



Miss Kingston

Girls' Basketball

Dear Nellie:

The study bells have just rung which means we are all supposed to be in our own rooms and studying but I think I will just begin the evening by writing you about the exciting basketball game we just played. For some time now we have been working awfully hard so we would be chosen to play on our class teams. The big thrill came today when Miss Kingston announced the names of those who had been selected. Imagine my joy to hear I had been picked for a forward on the Freshman team. There's a lot of Freshmen girls and it's easy to see where we who were chosen are going to have to work awfully hard if we expect to hold those places. The Seniors chose to play against us tonight for the first game of the inter-class tournament. I guess they were afraid of all the other classes. They sure had us guessing what it was all about and if they were afraid of the other classes I shudder to think what our final rating will be in the tournament. Those senior girls have played together two years now and do they ever have all the fine points of teamwork, plus an uncanny skill at shooting baskets! They consoled us by telling us the Freshmen usually lost most of the games which I suppose all goes to show what practice does for one. You may think basketball is the only thing we do around here but you should have heard all that excitement tonight to appreciate what it really means. I didn't know how much class spirit meant until we started these games.

Just wish you could see this gym and the gorgeous swimming pool. You see one day we have gymnasium class and the next day we swim and so on through the week. I was the first Freshman girl to go off the diving board. Three months ago when we Freshmen girls were all floundering in the shallow water, how enviously we watched those Junior and Senior girls diving and swimming around in the other end of the pool. It seemed impossible that we should ever be able to do the same thing. Now I can dive off the diving board and swim the length of the pool. I have learned two different strokes, of course I can't do them perfectly but I guess that also comes

with practice. I know I am going to enjoy my summers a lot more now that I have learned to swim.

Already some of the older students are beginning to talk about Field Day. This is another inter-class affair held the last Saturday before commencement and is really a final examination to see how much physical education we have acquired. One can go out for any number of events such as 40-yard dash, relay races, high jump, broad jump, and basket shooting, to say nothing of the swimming events. I've about decided to practice up for basket shooting and the diving events. Of course, some of the others will probably beat me but at least I'm going to try. I've decided that when I get through at this school I'm not going to be like the cheerful cherub who said:

It's not for things that I have done
That make me wipe this eye;
It's things I could and should have done
And simply failed to try.

You may think all this exercise is awfully strenuous along with a full day of classes but you've no idea how a workout in the gym or a plunge in the pool relaxes a tired mind that has been struggling with mental gymnastics all day. There's a sign on the bulletin board in the gymnasium that says, "Physical education is character education in practice." I'm learning a little more every day just how much that really means.

Studies call and I must answer. I'm afraid this has been very much about myself but I shall expect you to do likewise when you write.

Love,
NANCY.

P. S.—I've learned a lot of new games. I'm anxious to try them out at our club meetings next summer.

Top Row—Freshmen: J. Barrett, C. Dalager, G. Olson, A. Swenson, Capt. Juniors: A. Hofstad, Capt., R. Lerud, G. Gustafson, A. Sovick, M. Rasmussen.

First Row—Freshmen: D. Hegreberg, B. Jeffery, M. Blakely. Juniors: M. Nisbet, B. Burseth, I. Tasa.

Top Row—Seniors: O. Steen, I. Holst, E. Maattala, L. Hanson, Capt. Advanced: F. Field, Capt., L. Peterson, H. Carlson, L. Eide.

First Row—Seniors: A. Urbaniak, J. Starnes. Advanced: A. Olson, G. Lindholm, M. Byson.

