Mr. Allphin

We are attempting to follow the Physical Education Curriculum which has been recommended by the National Physical Education Association. You have asked for this semester's program at the Oread Training School, where we do most of our Laboratory teaching. In the fall semester we have touch football, tumbling, volley ball and basketball, and during the spring semester we offer basketball, co-recreational activities, apparatus, golf, tennis and track. Swimming is offered in five divisions - elementary, intermediate, advanced, diving and life saving. The practice teachers are required, in addition to the laboratory teaching at Oread, to visit at some school other than K. U. once per week and make a report; also do cutside readings on the latest methods of teaching physical education.

Miss Litchen

What supervision do you give the practice teachers for boys at Oread? Is it daily, occasionally, or just what method do you use?

Mr. Allphin

We supervise our practice teachers daily while they are doing their laboratory teaching at Oread. We would also like to send them to other schools to teach, but have not done so yet. However, the practice teachers do observation at various schools and are rated on the report that they make of their visit. A short conference is usually held with the practice teacher after he has taught his class. The director makes criticisms and suggestions which will be helpful to him for his next class teaching, and which will ultimately help him in his profession after graduation from the University. The student teacher is graded by a rating blank which embraces several different items, such as punctuality, dressed in proper uniform, good organization of the class, the ability to motivate the pupils, and his ability to get the students to like him.

Miss Litchen

What qualities do the boys most admire in their practice teachers?

Mr. Allphin

The teacher of physical education should be a real teacher - one who has a sympathetic understanding of the boy, his needs, and the importance of socing him as an individual to be trained for complete living. The practice teacher should be able, under proper supervision, to organize the class so that it will develop the individualis interest in maintaining his bodily vigor, emotional balance and intellectual power. The boys admire frankness and also fairness of the student teachers. They also like to have the lesson progress without any interruptions.

Miss Litchen

Do your practice teachers supervise activities of many kinds, or are they responsible for just one sport, such as swimming?

Mr. Allphin

We endeavor to give the practice teacher as many teaching experiences as possible in different activities. They are rotated every five or six weeks.

Miss Litchen

Mr. Allphin, I understand that you wrote your thesis on "Present Practices of Supervision of Practice Teachers in Physical Education in Teacher Training Institutions."

Mr. Allphin

Yes, the summary of my study at the State University of Iowa indicated that state colleges and universities, private colleges and universities.