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in finding something else to take the place of our great team games as they are now enshrined in our competitive civilization. Intramurals will always be more or less "fooling play." Competitive athletics will always be serious play. Even if intramurals could supply, in the physical education program, the need for recreation, and at the same time build up the physical body so that it can successfully meet life's demands, with the revenue from athletics taken away there would be small chance for an appreciable system of intramurals to exist. The sole source of revenue for athletic and play purposes in many of our colleges is from the gate receipts of football games. Especially is this condition true in the colleges of the South. It seems unjust to say that commercialism is abroad in college life when the extermination of one sport would mean the curtailment of the possibilities of play. When it is a matter of making sports pay for sports, the plan is not commercialism.

This survey was made at the University of Kansas. You can see that the women students brought up the average. That is because they did not have that two hours of intensive, fatiguing, fundamental exercise.

Coaches today do not want the duller or the slow thinking athlete, so at the present time I believe that the best athletes are the brighter ones, but we still have the thick headed boy who does not want to work hard and wants to coast through college. Frankly I think you will find that the opinion varies as to the individual.

Sincerely yours

Since you have written me, I want to enclose a copy of the monthly letter that I write to boys who have been in athletics here and who are in the service now. I call this the Jayhawk Rebounds. Your Rebound from the backboard and then still another idea in naming the communication was the thought that we would rebound from the Japanazis. I started sending this letter to boys who played on my teams but now I send it to all the boys who desire it because the non-athlete fights the war just as heroically and brilliantly as the athlete.

If I have not made this clear, please feel free to write me again. At any rate I hope you will enjoy the athletic yarn.

Sincerely yours,

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