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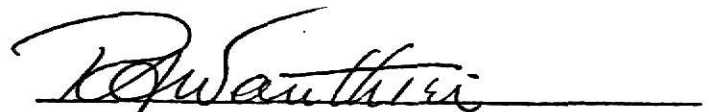
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INTRODUCTION

Women's sports competition in the past, especially in the high schools, was frowned upon by most communities and administrations. The female was considered too frail to participate in such strenuous activity. However, in this present era of emphasis on physical fitness and recreation, there has been a decided upswing or increase in the number of women participating in sports.

This recent upswing appears to have caused increased activity in the area of women's interscholastic sports, but, even with added support by the administration and community, any progress will be slow.

Traditionally, sports in high schools have belonged to the boys except in a few cases. Discrimination between boys and girls in high school athletics began when educational programs were first established. Facilities and time, if insufficient for both boys and girls, belonged first to the boys. The same held true for coaches.

Purpose

The writer, because of an interest in girls' sports and coaching, decided to investigate through a survey, the status of women's sports in her home State of Kansas. The purpose of such a survey was to reveal certain data or general information involved in women's interscholastic sports which might assist the present coaches, future physical education majors and