

faculty control, and that the results derived from this condition are highly beneficial. It may therefore be claimed, without danger of being contradicted, that at the present time very few colleges support athletics for commercial reasons.

Of a more serious nature is the charge that has been frequently made, that athletes suffer permanent physical injury. Fortunately, this charge has never been substantiated by evidence. A careful search through the many articles in which this charge is made, fails to reveal any evidence that would support the contention. As a matter of fact, it has been proven permanently that college graduates who, during their college life, have participated in athletics live longer than the fellow graduates who have not taken part in athletics. This has been proven by a comprehensive study made by Professor Anderson of Yale University. Further proof has been adduced by a recent study made by Dr. Meylan in charge of the Physical Department of Columbia University of New York City.

The most important objection to college athletics, and the one of which the most capital has been made, is the charge that athletics are detrimental to the interest of scholarship. The staunchest proponent of this charge is President William T. Foster of Reed College of Portland, Oregon. His indictment, however, is based on facts gathered here and there in colleges where the sporting and commercial aims in athletics have attained undue prominence. It must be remembered that such aims in athletics prevail in a few colleges only. Dr. Foster, in order to remedy this condition, introduced in Reed College a system of inter-mural athletics. In accordance with this system, the Reed students are not permitted to participate in inter-collegiate athletics; instead, teams are formed within the classes and societies of the college, and games are played between them. Thus, basketball was worked this year at Reed College under this system. Only a few days ago, Coach Hugo Bezdek, of Oregon University, proved by figures that Reed's inter-mural system was more detrimental to the interest of scholarship than the system of inter-collegiate athletics which prevails in all other collegiate institutions. It was a comparatively easy matter for Coach Bezdek to prove his contention. While the number of games that can be played between colleges must necessarily be small, such a restriction cannot apply to games that are played by various factions within a college. The result was that more basketball games were played at Reed and that more time was lost by the students of Reed in practicing for those games, in playing and in witnessing them, than can be said of the pupils of other institutions.

Having thus proven the charges against inter-collegiate athletics to be based upon untrue evidence, it remains for us to determine what in-