

August 24, 1943.

Dean Paul B. Lawson,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Lawson:

Following our hasty conversation regarding one of our civilians in the 9:30 class, I passed on the information you gave me to Henry Shenk. I am trusting that you and he can exchange greetings at Kiwanis and that you can tell him the full details regarding this young man who was afraid that his academic course would suffer from an indiscriminate giving of a great number of C's.

As soon as you and Henry have conferred on this matter I desire to acquaint you with our present procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:HI

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
AND SCIENCES

To.....Professor Allen.....

In re:.....James Jeff Richey.....

James Richey has gone to New Orleans to spend
a few days with his father who is ill there in
a hospital. He expects to return to classes
Monday, August 30.

GILBERT ULMER, *Assistant Dean*

Per.....WW.....

Lawrence.....August 23, 1943.....

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JOHN ASHER --

In school fall of '41, Spring of '42, fall of '42 and Spring of '43. On probation in fall of '42; reinstated on final probation in spring of '43, but failed to meet the probation requirements. In the fall of '42 he was carrying 8 hrs, and failed in 5 hrs. In the spring of '43 he failed in Trig. and Phys. Ed. His grades in his first year were mostly C's.

May 11, 1943.

Dean Paul B. Lawson,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Lawson:

I desire to give you a review of the case of John Asher, about whom we talked yesterday.

The first time he accumulated three unexcused absences we called him in the office and explained that it would be necessary for us to report his name to Dr. Mix unless he had hospital excuses for these dates which were not in our file. At that time he was warned of the penalty if he continued to accumulate absences. He told Mrs. Hulteen at that time that he would go to the hospital and bring excuses for the days he had been treated there.

He continued to miss class from time to time, and the instructor, Bill Atwell, cautioned him again and again about his cuts. Asher would go out to the Country Club and play golf every afternoon, and at one time when he was called in the office he asked if he might not substitute this for physical conditioning. He was told very definitely that this could not be done.

On April 19th he was reported to Dr. Mix with thirteen unexcused absences. On April 21, as you know, Dr. Ulmer asked us to advise him if Asher was absent again without a statement from a physician explaining his absence. The only hospital excuse presented all semester was for one day, March 5th.

He was told repeatedly that he was accumulating too many absences, and each time came up with some alibi. I do not see how we can do other than give him an "F".

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 19, 1943.

Dr. A. J. Mix,
415 Snow,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Mix:

The following boys have had excessive absences in Physical Conditioning.

Asher, John	13 *
Moore, Kenneth	3
Nesselrode, John	3

We have sent the following boys cards, but they have never been in to see us.

Bidgens, James	3	
Chandler, James	9	Just reported to us by the instructor.
Haines, Ellwood	6*	
Johnson, Charles	8	
Porter, Glenn	10	Just reported to us by the instructor.
Stewart, Robert	8	
Taylor, Warren	8*	

Names that are starred have been turned in before.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education.

May 5, 1943.

Dr. Gilbert Ulmer,
Asst. Dean of the College,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Ulmer:

I have received a copy of Dr. Canuteson's letter of May 3rd concerning John Asher and his irregular attendance in physical conditioning.

I believe Dr. Canuteson is right when he says Asher is "in a constant state of instability". He goes out and plays golf quite frequently, but does not attend physical conditioning class. He was told early in the semester that golf would not be a substitute for physical conditioning.

Frankly, I do not see how he can get anything except an "F" in physical conditioning, due to his very irregular attendance.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

cc - Dr. Canuteson

May 3, 1943

Mr. Gilbert Ulmer
Assistant Dean of the College
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ulmer,

John Asher is not physically sick. He wants very much to go into the navy but has been urged to stay in school. As a result he is in a constant state of instability.

He has not attended physical conditioning regularly but has played golf frequently which probably substitutes sufficiently.

I cannot recommend formal excuse from physical conditioning but I feel that there are extenuating circumstances and the boy should be given every possible consideration.

Sincerely,

Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.
Director

RIC:k
cc to Dr. F. C. Allen
to Dr. Graham Asher

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
HEALTH SERVICE

WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Name.....

John Asher

Treated in Dispensary—Date:.....

3/5/43

Hour:.....a.m.p.m.

Confined to Hospital.....

Exc per 3/5/43

Known to be ill at home.....

