

might get into some home game, although they might not be valuable enough to be taken on a trip. Therefore this rule is actually discouraging the number of students who indulge in physical exercise rather than encouraging them to do so.

Further than this, the Big-Six this year cut the allowable number of games from 20 to 18, while the Big-Ten, the larger organization that the Big-Six was patterned after, has for years permitted their schools to compete in 20 games. Again, instead of allowing greater athletic participation, they are curtailing it.

Basketball does not incur a deficit. On the other hand a tidy net profit above equipment and coaching expenses is assured. Consequently, the same economies that might be practiced in a sport showing a deficit would not necessarily be imperative here.

Summing up all the legislation that has happened in the last year, it seems as if there is discouragement in physical participation and also a definite danger to the health in the legislation made in regard to basketball numbers and participation.

At the present time I find myself absolutely unable to pick the first ten men that will make the trip to Norman. Influenza riddled our squad on the eastern trip and we have at the present time three or four men definitely weakened from the effects of flu. Therefore, it is necessary to take a larger squad on account of this illness than the rules permit, and with the beginning of the season and an inexperienced squad I find that this rule definitely works a handicap. Of course, we will follow the rules, although I think they were discriminatory and not thought out fully, especially when we consider the health and welfare of our boys.