

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR HEALTH

Radio Program

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- Allphin Mr. Dill, I understand that broadcasting is not exactly a novelty to you -- that you give the K. U. News Flashes on the air. What are these news flashes?
- Dill The K. U. News Flashes are a brief newscast four days a week, originally put in to separate lessons in two different foreign languages.
- Allphin How do you give these news flashes?
- Dill I have a radio in my office, which is across the campus from the radio station, and when the announcer tells the listening audience that news flashes are next, I cut off the radio, and start broadcasting.
- Allphin For just two minutes?
- Dill Right close to two minutes, but being in the midst of the broadcast period I can steal a few seconds, especially if there is a good sports story coming up.
- Allphin Then you broadcast sports?
- Dill I include a few sports items on the air, but the principal work is in providing sports material for the newspapers. The athletic management has provided Mr. Horace Mason, as sports editor, for the News Bureau. And he is good. He knows Kansas sports and knows it well. He knows every college and university player in the Missouri Valley -- at least by record, and he knows what the Kansas boys are doing in high school. Just to show how good he is: at the high school meet in the last Kansas Relays the officials discovered they had some 130 boys entered for the 100-yard dash. They didn't know what to do, but Mason was able to pick out a score of cut-standing performers for heat leaders, thus preventing the bringing together of two top-notchers in the same heat -- he just knew his stuff.
- Allphin I take it, then, that you are interested in sports.
- Dill Indeed I am. I agree with John Griffith, Commissioner of the Big Ten, that sports news is clean news. It has all the clash and activity of general news, without the sordidness of crime and disaster. But say, we have gotten over onto the subject of sports. Now, I happen to know that you are the swimming coach, and there are some things I'd like to ask you. After all, this is supposed to be a "Physical Education For Health" program. I've already given it away to those folks out there listening, that you are the swimming coach, so I'm going to ask you which sport you think is best for Physical Education.
- Allphin Why, swimming, of course.
- Dill Now, why do you say that?
- Allphin Well, swimming gives exercise to the whole body, particularly the