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Dean Paul B. Lawson,
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Dear Dean Lawson:

I very much appreciate your letter of the 16th regarding the grades in Freshman Exercise. We shall be glad to re-evaluate the grades in the case of the College freshman who received "failure" in the course for the first semester.

I talked to Mr. Elbel and Miss Dunkel about the matter, and they reported that it was the opinion of Miss Lear that if a student failed in one-third of the work he should be given a failure for the entire semester's course. This was true, under the old plan when Dr. Naismith taught the course in Hygiene. As he expressed it, it was his fault if a student failed in the course if he attended each class. But under the new set-up I feel that the grade in Hygiene should be averaged in with the two grades in physical activity.

I am particularly interested just now in the case of William McKinley. I have observed him to be capable, thoroughly energetic and serious in his endeavors, and I understand that he had only one absence the whole semester in the Health Instruction course. He is anxious to be initiated into his fraternity within the next few days, and the pan-hellenic ruling in regard to failures is the only thing that stands in his way. For that reason we would appreciate a re-evaluation of his grades: B the first half semester in Exercise, A the second half semester, and F in Health Instruction.

We desire, however, not to single out any one student in this change of policy, but assure you that every student's grades should be averaged on the same basis. I shall get in touch with Mr. Allphin and Miss Dunkel and ask that they do this.

With appreciation of your kind cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education.