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Mr. Fred Ellsworth,
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Dear Fred:

I have read your story on "Getting Tough at Kansas", and have a few suggestions to offer.

The outstanding part of our program is the fine correlation between the R.O.T.C. and the Physical Education Department. Colonel Dusenbury and I worked out a plan whereby students in R.O.T.C. would drill two times a week and then take physical conditioning once a week to satisfy the University requirement for physical exercise three times a week.

We are using R.O.T.C. students who are already enrolled in a physical conditioning class to give the basic military commands and tactics of the United States Army. This enables every student enrolled in either the Army, Navy or Air Corps reserve to become acquainted with these vitally necessary requirements before they get into the service. This contribution alone is noteworthy. Ten minutes of each hour is devoted to the disciplinary command and drill practice.

Then the toughening program, under the direction of Allen, Shenk and Strait (R. R. Strait took the place of Dr. Morehouse, and comes from Chanute where he was director of physical education for the Chanute Public Schools). This work is augmented by a dozen of our physical education majors and athletes. These are: Ray Evans, Hub Ulrich, Bill Brill, Otto Schnellbacher, Charlie Black, Warren Hodges, George Dick, Armand Dixon, Max Kissell, Ralph Schaake, Marvin Vandaveer, and Paul Hardman.

Now this is where Captain Baker comes in. Captain Baker cooperated with us in teaching these leaders military drill so that they would be conversant with these necessary things, but we leave to the R.O.T.C. boys much of this drill. Of course we have Warren Hodges and Paul Hardman who are active in R.O.T.C. now, and then we have Max Kissell who has had two years of it.

Now our toughener program comes on, and these are the activities that we strive to bring out in the men: running, jumping, leaping, vaulting, crawling and climbing. The obstacle course gets some of these activities, but mass soccer, touch football, basketball, boxing, and other contact games toughen the men and make them alert for combat service.