

## Recent Dissertations

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Arthur, David J. "The University of Notre Dame, 1919-1933: An Administrative History," (University of Michigan, 1973). This is a historical study of the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana during the years 1919-1933. It focuses on the most critical policy and procedural decisions made by those in authority. One aspect deals with the emergence of football under Coach Knute Rockne and, for that reason, may be of interest to sport historians.

Barnett, Clarence Robert. "College Athletics and Physical Education in Ohio During the Depression," (Ohio State University, 1972). The purpose of Barnett's research was to determine the trends which began to emerge or continued to develop in Ohio college athletics and physical education during the Depression. These trends included the number and type of intercollegiate athletic teams, athletic income, intramural program structure and function, and physical education program structure and function.

Brightman, Dorothy L. "Alternative Patterns and Values of Play, Games, and Sport in America," (University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1979). The purpose of this study was to investigate the changing characteristics, norms, values, and structures of play, games, and sport in the United States as seen by dissenting subgroups and individuals during the years 1972-1977. In this contemporary historical analysis Brightman made an extensive review of selected books, newspapers, and magazines, especially those published by the "alternative press." She concluded, among other things, that many of the inequities, incongruities, and irregularities continue to be irritants and sponsor corrective action.

Buckles, Eddie. "A History of Physical Education and Athletics at Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College," (Ohio State University, 1972). The study begins with the founding of Alcorn A&M in 1871 and terminates with the year 1971. Buckles identifies the major persons and events that have

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shaped the physical education and athletics history of this Lorman, Mississippi school founded for the education of blacks.

Candelaria, Cordelia C. "Baseball in American Literature: From Ritual to Fiction," (University of Notre Dame, 1976). The subject of this dissertation is novel-length, American prose fiction about baseball. It examines the transition of baseball as a literary motif from folk ritual to pure fiction.

Cox, John O. "The Impact of Legal Decisions Rendered from 1970-1976 Pertaining to State Athletic Association and Public School Board Eligibility Rules for Student Participation in Sport," (Iowa State University, 1976). This is an analysis of court decisions related to the authority and regulatory function of state athletic associations in the United States with the intent of suggesting eligibility guidelines for public school athletic policies and rules. Court cases since 1970 and those before 1970 still standing as precedent setting or leading cases were reviewed. Recommendations are included in this study.

Domer, Thomas M. "Sport in Cold War America, 1953-1963: The Diplomatic and Political Use of Sport in the Eisenhower and Kennedy Administrations," (Marquette University, 1976). This study examines the extent to which the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations utilized the diplomatic and political potential of sport to mobilize foreign and domestic opinion behind Administration policy objectives. It suggests that from 1953-1963 American Presidents, executive departments and agencies, the Congress, the media, and sport officialdom illustrated through their growing concern and involvement that sport had become a significant political and diplomatic vehicle in the Cold War.

Glenn, G. Dale. "The History of the Indiana School Athletic Association," (Indiana University, 1975). Using primary and secondary sources Glenn examined the origin and historical evolution of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. His findings are presented in an historical narrative which does not attempt to evaluate the quality of the work or render judgment on the effectiveness of the Association.

Graber, Paul N. "A Biography of Elwood Craig Davis: Philosopher, Educator, Scholar," (University of Utah, 1979). This glowing account of the contributions of Elwood C. Davis, a leader in the field of physical education in the United States for approximately 50 years, was based upon a retrospective survey conducted by Graber and corroborated by historical data.

Gray, Judith A. "To Want to Dance: A Biography of Margaret H'Doubler," (University of Arizona, 1978). The life and work of Margaret H'Doubler, a

pioneer in the field of dance education, is correlated with the historical development of higher education in America during the first half of the twentieth century. Gray's study points out that H'Doubler exemplified the integration of art, science, and the promise of man.

Healy, John W. "Art and Sport: A Comparison," (Columbia University Teachers College, 1977). This study presents some of the similarities and differences in art and sport, limiting its focus primarily to painting and sculpture in art and to boxing and wrestling in sport. Of the common aspects of art and sport Healy examines feedback, play style, self-discovery, and increased awareness.

Holland, Robert H. "The Origin and Development of Interscholastic Athletics Through the Georgia High School Association," (University of Georgia, 1972). Holland wrote a comprehensive historical account of interscholastic athletics under the jurisdiction of the Georgia High School Association using primary and secondary resource materials and supplementing this with personal interviews of selected leaders.

Jenkins, Jane R. "Social Dance in North Carolina Before the Twentieth Century—An Overview," (University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1978). In order to determine the extent to which early settlers in North Carolina participated in social dance Jenkins perused materials in archives and special collections located in North Carolina. She found that the inhabitants of the State before the twentieth century vigorously participated in social dance as a recreational pursuit in spite of opposition by church leaders.

Jenson, Judith L. "The Development of Standards for Women's Athletics and Their Influence on Basketball Competition in the State of New York," (Ohio State University, 1972). The purpose of Jensen's study was to investigate the development of standards for women's athletics in the antecedent and affiliated organizations, and to determine the influence of the standards on intercollegiate basketball competition in New York State. Data were compiled from the archives and publications of the DGWS and other organizations, interviews, and personal correspondence with selected individuals.

Keamey, June F. "The History of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics in Ohio, 1945-1972." (Ohio State University, 1973). Outstanding leaders and significant events in the growth of women's intercollegiate competition in the state of Ohio from 1945-1972 provided the focus for Kearney's study. Data were gathered from selected interviews, minutes from organizations directly associated with women's intercollegiate sports, as well as various other primary and secondary sources.

