

# TEACHER REACTION

## Best Physical Education Journalism

I have just finished reading my first ever, copy of your journal (October-November 1988). Allow me the opportunity to congratulate you and your staff on some of the best physical educational journalism, philosophy, and fundamentals that I have read since I left Springfield College. I will pass my copy on to others because I feel that all physical educators should be aware of your fine journal and should also renew their thoughts.

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## Concerned About Editorial

I am a sophomore at Portland Adventist Academy. Recently I came across an article written by one of your associate editors entitled, "Reasons We Should Cease and Desist From Interschool Sports" (Editorial, October-November 1988). This article concerns me a great deal. Our school is in the state-organized high school league, and we are a Class A school. We have several varsity sports, but basketball is the one that most students try out for.

Some of the problems that Dr. Akers stated are incorrect. Our team has not become a look-alike "worldly" group of people. Before every home game we have prayer before the whole crowd. I feel that our opponents have respect for what we do. In fact, many of the teams from Christian schools also have prayer before each game.

My friends and teammates are not becoming gladiators, as Dr. Akers suggests. I think that the way he defines the word suggests that it is an unholy thing to compete with someone else. Every Adventist who is against competition should look into his own life. There are things that competition can teach us, like learning to lose gracefully. Some Adventist young folk and their parents cannot handle losing because they never learned how to be good losers.

Not everyone who is involved in sports is a "dumb jock." I am an honor student, and have done very well in school. I know of many others who put a higher priority on schoolwork than on sports.

Being 6'10", I am a key player on the basketball team. I know of at least three public school coaches who would love to have me on their team. But what

does an Adventist athlete do after he has gone through high school? If we eliminate all interschool sports on SDA campuses, where will they go? Many already go on to public colleges to showcase their talents. Organizations like Athletes in Action or Fellowship of Christian Athletes do not fully use the potential of talented Adventist athletes.

I feel that there are many people who do not realize how valuable sports can be. But articles like Dr. Akers' will continue to keep the disapproval toward competition unneeded and controversial.

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## Appreciates Magazines

I would like to acknowledge the receipt of two packages of back issues of THE JOURNAL OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION. I here wish to register my very many thanks for the magazines.

Members of our school staff and myself are finding them inspirational. In fact, the journals are creating an impact on our teaching. Topics like basics of Adventist education, Integrating faith

and religion, sex education, Christian marriage, and so on have stimulated staff interest. The journal is a classic, a teachers' ministry.

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## Excellent and Timely

I want to commend you for publishing the excellent and timely article, "Fixing the Schools" (December 1988-January 1989). Dr. Hancock has raised some important points for our consideration.

I would like to request permission to make photocopies available for distribution to school board chairpersons and members in the Montana Conference.

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