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Dear Sir:

The proposition of the construction of a Yale Golf Course has just been called to my attention, and I wish to give my hearty endorsement to the plan. That this has been a growing need at Yale has been made more clear each year, and the sooner the problem is met, the better will be the result.

It seems to me that there are two distinct reasons why we need a college course at Yale. In the first place, the present facilities are very inadequate, and secondly these facilities, such as they are, may be denied to Yale men in the very near future.

Under the present arrangement the only club in New Haven that permits student memberships is The Racebrook C.C. That this one club could not provide adequate facilities was clearly demonstrated when we had our college tournament this fall. The tournament was run off to help in the selection of the team in spring; therefore only those entered who considered themselves good enough to try for the team.

In all there were 37 entries, but of these over 20 did not belong to Racebrook. As a result a third of the candidates for our team were automatically eliminated with no chance whatever to show their ability. Certainly this shows the inadequacy of present conditions as far as the team itself is concerned.

But in addition, we must consider those students who would play golf for the pleasure that there is in the game. Everyone knows that all golf clubs depend upon the so called "duffer" class for the large majority of its members. Surely if there are 60 men in Yale who play well enough to try for the team, there are 400 men who would join a college course, if given the opportunity. (I use the round figure of four hundred because that is ^{the} estimated number of members needed to make the course self-supporting. Personally I believe that that is on the under side if anything.) Under existing conditions only 750 of these men can get memberships at Racebrook. Certainly this is too small a percentage. Therefore, at its best, Racebrook cannot provide adequately for either the team or the pleasure seeking golfers.

To turn to my second point, that of the probable loss of present facilities, such as they are, I personally feel that this change is inevitable. Everyone realizes that the rapid increase in the popularity of golf has brought about long waiting lists in all clubs throughout the country. Racebrook is no exception to the rule, for they

have plenty on their list, and then some, to take up the memberships now withheld for the students. Not only this but the financial and other benefits that members other than students would give to Racebrook cannot be overlooked. That the members of the club have not made this previous to now is due to the efforts of Mr. Prvde, their secretary. Naturally we students cannot expect that Mr Prvde will be there forever, and so when he leaves it is pretty safe to say that student memberships will be a thing of the past. If by the time this comes about we have not made any provision for a substitute Yale students will be without any golfing priveleges. Therefore I favor this new movement for the building of a college course as a safeguard against a complete loss of golf at Yale.

It would be most unnecessary to go into a discussion of the popularity of golf as an argument, for it is only too well realized by everyone. All that I can say now is that I hope that the movement will be successful and that it will be carried out immediately.

Hoping that you will call on me whenever I may be of assistance, I remain,

Very truly yours,

...*N. J. Lowell*...

Captain of Golf Team