

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR HEALTH

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- Allen (Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director of Physical Education and Varsity Basketball Coach and Glenn Oatman, Present Kansas Amateur golf champion and nationally ranking golf star.)
- Allen Glenn, there are certain definite qualities which go to make up a real champion. Many of these qualities can be seen in a boy in his every day life. A champion is not made by accident, but rather by design, and I believe you are a good example of a champion having been made by design. I imagine that you dreamed of being a champion a thousand times before you became one. Isn't that true, Glenn?
- Oatman Well, yes, Doc, I have haddreams of holding a crown all my life, but it seemed like a dream even when I won my first major tournament.
- Allen The thing I admire about your achievements, Glenn, is the fact that a fellow like you who weighs but 120 pounds and sits on the amateur golf throne of these two states - Missouri and Kansas - won his spurs by mastering this game through fine concentration, perfect coordination, timing and rhythm, and an indefatigable desire to make gray matter count over bulk. Now I'd like to ask you a question. In my own mind I think I already know your answer, but I'd like to know the most to you which do you consider the most valuable - your diploma from the School of Business of the University of Kansas or your golf championships?
- Oatman I would rather have the diploma, of course, but why can't one have both? One must be able to do many things in present day competition.
- Allen Right! And that is what most any intelligent fellow would say. Naturally he should put his education first, but why shouldn't he have pleasure plus the mastery of certain games as he goes along through life? That is what I have always maintained - that athletics should serve as a favorable introduction to society and business. That is exactly what you have done with your golf. You have re-created your body, you have made many fast friends, you have become a champion, and withal you are still a very young man.
- Oatman Yes, I remember when I was ill and I used to play golf to beat back and recover my health, and during that time I learned patience and self-control. But after all, I don't know whether beating back from my illness taught me more patience than the golf or not. Golf is granted by many to be the greatest character builder there is. However I can't say it has helped me so much. True enough, lack of self-control in competition defeats your own purpose since you are your own greatest opponent in this solo game.
- Allen Glenn, I'm glad to hear you make that remark because I know a number of great athletes - Glenn Cunningham, Brutus