

"We need wholesome enjoyment for our youth."

"It is better to have directed activity than to just catch as catch can."

"We need principals with 'guts' to keep their program sane."

"The critics do not know of the boys who have been greatly helped."

"Local control is needed more than curtailment."

"Basketball is being judged by the exceptional cases or places where it is over-emphasized."

"The athlete has a much better chance in life."

"The critics are more or less out of step with today--usually have no boys and have never been athletes."

"Basketball may be the basis of evil if improperly directed just as money is an evil if improperly handled."

"Objections are usually merely personal feelings, or the statement of those who want a good story."

"The good derived from our basketball far out-numbersthe bad. The bad is so small that it has little significance in comparison."

There are 803 high schools in Indiana whose students play basketball. These high schools have certified 25,000 boys which means that 25,000 boys have been properly examined for physical defects and pronounced physically fit. There are many others who have been certified for football and other athletic activities.

There are possibly thirty colleges and accredited high institutions in Indiana. There are many more in states adjacent to Indiana where Indiana basketball players go. In fact, Indiana basketball players are enrolled in most of the major schools of the country. These boys have been helped either directly or indirectly in finance for their college education. It would probably be safe to estimate that twenty-five per cent of the athletes who graduate each year and enter college do so because of their interest in athletics and because they were encouraged to enter by offers of ways and means of defraying expenses in return for their services on the team.

The following schools answered basketball questionnaires: Anderson, Attica, Bloomfield, Bloomington, Bainbridge, Brazil, Bedford, Boswell, Cambridge City (Lincoln High School), Cayuga, Cloverdale, Crawfordsville, Crown Point, Dana, Evansville (Reitz High School), Earl Park, Fairbanks, Frankfort, Fort Wayne (South Side High School), Greencastle, Hartford City, Hillsboro, Huntington, Kingman, Kendallville, Lafayette (Jefferson High School), LaPorte, Ligonier, Linden, Linton, Logansport, Loogootee, Madison, Martinsville, Mecca, Michigan City, Montezuma, Morgantown, Muncie (Harrison Township High School), Newcastle, Nappanee, Newport, New Albany, North Manchester, Otter Creek, Oakland, Odon, Perrysville, Plainville, Plymouth, Rensselaer, Rosedale, Rushville, Shelyville, South Bend (Washington High School)