*This is not an excuse but a statement of illness.
Not valid unless signed by a physician.*

Date Issued.....

3/5/43

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M. D.

April 28, 1943.

Dr. Gilbert Ulmer, Asst. Dean,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Ulmer:

I have your note of the 21st instant asking that we advise you if John Asher is absent again this semester without presenting a statement from a physician to explain his absence.

I have checked with the instructor in charge of his class, and find the following: John Asher was absent on April 21, 23 and 26. He now has a total of 20 unexcused absences. He has not been in class since March 26th, and had 7 absences prior to that time. He has presented a hospital excuse for March 5th.

When we called Mr. Asher in the office to explain some of these absences he said that he had been playing golf in the afternoons, and desired that we let him substitute the golf for physical conditioning. We told him this was not permissible.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Dr. Allen -

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To Dr. Allen

In re: John Asher

Please let me know if John Asher is absent again this semester without presenting a statement from a physician to explain his absence.

Absent

4/21
23
26

Gilbert Ulmer
GILBERT ULMER, Assistant Dean

Per.....cp

Lawrence.....4/21/43



THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

July 15, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
Department of Physical Education

My dear Dr. Allen:

You will see from the enclosed card that last January we withdrew Walter Dunden from his classes, including Physical Education, with a failure because of his inability to get to class. Mr. Shenk signed this card but evidently failed to record in his grade book that the boy was withdrawn with a failure, for on the final grade sheet he turned in a withdrawal, which always means an honorable withdrawal, instead of the failure which he should have reported.

Accordingly, will you please sign the enclosed card which will correct the Registrar's record and return both cards to me?

Sincerely yours,

Paul B. Lawson

Paul B. Lawson, Dean

PBL/gc

June 25, 1943.

Dean Paul B. Lawson,
College of Liberal Arts.

Dear Dean Lawson:

I am informed that Kenneth Winters, who was enrolled in physical conditioning last semester at 9:30 five days a week, and who was given a grade of F at the end of the semester, was actually out for track the greater part of the semester. He was regular in his attendance at the track class.

I am enclosing a card to correct his grade to "B", since this is the grade he actually earned.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 26, 1943.

Dean Paul B. Lawson,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dear Dean Lawson:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, and beg to state the following:

The name of Robert Martindell does not appear on any of our records for the spring semester. We had no class card for him, and therefore could not put him on our roll. As you know, our class rolls are made from the class cards that come to us after enrollment. This is the only way we know that a student is enrolled in Physical Conditioning.

We have also carefully checked all of the individual class rolls kept by our instructors to see if his name might have been written in by an instructor, but such was not the case.

The case of George R. Ware is the same as that of Robert Martindell. Undoubtedly neither of these boys attended a physical conditioning class, and should be given a failure.

Our records show that William Beal Shaw received a grade of "A" for the spring semester. He was enrolled for one hour credit at 10:30 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday. We do not have a withdrawal for him.

If you have any suggestions as to how we may be sure that all class cards reach us, I shall be happy to have them.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 22, 1943

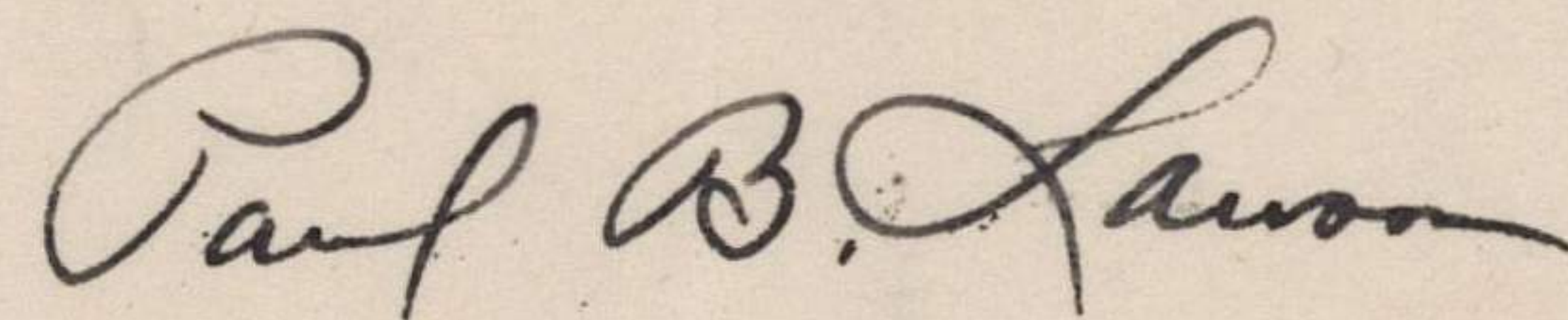
Dr. F. C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

