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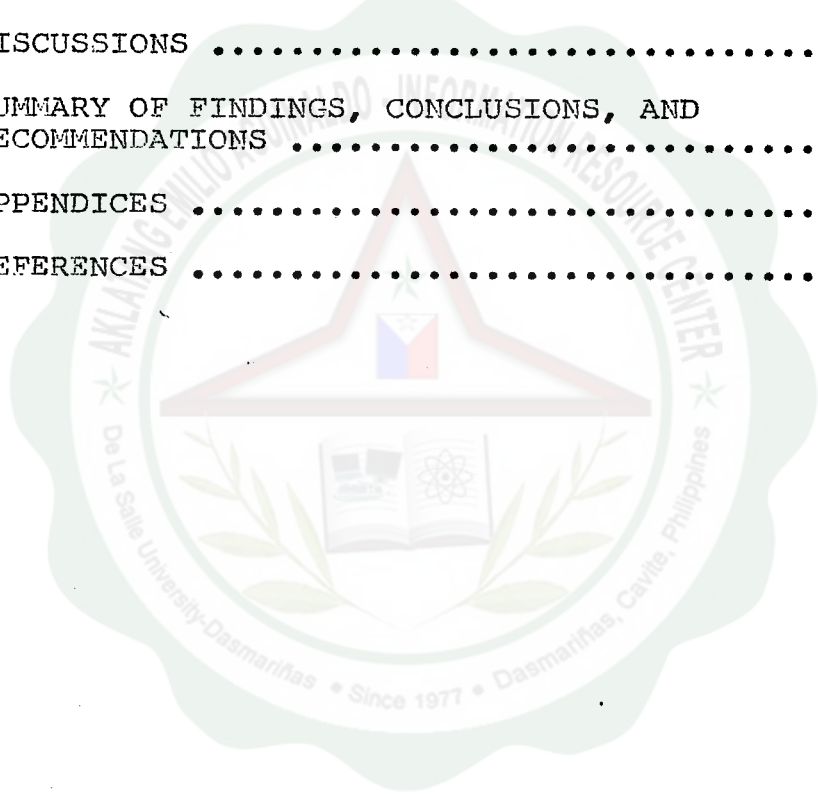
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ABSTRACT

This study is a descriptive type of research. It aims to compare the perceptions on women in competitive sports as seen by two generations. Differences in generation (young and middle), socio-economic status (low, middle, high) and sex are the independent variables, while, perceptions on women engaged in competitive sports is the dependent variable. A Likert type of questionnaire which was constructed based on three American theories, namely; the Amazon Myth, Ladylike Sports and Athletic Personality, was pre-tested among fifty respondents. After the administration of the revised questionnaire, perceptions of 120 subjects obtained through purposive sampling were tested with the use of the three way analysis of variance and Dunnett's test for significance.

Results obtained revealed that there is a significant difference between generations as a whole with regard to their perception on women in sports. Perceptions of respondents in each income level were also found to be significantly different. However, there was no significant difference with regard to the sex variable. Considering the interactions, only generation and income level were found to be significant. The other interactions between generation and sex, income level and sex, and generation, income level and sex were not found to be significant.

