

only paid a tidy sum for singing in a church choir, but in addition is given credit toward graduation for his singing in that choir.

No credit is given the athlete for participating in daily two hour practice drills on the football field, or for playing in a regularly scheduled contest. But if he should go down town and play in any competitive game with an outside team, even without remuneration, he would automatically become ineligible. If the athlete should referee an intramural game of any kind for the same amount of money that the singer receives for his one hour's work, the athlete immediately becomes a professional and is ineligible to play. When playing games for his school in intercollegiate athletic contests no academic credit is given for this activity, but credit toward graduation is given a member of the band for his services.

It is thinkable that you could take athletic coaching by correspondence and maybe you could get a job at some fine school, but it is improbable. By earning a varsity letter you feel that you have filled one of the laboratory requirements. If you desired to teach history or chemistry, you could carry the minimum the school required and you could take as long as you desire to complete the course. But if you care to participate in intercollegiate athletics you must possess 28 hours of academic credit the two preceding semesters before you can enter the game laboratory of athletic instruction.

A recent survey was conducted in one of our co-educational mid-western universities to determine what percentage of the male student body was eligible for athletic competition under the present ruling of 28 hours of passing work the two preceding semesters. The findings were interesting. Out of a total enrollment of 2700 men students, 1240 were eligible and 1460 were ineligible; a little less than 46% were eligible for athletic participation had they the ability and desire for varsity athletic competition. Undeniably it is unjust to the athlete to focus so much attention upon the undesirable reflection that he brings upon his school and himself when his class grades render him ineligible for intercollegiate competition.