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"W.A.A. PROJECTS"

- Bell Miss Hoover, Irene and I have been spending a great deal of time on arrangements for the W.A.A. Play Day at K. U. this spring, and we think it would be interesting if you would tell us something of the origin of the Play Day.
- Hoover The Play Day began at K.U. back in 1922 or 1923, and was sponsored at that time by the Community Recreation class. It was assigned as a project for the class, and the activities were planned by the class members.
- McAdoo How many girls attended the Play Day at that time, Miss Hoover?
- Hoover About 75 girls came for the Play Day then, and those girls - usually high school seniors - certainly had a wonderful time.
- McAdoo Yes, I've been told that the girls were invited to come on Friday night, and the different sororities would entertain them. It must have been a big event in their lives. It really was an honor, too, to be chosen as one of the girls to come to K. U. for the Play Day, because they had to meet certain requirements in high school to be eligible.
- Bell In those days, too, the girls were guests at the Kansas Relays in the afternoon. They came on Friday night and registered, and then Saturday morning they had their Play Day activities. Irene, you are chairman of Play Day activities this year. How does it happen that the Play Day is scheduled for April 22, the same day as the Kansas Relays?
- McAdoo We had not planned to have the Play Day the same day as the Relays, but due to an incorrect date in the K Book we found both events were planned for the same day. After writing to different high schools we found that the majority of them wanted to have the Play Day Saturday morning, and then the girls could attend the Relays in the afternoon. The girls will register from 8:45 to 9:15 in the morning, and then the play activities begin.
- Bell Now, getting back to the origin of the Play Day, Miss Hoover. When was the sponsorship changed from the Community Recreation class to the Women's Athletic Association?
- Hoover Well, Virginia, in 1925 the State Women's Athletic Association took over the Play Day project. The state was divided into sections, each college and university being allotted certain counties. The girls in the high schools in these counties are invited for the Play Day. It was in 1927 that the change was made to a one day program, as we have it now.
- Bell I imagine the chaperones were being made gray-haired trying to keep track of their charges when the girls came on Friday night.
- McAdoo Yes, they were, Virginia. That was one reason for making the change of days. Miss Hoover, would you tell us something of the different types of Play Days?