

(Edward B. DeGroot, Jr.)

"At present I am completing my second year as Director of Athletics at the Kamehameha School for Boys in Honolulu, where my duties include the direction of physical education classes, the intramural program, coaching, and teaching units of hygiene and preparation for marriage and home life in the senior orientation courses. Previous to coming here, I had four years of experience in coaching and teaching physical education and academic subjects in three California high schools. During my three years at Vacaville High School, I was head of the physical education department and coached all sports with more than an average degree of success. Besides my coaching, physical education classes and intramural work in high schools, I have had several summers experience as life guard, pool director and swimming instructor with the Los Angeles City Recreation Department. I also held the position of assistant camp director for several summers in the Los Angeles Council Boy Scout Camp where my duties included the teaching of swimming, equitation and sports.

My training in physical education was obtained at Stanford University where I worked under Dr. Thomas E. Storey, John Bunn, Dr. N. P. Neilson, Dr. Walter Brown, Dink Templeton, and Tiny Thornhill. My credentials indicate that I did not complete quite all the requirements for a major in physical education before I obtained my degree of Master of Arts. This is explained by the fact that I decided to enter the teaching field quite late in my college career; and the large number of education courses required to obtain a teaching credential in California prevented my enrolling in some of the basic courses which I needed for a physical education major during my last year at Stanford. My work in graduate summer schools and my six years teaching experience, however, have been chiefly in physical education; and my thesis was written on a physical education subject. I expect to continue work in physical education in summer schools, although last summer it was interrupted by a trip around the world, which I felt was equally valuable. Besides my Master's degree, I obtained an administrative credential as well as the regular teaching credential while at Stanford. During my years in high school and college, I competed in football, basketball, track and swimming. I was on the All American Honor Roll in track for the year 1931.

Without any intention of being egotistical, I might add that I come from a "physical education family". My father, E. B. DeGroot, was the founder of the famous South Park Playgrounds in Chicago, was later Superintendent of Physical Education in the San Francisco Public Schools and is at present Scout Executive of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Council. My brother, Dudley, is head of the physical education department and head football coach at San Jose State College, California. We are all proud of my younger brother, Hugo, who, as a sophomore, is one of the nation's leading javelin throwers at U.S.C. this season!"