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Dear Professor Lester:

In regard to the discussion on the floor at the Senate meeting yesterday concerning the proposed Senate committee on "Physical Welfare and Recreation", I desire to make a brief statement so that there will be no misunderstanding.

I am sending you a copy of a letter that I wrote to Chancellor Lindley on September 30. You can see from this letter that I did not have in mind, nor did I suggest the abolition of the Senate Committee on Athletics.

Last Friday I was in Omaha speaking to the Nebraska State Teachers Association, when Dr. C. F. Nelson came to my office and stated that he, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Committees, had my letter to the Chancellor in regard to a Senate committee on Physical Education. He stated that his committee must make a report to the Senate on Tuesday and that he would like to talk to me Monday about this new committee. His committee met last Friday and he stated that they were in position to recommend that the Committee on Athletics be abolished and that a new committee - Physical Welfare and Recreation - be set up with me as chairman, and that the matter should be presented in complete form to the Senate on Tuesday.

You may know this was a surprise to me because I had received no confirmation from Chancellor Lindley of this letter that I had written him on September 30. I had no motive in mind other than to develop a more wholesome recreation set up for the students who are not participating in competitive athletics.

I had previously written to Dean Stockton, who is chairman of a committee on Physical Education and Athletics. He desired possible data concerning the plant needs of physical education. I wrote him a letter in which I outlined an eleven-point program which would remove some of the play and recreation poverty for students and faculty of which Mount Oread is now so strikingly desolate. The peculiar topography of this campus provides no adequate level spaces, and to install them makes the cost staggering. This program which I outlined to Dean Stockton contained the following points: