

Hoover -- And here is another interesting thing from the standpoint of the women students themselves. On a recent poll of the women not only in Kansas but in many of the midwestern universities 85% felt that Physical Education should be required.

Dunkel -- That's rather surprising, Isn't it? Because I understood many students resented having to take Physical Education.

Hoover -- Yes, that seems to be the opinion, but nevertheless a larger percentage of the women still felt they should be required to take some activity, for they know they needed it and if rushed for study hours might not enroll unless required to do so. After all, I wonder how many students would enroll in Rhetoric if it were not required.

Dunkel -- The reason for making any requirement in a college course is to insure the essentials of education, which might be omitted (by the student) in a purely elective program. The poll you just mentioned, Miss Hoover, would indicate that the students themselves consider Physical Education such an essential, wouldn't it?

Sherbon -- Students really enjoy what they do in Physical Education these days, but they hate to dress and undress.

Hoover -- That, of course, was quite an item when the girl had to put on and take off six or more pounds of woolen bloomers, long silk hose, and a long sleeved middy blouse. But the modern girl in her shorts presents quite a contrast to the picture of the ladies basketball team in 1898.

Sherbon -- Say, speaking of ladies basketball teams, did they play interscholastic games then?

Dunkel -- Yes, indeed, they did. To be sure, Dr. Naismith says that with 6 posts to dodge in a 36' by 50' room, the game wasn't anything we might recognize now, but nevertheless they were playing interscholastic basketball - or shall we say dodge post basketball?

Sherbon -- Do you know of the recent ruling which the Delegate Assembly of the State High School Activity Association made on girls' basketball tournaments?

Hoover -- Yes, I had a letter from Mr. Thomas, their executive secretary, telling me that they had voted to abolish basketball tournaments for girls and to limit the number of inter-school games to 12 a year with not more than one per week. I think the Assembly should be highly commended on this step. If girls inter-scholastic competition could be ideally controlled there would be real values in inter-school play, but unfortunately the same evils which beset the commercialism in men's interscholastic athletics crept into the exploited girl's teams.

Sherbon -- What are some of these evils?

Hoover -- Too much attention is given to the varsity players at the expense of the large student body.

Sherbon -- Don't you feel the emphasis on winning distorts the real values of athletic competition?