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Chancellor D. W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

Several problems come to mind as I think over the new program for this year. Some of these problems will have to be decided by the policies committee, while others are of a departmental nature.

(1) First is the whole question of exemptions. My understanding is that boys out for Varsity Athletics will be excused from the regular physical education classes during the time they are out for a varsity team. Also, those boys enrolled in our regular professional courses 31, 32, 33 and 34M should not be required to participate in the required program since they will be taking "gym" five times a week in the professional course. Furthermore, boys acting as student assistants or instructors should not be required to do more work than they will already be doing as instructors. Then there will be certain others who will be excused by the committee because of health deficiencies or for other reasons.

(2) How many cuts of either the excused or unexcused variety should be allowed in these classes? What will be the penalty for too many cuts - failure? If a boy fails in these required courses will he be allowed to make up the work or will he be prevented from graduating because of failure to satisfactorily pass his physical conditioning courses? It seems to me that the attitude the committee takes upon this problem can easily make or break our program.

(3) What will constitute an adequate excuse from the swimming requirement? If the medical department certifies that swimming is dangerous to the health of an individual, should he be excused?

(4) I am wondering what arrangements will be made for the Engineering students who formerly took either gym or R.O.T.C., and also what arrangement will be made regarding the R.O.T.C. students. As the ruling now stands they will be required to take the conditioning course.

(5) There is also the problem of the Negro students. Shall we require them to take swimming?

I am just mentioning these moot points that might arise. These are some of the problems that we anticipate now, and later others will undoubtedly present themselves. It seems to me that some of these points should receive consideration in the very near future, both for us and for the other groups.

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.