



Intramural Track Meet

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Intramural Athletics is often considered a somewhat new program, but in reality is probably the oldest form of group athletic competition in the world. Up until the school year of 1912-13 Intramural Athletics merely existed;—as the natural play instinct of youth chose to express itself. In 1912, however, two of the leading educational institutions in the country appointed Intramural Athletic Directors whose work it was to organize this prevailing play spirit, and develop and direct a program of physical activities in such a way that the whole student body might have the opportunity of benefitting from athletic activities.

The year 1926 found our own University taking just such a step and in this year a director of Intramural Athletics was appointed.

Today the extensive program, wide range of sports large participation, and an efficient system of management are the factors which have made for the intramural department of our University gaining the recognition it has received and for being ranked among the leading intramural departments of the country. During the school year all men students are offered the opportunity to participate in a large number of sports ranging from those requiring strength and endurance to those requiring agility and skill.

Approximately 2,300 different entries were made last year in some twenty different physical activities fostered by the intramural department. This year not only the students of the university have had the opportunity of

this intramural physical activities program, but the faculty also have had a program of sports fostered for them by the department.

The value of Intramural Athletics does not only provide an outlet for the physical activity and exercise which college students are so prone to neglect. Their value is manifested in a number of other ways—there is the recreational value—the exhilaration experienced in winning a hard fought game—the pleasure of giving one's best in clean competition.

There is the fellowship—the wide range of acquaintanceship which participants in intramural athletics receive.

Physical activity, recreation, fellowship are but primary attributes which Intramural Athletics provide. But the outstanding value of intramural sports lies in the spirit of sportsmanship which they engender; the co-operation in competitive effort which they develop. To show youths how to acquire respect for the spirit of rules and to demonstrate to them that there is something more in athletics than percentage columns—that is where the real worth of intramural athletics lies—in making better men.

