

AN INTERCULTURAL APPROACH TO CHINESE AND FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES



中外大学校园文化对比研究



Unit 8 College Sport

Discussion 1: Chap5 from "The Price of Admission"

Discussion 2: What is the value of sports on campus?

<http://news.fudan.edu.cn/2016/0520/41562.html>

.....包信和致开幕辞，他表示，运动会是智慧的较量，是力量的展示，是激情的飞扬。从1909年复旦公学的首届校运会的成功开幕到1940年抗日战争期间运动会的艰难举办，再到新中国历届校运会的圆满召开，每届校运会皆以凝视生命运动之美和体会不屈精神的视角记录着百年复旦拼搏进取之生气，承载着百年复旦人爱国荣校之情感，也锻造出一代代身强体健、精神饱满，服务于国家的复旦学子。一年一度的校运会是全校的体育盛事，是广大师生展示风采、促进交流的舞台，也加强了校园精神文明建设，提升了校园文化品位。

Why sports become part of university landscape?

<http://chronicle.com/blogs/brainstorm/can-we-get-rid-of-sports-on-campus-now/41170>

Can We Get Rid of Sports on Campus Now?

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By [Laurie Essig](#)

.....Sports are good for us, sports **produce productive people** who will be successful in the world, playing sports **makes better students**, and sports will **make a man out of you**. These are, of course, ideological claims with very little evidence to back them up. But sports came into higher education as ideology in the first place and they ain't leaving until the ideology is no longer useful.

Why sports become part of university landscape?

It is "muscular Christianity" that introduced sports to higher education in the first place.

What is "muscular Christianity"?

Muscular Christianity is a Christian commitment to piety and physical health, basing itself on the New Testament which sanctions the concepts of character and well-being.

The movement came into vogue during the Victorian era and stressed the need for energetic Christian evangelism in combination with an ideal of vigorous masculinity. Historically, it is most associated with the English writers Charles Kingsley and Thomas Hughes, and in Canada with **Ralph Connor**, though the name was bestowed by others. Kingsley and Hughes promoted physical strength and health as well as an active pursuit of Christian ideals in personal life and politics. Muscular Christianity has continued itself through organisations that combine physical and Christian spiritual development.

Muscular Christianity (from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muscular_Christianity)

What college sports bring to us?

Public face of the university

Selling point of the admission offices of universities

Public-relations machine

Money-maker (eg. Penn State: 19.5 million in spending vs 73 million in return)

Advantages

What college sports bring to us?

Undermining the integrity of our institutions (Penn State Scandal)

Classes cancelled to accommodate TV broadcast schedules (tuition wasted)

Huge amount of money spent on athletes and their coaches rather than on academic professionals.

Demanding more attention from fans.

Disadvantages

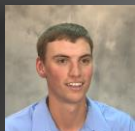
Discussion 3: What is your view of "student athletes"?

Student athletes @ <http://stories.harvard.edu/videos/322>

"I never felt competition against other people - I felt competition within myself trying to do the best I could academically."

"To sell out every home game...to see that transformation and be a part of that foundation."

"It was definitely a challenge to play both baseball and the role of a Harvard student."



Discussion 4: What's your view of "刷早锻"? ?

Discussion 5: PE as passport to degree

国家学生体质健康标准（2014年修订）

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9. 学生测试成绩评定达到良好及以上者，方可参加评优与评奖；成绩达到优秀者，方可获体育奖学分。测试成绩评定不及格者，在本学年度准予补测一次，补测仍不及格，则学年成绩评定为不及格。普通高中、中等职业学校和普通高等学校学生毕业时，《标准》测试的成绩达不到50分者按结业或肄业处理。

Discussion 6: Sport courses

Next week - Campus Violence

