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INTRODUCTION

Intramurals is a phase of the modern concept of recreation that is striving toward meeting the challenge of individual fulfillment. The term intramurals conveys the idea of more informal student participation in various kinds of physical recreation and non-strenuous activities involving special interests and skills. Every student, regardless of ability, is offered the opportunity of participating in scheduled, competitive and free play sports activities. Such activities are fostered in an effective intramural program.

Intramural programs vary throughout many universities depending upon location, organization, administration, financing, facilities, and student participation, but most include sport programs for both men and women. Whether initiated within walls of the women's physical education department or another form of administrative organization, women's intramurals is a recognized student recreational activity on a majority of campuses.

Women's intramural programs within the universities of the Big Eight Conference involve unique situations, favorable ideals, recognizable differences, and valuable developments, but all have a similar goal in mind -- meeting the needs and interests of the female college students.

To achieve this broad objective, the women's intramural programs must be constantly evaluated. Discussing and reviewing programs from various other schools aids in effective evaluation. Therefore, a study which combines the elements of the eight designated programs would seem to be a contribution to the profession.

PURPOSE OF STUDY

The purpose of this study was to compile the individual descriptions of the existing women's intramural programs in each university of the Big Eight Conference, thus providing a source of information that women's intramural directors or co-ordinators of women's intramurals may refer to for obtaining ideas and suggestions for program improvement and methods of implementation.

METHOD OF STUDY

A thirty-item questionnaire (Appendix A) was prepared and sent to each university in the Big Eight Conference, excluding Kansas State University. All questionnaires were returned filled out according to what was applicable to each school's situation.

The questionnaire, in rough form, was first reviewed and discussed by the seven women representing their schools at the Big Eight Conference for Intramural Directors on February 11 and 12, 1971.

The title 'Women's Intramural Director' is an accepted and inclusive title used in this study, but was not applicable to all the school philosophies, thus the names of the individual women concerned with intramurals and their exact titles are listed in Appendix C.

The questionnaire consisted of nine parts concerning the women's intramural programs: organization, finances, administration, sports program, facilities and supervision, publicity, points and awards, student participation and the women's intercollegiate program.