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My dear Dr. Allen:

I have been intending for some time to take up with you and your department the question of the auditing of the courses in physical activity by College students.

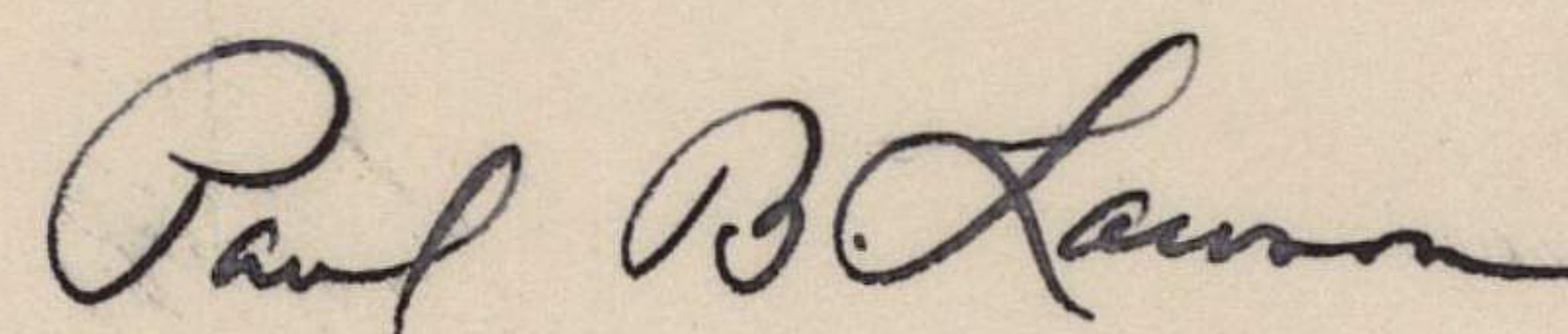
Your department has been allowing students to audit these courses. Two groups of students have had this privilege: first, those who did not wish to attend regularly; and second, those who were taking a maximum program in their regular enrollment and who, therefore, were not allowed to enroll regularly for physical education.

I have been feeling for some time that this practice ought to be looked into. In the first place, the catalogue on page 27 of Section I, under the paragraph "Auditing Fee," states: "Permission to audit conveys only the privilege of hearing and observing." This means that students are not to do any of the work of the course which they may be auditing. Students allowed to do the work of the course as auditors are being permitted to violate the University regulation, and the department is allowing such violation. In the second place, students ought not to be allowed to "beat the devil about the bush" by enrolling in a maximum program and then actually taking gym besides, even though they are listed as auditors in that work.

I am, therefore, proposing that we issue no more auditor's cards for these activity courses, since to audit a course in physical activity (if auditor's privileges only are exercised) is a perfectly anomalous thing. On the other hand, if for some reason the student does not want to take the course for credit, we would be perfectly willing to enroll him in the course for no credit, provided the work is counted in the maximum number of hours the student may take during that semester. This would keep the matter clear, for students enrolled in the course either for or without credit would be expected to do all the work of the course.

If you or any of the members of your staff feel that we should not follow the procedure indicated above, I shall be glad to talk the matter over with you.

Sincerely yours,



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