graduating from engine college this June will immediately step into some phase of defense production or war activity. Within a year they will be doing everything from working in airplane factories to doing research work for powder companies connected with chemical warfare," continued the dean.

Because of the courses which it offers, the engineering college is more immediately lined up with defense than any of the other colleges. The civilian pilot training course, for example, was introduced on the campus two years ago by this college. At present there are 20 students enrolled in the advanced course and 30 in the primary, with an additional 20 waiting to be enrolled as soon as permission from the government is granted. In this course the students are not only trained to fly but are given instruction or ground schooling in engineering mechanics, meteorology, and aerodynamics. Upon graduation these students will be inducted into the air corps as wartime pilots.

In addition to these 20 students,

16 senior ROTC graduates will receive their commissions upon graduation and will become engineers in the armed forces of the country.

Mechanical and civil engineering colleges, totaling some 700 odd students, cannot fail to become a vital unit functioning for wartime activities of this country, stated Dean Ferguson, judging from last semester's class of which all are connected with defense industries or have joined the armed forces. "In the very near future, all students graduating from engine college will have no choice other than to fill in some defense position."

Defense . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) held. Among the organizations which might wish to send someone are the following drawn up by the Defense Committee:

AWS, Student Council, Student Union Board, WAA, N Club, YWCA, YMCA, Tassels, Corn Cobs, University Players, Barb Council, Ag Executive Board, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Student Foundation, university publications, Kosmet Klub, the military science department, Mortar Board and Innocents.

Nebraska . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) Jack Donley, Phi Delt: "Oh, sure we'll win, and I believe we are doing all we can." Pat Spence: "Yes, we will be the victors. I think the indifference of the people does not help the situation any." Lee Mihane: "I believe we will win, but the people are not

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE.

The Lutheran Chapel Service will be conducted as usual in parlors Y and Z at 10:45 a. m. Sunday, Rev. H. Erick will continue the series of Lenten topics, speaking on, "The Reed and Its Significance."

ANGELICAN LEAGUE.

The university league of Anglican students will meet Tuesday at 7 p. m. LUTHERAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION. The Lutheran Student Association will hold its Sunday evening meeting in Parlor X of the Union at 5:30 p. m. Dr. Lecher will speak on the "Third Word of the Cross." Choir rehearsal is at 4:30 p. m.

doing enough and there isn't enough co-operation."

Pearl Dankroger: "We're finally getting to the point where we are doing all we can, and since this state now exists we will win." Dwight Baitemperter: "No, I don't think we'll win. We aren't doing all we can as a people."

"We Won't Win."

Frances Mysicyka: "We have to win, and we will since we are doing all we can." Lucille Jennings: "At the rate we're going now, I don't believe we will win. The people aren't doing much." Mary Kay Marshall, Kappa Delta: "To win the war we need much more support from everyone. The way things stand now, we won't win."

Marian Herzoff: "Yes to both questions." Barbara Lee, Chi O: "I think we should do lots more about the fifth column, but nevertheless we will win."

Walt Plummer, Kappa Sigma: "Yes we must win. The situation would be better if all the higher-ups would adjust matters so strikes would not hold up industry."

Eleanor'n Me

By Alan Jacobs

This is the fashion edition and orders are to write about Burma Brown, Bahamian Coral, Harbor Blue, Sea Blue, Gln Green and every other colloquial color combination mentioned in Esquire, Apparel Arts and Mysterious Detectives.

We are writing about "Bloody Red." There was once a cattle rustler by that name, but we are supposed to relate the color we chose to write about with clothes. So, altho "Bloody Red" killed a dozen sheriffs and 20 cowboys, we can't mention him. We must deal with him at some other time.

We have filled the assignment by connecting "Bloody Red" with BDOC's. To exaggerate an awful lot, we saw "Bloody Red" yesterday morning while serving on the polls in the BDOC election.

We saw "Bloody Red" in the first place, because no one even tried any shady deals to swing the election—as far as we know. (If some one did fool us and did put some dirty work past, we probably would see even "Bloodier Red.")

Perhaps, it isn't right to say this, but we were rather disappointed that no underhanded dealings were tried in winning the grand prize. We're not sure—because after all we are just a "know-nothing sophomore"—but from what the "big boys" have told us, there would have been some fancy "fanigling" going on if \$150 in clothes plus a \$75 watch were offered to an election winner a few years ago.

To be truthful, however, we really aren't as peeved as we sound. We really come closer to seeing "Pale Pink" than "Bloody Red." Except for one thing:

No one even offered us a cut of the prize if we would stuff the ballot box.

And it could have been done so easily.

Letterip

Dear Mr. Editor:

Orchids to the Rag for putting before the students some vital information on what they can and should be doing as their part of Civilian Defense. Before the last few days the only things that have gotten much headway are first aid, knitting, and the Victory Book Campaign! However important these are the part the individual must play in relation to himself is still greater. The men on the campus are already realizing that to do the best for their country, they need a strong and healthy body. They not only need it at the present, but they see that it must be maintained. For this reason a voluntary physical education and non-ROTC military training program is being proposed for them, and, what is more important, they seem to want it.

What the girls on this campus have not seemed to realize as yet is that the fellows are not the only ones that will be playing an active part in this war. Most of the responsibility of the Civilian Defense program and its success is going to fall back onto them. The taking on of extra responsibilities must be done intelligently to be effective, and it must be done.

I have been wondering lately if the girls on this campus know the phases of the Civilian Defense program. Do they know there is a division for health and nutrition, one for publicity, one for women's services, and one for physical fitness? Also one to take care of people who wish to volunteer for any of these parts of the program? These divisions are modeled after ones in the national setup, and each has a regional and local director, under which is Campus Defense Council and its advisors.

We seem to be very slow in getting all parts of Civilian Defense started at Nebraska, but I think it is mainly due to the lack of realization that there are things along these lines to be done. The time has come when the girls on this campus should be starting to do something about them. As you see, women's services, which would include knitting and first aid, is only one of the parts of the whole civilian defense program. The girls must begin thinking, also of their own health, nutrition, and physical fitness so they may do their part in helping to win the war. They have got to realize that limited food supplies entails knowing how to get the most in food value in what they do have. They have got to realize that they as well as the fellows must get their bodies in good physical condition and keep them that way. Besides, they will find, as Alice Marble says, "It's fun to be fit."

In March 4's Rag you mentioned what is being done on other campuses for Civilian Defense. Other additions might be Iowa where they have a "Drink Milk Campaign" fast here becoming logical as well as healthy with the limits on cokes. They also have added, at the girls' request, physical education activities for all junior and senior girls, such as has been proposed here for the boys. Girls at Texas State College for Women turn out all lights at 11 o'clock, and not only save electricity for defense, but are amazed at the amount of sleep they can get between 11 and 7, and how much better they feel.

Lastly, I wonder if you could conduct a poll for the girls similar to the one for boys, to find out their willingness to do all they can as citizens to win the war, their willingness to help in their own Civilian Defense program, and what exactly they would like to do along the lines of health, nutrition, and physical fitness?

Sincerely,

Jeanette Mickey, President, Women's Athletic Association.

TODAY! 2:30 to 6 P. M. Thrill to the Beauty of 36 Sareg Clad Goddesses of Love! South of TAHITI Brian Brod Donlevy Crawford Second Feature! JAMES CAGNEY in "STRAWBERRY BLONDE" Nebraska

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