The following three enrollments in physical education for the spring semester should be cleared up. (1) Robert Martindell was enrolled in physical education in the 7:30 class for no credit. The grade sheet does not show his name, and therefore no grade was turned in nor did he withdraw. His name did not appear on the correction sheet which was sent to your department ~~before~~ ^{when} the grade sheets were made out. (2) William Shaw was enrolled in the 10:30 class for one hour credit. He did not withdraw, but your grade sheet shows him as withdrawn. (3) George R. Ware was enrolled in the 10:30 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday class for one hour credit. The grade sheet does not bear his name, nor did your correction sheet show it. He did not withdraw.

According to our rules, each of these three should receive a failure, for none of them withdrew after enrolling in the classes. The question is should these three failures be given because of the student's carelessness even though the department did not do its part in getting these cases straightened out at the proper time and in the proper way.

Sincerely yours,



Paul B. Lawson, Dean

pbl/cp

May 28, 1943.

Dean P. B. Lawson,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dear Dean Lawson:

I am returning herewith the cards for Robert Martindell, George Robert Ware, and William Beal Shaw, as you suggest.

We regret these recurring errors, and I am more than eager to eliminate every possible error and will do anything that you suggest in clearing up these unsatisfactory situations. The scribes who make out the class cards are students, in most cases, and they perhaps do not take the responsibility that regular faculty members assume in the enrollment of every student. As long as we have to hire student scribes the human element very definitely enters into these cases.

Don't you agree with me that there should be some method worked out whereby the cause of these errors would be removed? I wonder if there is some way your office could check on us to see that everyone who is supposed to be enrolled is on our roll before the end of the semester.

In regard to William Shaw, I have asked Mrs. Hulteen to check on our records here. The records definitely show that he received an "A" in the course for the spring semester. I do not understand how a withdrawal appeared on the grade sheet.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 27, 1943

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

My dear Dr. Allen,

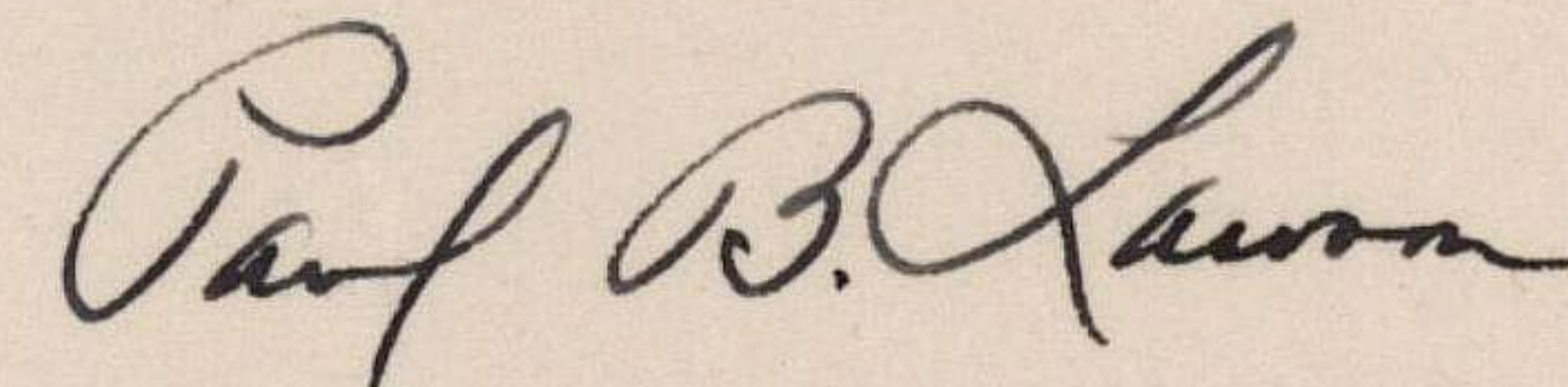
The class cards of all college students are made out by the departmental scribes, who check the enrollment card indicating that the class card has been made, and after enrollment turns all class cards over to the department. In other words a representative of the department itself is responsible for making the card and also for seeing that the card reaches the department.

