

MEN'S STUDENT COUNCIL  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

March 19, 1942

*Begin  
Monday,  
March 30*

Dr. F. C. Allen, Director  
Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

This afternoon I was in your office to give you the letter you requested, and your secretary gave me the letter you had written that morning.

I deeply regret that a misunderstanding has arisen. We planned to send you a letter on Monday, but after the morning rally we thought it best to wait until you returned, and in the meantime quietly go ahead, assuring you of more specific and definite details.

On Monday afternoon we called a meeting of campus leaders, and enrolled many of them in the calisthenics class. It was our idea to quietly enroll a nucleus of student leaders, and then, after they were enrolled, to speak to you, get a quotation or possibly a whole story from you, and release the complete plans to the Kansan. Unfortunately, the Kansan did not withhold the story as we had planned, and consequently the premature story of which you speak was printed. It was our plan not to release any story until full plans were made, including the names of campus leaders whose participation would add prestige to the class. But as you know far better than I do, newspaper reporters often misconstrue the best of plans.

Our plan was to ask you if it would be possible to begin the classes Monday afternoon, March 23. But in view of the recent developments, and the remarkable basketball success (of which we are all very proud), the class of course will have to be postponed until you feel you can make the necessary arrangements. We have notified the newspaper of the postponement.

As indicated in the MSC Questionnaire, and from the general student reaction, it appears most desirable to make this strictly a rigid calisthenics class, in which the students are drilled and toughened solely in calisthenics.

If possible, I should like to arrange an appointment with you for Monday, March 23, which, I understand, is the earliest date that you will be at your office. I think you will agree with me that the class should begin at the earliest date possible.