Kingston, George E. "The Organization and Development of Ice Hockey During Childhood in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, and Canada," (University of Alberta, Canada, 1977).

Kudler, Harvey. "Bernard Malamud's *The Natural* and Other Oedipal Analogs in Baseball Fiction," (St. John's University, 1976). The aim of Kudler's research was to resolve the surrealistic plot and characters of Bernard Malamud's first novel, *The Natural*, so that its baseball setting and strange protagonist, Roy Hobbs, could be understood in comparison with 1) Malamud's canon and 2) the other serious baseball novels that followed its publication in the two decades after 1952. A major conclusion of this work is that all future serious baseball fiction will of necessity reflect the same Oedipal elements—mythic and sexual—which Malamud discovered in the game and then incorporated into *The Natural*.

Laird, Nancy L. "The Evolution of Competitive Distance Running Programs For Women in the United States," (University of Houston, 1978). Laird examined the forces which have affected the development of competitive sports for women in the United States and traced the growth and progress of women's middle distance track programs and the opportunities for women to compete in cross-country and distance running events.

Leishman, Courtney M. Stanley Howard Watts: Man of Excellence," (Brigham Young University, 1976). In this work Leishman wrote a biography of Stanley Howard Watts with an emphasis upon his 23-year career as basketball coach at Brigham Young University (1949-1972).

McFarland, John M. "A History of the Role Played by the Military in the Development of Competitive Sport in Nova Scotia 1930-1969," (Springfield College, 1978). McFarland examined government documents, conducted interviews, and used a questionnaire to gather data for this study. He found that the military played a large role in the development of competitive sport in Nova Scotia. Many of the athletic administration personnel at the University were ex-servicemen. The military made the public more aware of some competitive sports such as Canadian football, squash, cricket, and swimming. In addition, the military built many excellent sports facilities and fostered their use by civilian groups.

Mechikoff, Robert A. "The Politicization of the XXI Olympiad," (Ohio State University, 1977). The primary research implement in Mechikoff's study was an in-depth literary review of pertinent material dealing with the Berlin Olympics of 1936 through the 1976 Games in Montreal. Those political acts of a national and international nature which had a direct affect upon the Games were of primary concern. The study concluded that athletes have

become pawns of their governments. The Games have become a political forum with nations waging war against each other through their athletes, equating victories in the Olympics with a superior social and political system.

Munsche, Peter B. "The Game Laws in England, 1671-1831," (University of Toronto, 1978). The Game Act of 1671 gave the English gentry a legal monopoly on hunting game. Munsche studied the social and economic impact of the game laws gathering his data from quarter sessions records, estate archives, personal diaries, and provincial newspapers. A major conclusion of the study is that repeal of the Act in 1831 showed that money, not land, was the increasing arbitrator of status in English society.

Nightingale, Thomas W. "A History of Physical Education, Sport, Recreation and Amusement in Cincinnati, Ohio in the Nineteenth Century," (Ohio State University, 1979). Cincinnati, Ohio was a most unique nineteenth century city, proffers Nightingale, but has failed to receive the recognition it deserves. This study identifies significant events, institutions, agencies, and individuals contributing to its uniqueness. The Cincinnati Historical Society proved to be the single most important source of Nightingale's data.

Rominger, Donald W. Jr. "The Impact of the United States Government's Sports and Physical Training Policy on Organized Athletics During World War II," (Oklahoma State University, 1976). The study concluded that sport was utilized to promote attitudes conducive to combativeness, physical fitness, and esprit de corps, and that the heavy investment in war fitness and athletic programs during the war led to increasing vocational and popular interest in these fields by returning United States troops.

Shannon, Ella W. "The Life and Professional Contributions of Elmer Dayton Mitchell to American Physical Education and Sport," (Ohio State University, 1975). Shannon chronicles the contributions of Elmer D. Mitchell to physical education and sport in the United States and concludes that his most important contributions lie in three areas: 1) as a pioneer in intramural athletics, 2) as the editor of three prominent professional periodicals, and 3) as a leader in developing physical education curricula.

Vanderpool, Kenneth G. "The Attitude of Selected Nineteenth Century Disciples of Christ Leaders Regarding Physical Activity," (Temple University, 1973). Vanderpool studied the writings of four nineteenth century Disciples of Christ leaders (Thomas Campbell, 1763-1854, Alexander Campbell, 1786-1866, Barton W. Stone, 1772-1844, and Walter Scott, 1796-1861) to determine their attitude toward physical activity and their concept of the spiritual significance of the body.

Williams, Brien R. "An Analysis of Televised Professional Football in 1975," (Northwestern University, 1976). Williams analyzed telecasts of National Football League games broadcast over the three major commercial networks in the United States during 1975 to learn their structural components, the extent to which television mediates the game event, and the ways in which televised football is similar to drama.

Willoughby, Avalee, "History and Philosophical Foundation of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics at Samford University, 1900-1970," (University of Alabama, 1972). This is a study of the historical aspects and the philosophical bases of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics at Samford University (Howard College), a private, church-related, urban institution located in Birmingham, Alabama. It revealed that in the seventy years studied some administrators placed greater emphasis on the program of athletics, using it to cement the college's relationship with the Baptist denomination, alumni, and friends, while other administrators labored to produce a balanced program in all phases of health, physical education, recreation, and athletics.

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