The enrollment cards of Robert Martindell and George Ware show that they enrolled at the regular time on the regular enrollment floor, and that the Physical Education scribe made out class cards for these two students for they are properly checked in the proper place. What the scribe did with the cards I don't know. But in answer to your question about how to get all the class cards to reach you the only thing I can say is that the Department of Physical Education is entirely responsible for that and must furnish scribes who can do the job as it needs to be done.

Shaw's case is funny. We have no record of his withdrawal either, but only called it to your attention because though you say your records show him as having received an A, yet the grade sheets turned in by you both to this office and to the registrar's show a Wd.

Will you please sign the enclosed cards correcting these cases and return them to us?

Sincerely yours,



Paul B. Lawson, Dean

pbl/cp

Dr. Allen -

Robert Martindell - this student does not appear on any of our records for the spring semester. We had no class card for him; therefore, we could not put him on our roll. Miss Lear told me she did not have a class card for him signed by anyone in this department. Naturally, his name would not appear on the correction sheet that Dean Lawson mentions, nor the grade sheet if we never had an enrollment card for him.

I have also checked all individual class rolls to see if his name might have been written in by one of the instructors, but fail to find his name anywhere.

George R. Ware - his case is exactly the same as that above. We make our class rolls from the class cards that come to us. That is the only way we know that a student is enrolled in the course.

William Shaw - our records show that he received a grade of "A", 1 hr., 10:30 MWF - no withdrawal.

AH

May 13, 1943.

Dean Paul B. Lawson,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Lawson:

Concerning our telephonic conversation of this past week when I promised to send you some of the data on the efforts we have made to improve our conditioning course and to lessen errors, I am sending you copies of short bulletins that were given to each of our instructors from time to time.

In addition, we had meetings weekly with our leaders, teaching them technique and aptitudes, as well as impressing upon these student members the desire to conduct their classes on a faculty scale.

You and I both know that student instructors, even though we are able to select the best, which we were not in some of these cases, are prone to make more errors than faculty men who have had long experience and much more training than these chaps. We gave these boys one hour's pay for attendance at these evening meetings, but we penalized them the price of one hour's work when they failed to show up either for the evening meeting or for any of their classes. I felt that this type of work was so necessary that there was no excuse in not reporting anticipated absences.

When we were forced to use students in the towel room without an overseer, and when we used students in checking these grades, although Mrs. Hulteen supervised it, I can readily see why errors would creep in. We have done our level best to avoid these, but they still occasionally show up. I assure you that we have given you our very best in effort to keep these errors to the minimum.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

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To..... Prof. F. C. Allen

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Since Mr. Tom Bailey is in the hospital, he will not be able to take any of his finals. We have no objection if you give him an incomplete provided his work is satisfactory.

Gilbert Ulmer
GILBERT ULMER, Assistant Dean

Per..... VC

Lawrence..... May 7, 1943



April 28, 1943.

Dr. A. J. Mix,
Chairman, Committee on Exemptions,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Mix:

As a matter of record, I wish to make a progress report on Bill Bass. He is now attending make-up classes, and expects to make up at least ten of his absences. This will leave him with four unexcused absences for the semester, provided he does not miss any more classes.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

April 22, 1943.

Dr. A. J. Mix,
Chairman, Exemption Committee,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Mix:

This morning I checked the class roll of Max Kissell, our instructor in Physical Condition who reported on the absences of Bill Bass. I find the following:

<u>Unexcused Absences</u>		<u>Excused Absences</u>	
1/27	1	2/1 - 5	5
2/12	1	2/22 - 26	5
2/18	1	3/22, 23	2
2/19	1		
3/9, 3/10	2		<u>12</u>
3/15	1		
3/17, 18, 19	3		
3/29	1		
3/26	1		
4/16	1		
4/19	1		
	<u>14</u>		

This is the report I promised you during our phone conversation yesterday.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Kissell

April. 20, 1943.

