

## Intramural Athletics



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Three years ago the department of Intramural Athletics was organized at the University of Cincinnati. At that time it was felt that there was an urgent need for those students who did not have the physiques or training to encourage them to become candidates for the various Varsity teams, to have the advantages of the experience and training that comes from competitive games. It also was believed that such an organization would be beneficial in bringing together those students who were not affiliated with any group on the campus to create groups of their own for the purpose of competition, and thereby make it possible for everyone so inclined to identify himself with some social organization.

"Competitive athletics for all" is the battle cry of the department of intramural athletics. We desire to get every male student in the University into some form of athletic activity. The far-reaching results to be obtained for the student body are: increased physical vigor, the development of a spirit of cooperation and fair play, and an appreciation and love of sport which will carry with the student into the Alumni days. As our program develops it is our wish to include the graduate groups more extensively, and to get the Faculty "into the game." This, it is hoped, will produce a more sympathetic and deeper understanding between the three groups and make the University one large co-operating family. This is an ambitious program, yet fully capable of attainment in view of the steady progress we have made during the last three years.

Intramurals had a very modest beginning in 1924. Participation in athletic games was irregular. About two-thirds of the fraternities entered the various games, but as interest in the games had not as yet developed, forfeits were numerous, and the running off of many sports was hindered and delayed by insufficient participation.

