

Dunkel -- Decidedly.

Sherbon --Of course, I am speaking about women's athletics. But since you are here, Dr. Allen, I would really like to know your philosophy concerning men's competitive athletics. Do you feel that the same evils exist in men's competition?

Dr. Allen-Yes, Miss Sherbon, there is always some evil connected with the best of things. Some of our friends are not able to differentiate between competitive athletics which are played for the fun of it by the athletes participating, and competitive athletics which are played for the huge financial income therefrom. The first is still sport but the latter is a huge business - not a sport. Professional baseball and professional football are not sports. They belong to the business realm.

Dunkel -- And no less objectionable to women is the aping of men's style of play and mannerisms, which makes for unwholesome behavior. The masculine, blatant girl who goes into professional athletics is no representative of the modern physical education ideal for women. In your opinion, Dr. Allen, is there any one who typifies the modern ideal of woman?

Dr. Allen-Yes indeed, Miss Dunkel, I have in mind Helen Wills Moody, artist, poet, scholar and athlete, a product of the new generation of women.

Haig Patigian, sculptor, in his studio in San Francisco, completed a bust of Helen Wills called "Helen of California". A Western magazine, commenting on this work, said:

"There is a new type of beauty abroad in the land. Her beauty is something more than mere candy-box prettiness for it rises from within. Her intellectual life, her physical ruggedness, and her artistic gift each have their share. There is something that shines out of the Helen Wills bust that is spiritual in character, - something not accounted for by the regular features, the shapely throat, the level brow.

I began to study, to find a name for the thing that struck me as it has struck the art world of half a dozen nations. And the word that I found for it is "poise".

Sherbon --Well, I hear lots of talk about the physical education type. I'd like to know what is meant by that "type".

Hoover -- That idea of type has persisted as a result of the days when women in physical education thought they had to wear ground grippers, sailor hats, tailored suits.

Dunkel -- And most of them neckties. Fortunately, that species is practically extinct by now and its ideal is obsolete.

Hoover -- Our modern program of physical education with its very complete dance program, opportunities for participation in darts, tennis, ping pong, horse-shoes, swimming, badminton, and co-educational recreation offers an appeal to every type of girl. No longer is the gymnasium attractive only to varsity girls with great athletic ability.