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Dean George Baxter Smith
School of Education

Dear Dean Smith:

I would like to recommend that advanced football, listed as course number 82, be advanced to the 100 level. I would suggest the number 182. This course will be taught by Mr. Henry Shenk. We feel that there will be much demand from the veterans who expect to teach in high school and need the advanced work.

Also, there is remedial and physical examination, listed as number 90. Both Henry Shenk and Red Strait took this as graduate work at the Universities of Wisconsin and Iowa, respectively. I would suggest that we raise this course to the 100 level, giving it the number 190, so that course will get graduate credit.

There is a great need for a course in officiating major sports and games. Many boys with graduate degrees teach in high schools but do not coach. They could render a great service to the school systems by having talents that would enable them to referee football and basketball games, as well as officiate at track meets and umpire baseball games. We have few good officials. Also, many of our coaches are asked to officiate in other communities, while they are coaching a school. Just because a coach has been a player is no indication that he is an official. This lack of experience proves embarrassing many times to an excellent coach who is a poor official. This is because he has had no laboratory experience. The laboratory experience that we propose would be officiating in these intramural football and basketball games, and certainly intramural officiating is not of the highest class in this favored university. It would be a real service to all concerned and the teachers here would supervise the officiating, as well as the teaching of the course. I respectively suggest that we offer a new course under the title "Officiating Major Sports and Games". The course number would be 112.

If later along in this semester we feel that more graduate courses are needed for summer session, I suggest that we offer either one of these two courses, M194, Content and Method of Physical Education, three hours, or 202, Organization and Administration of Physical Education, three hours.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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