Mr. F. C. Allen,
Dept. of Physical Education,
Near Dr. Allen,

There seems to be some misunderstanding about Bill Bass. When he called to see me he had what seemed to me valid excuses for several of his absences and at that time there were only 8 absences against him. I have called him in again and shall report to you after I have seen him.

When Warren Taylor was in he actually had 8 unexcused absences (though reported for 5). The Committee decided to forgive four of them. This should leave him with four unexcused.

I have called in all the men mentioned in your letter of April 14 and April 19 and I shall report to you as soon as possible. I have no record of John Asher's name having been turned in before.

Sincerely yours

John Kissell

April 13, 1943.

Professor A. J. Mix,
Chairman, Committee on Exemptions,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Mix:

In reply to your communication of the 31st ultimo regarding Bill Bass, I referred the matter to Henry Shenk and this is what he has to say:

"Bass now has 12 excused absences and 12 unexcused. In view of the fact that Bass has only attended class 33 times and has been absent 24 times, I suggest that he be required to make up 12 absences if he is to remain in school."

I believe that Henry is just about right on this, don't you? If this is agreeable to you would you notify him, or shall we?

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Dr. Allen:

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12 unexcused. In view of the fact that Boss has only
attended class 33 times, and has been absent 24 times, I suggest that he be
required to make up 12 absences if he is to remain in school.

Henry A. Sherk

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March 31, 1943

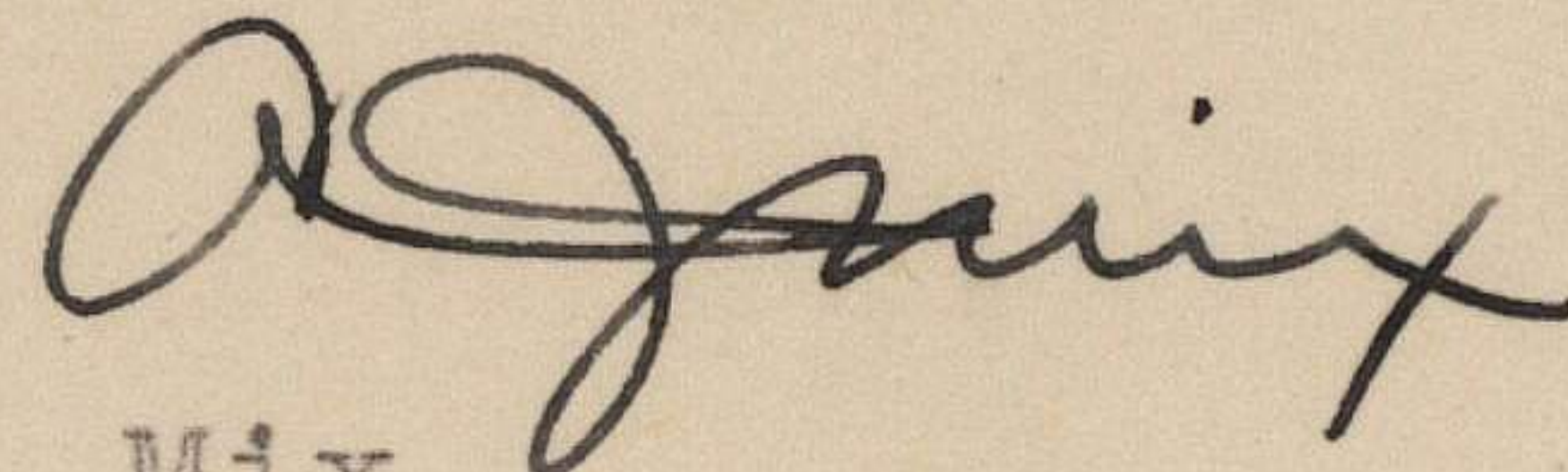
Dr. F. C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Mr. Bill Bass, who has eight unexcused absences in Physical Conditioning has been to see me. He states that all his absences were due to a persistent cold, but that after obtaining some excuses from the University Hospital, he did not go back for more. Somehow, and that was probably his fault, he did not succeed in getting excused by his instructor.

Dr. Reese gives him a good character, and I am convinced after talking with him that he was not trying to evade the course. Therefore our committee is allowing him to remain in school and our recommendation to you is that some, if not all, of his absences be counted as excused.

Very truly yours,



A. J. Mix