

Hoover: You must have 19 hours of education, Ruth, 4 hours of which are practice teaching. These courses, as you can understand, are very important for they give the teacher an insight into the needs and methods of handling students and ways of presenting materials to those students.

Baker: How many hours must I have for graduation?

Hoover: You must have 124 hours for graduation, Ruth. At least 30 of these must be in physical education; 19 hours of education, and 20 hours in a minor. Too often, particularly in Kansas, the schools are unable to afford an instructor who teaches physical education alone. This minor makes it possible for the physical education instructor to teach another subject. We only hope that before long the legislature of Kansas will pass more stringent laws governing the requirement of physical education in all the schools, then our majors will teach only physical education. During the war 8 states enacted laws for state-wide physical education. In 1923, 20 additional states followed. Today, Kansas is one of the very few states that does not have such a law.

Baker: Is the physical education major a particularly difficult course?

Hoover: I wish I could have the girls, themselves, here to answer that for you, Ruth. I am sure they would say that it is certainly not a snap course, nor is it an unfair one. They resent the insinuation that is so often made, that physical education is an easy course. This course requires not only mental ability but physical coordination and stamina as well. The strain on a physical education teacher is more, I believe, than on any other teacher for she must not only know her material, and be able to present it, but she must be able to instill enthusiasm into her students and be physically able to be active for at least 6 hours a day.

Baker: How do the facilities and equipment of your department compare with those of other schools?