

April 4, 1945

Dr. Kent R. Dudley
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Dear Dr. Dudley,

I have your letter of March 29th with the enclosures of correspondence with Dr. Allen, and in the campus mail further correspondence from Dr. Allen, all of which reminds me of the old law on the Kansas statute books quoted to me by an engineering friend: "When two trains approach a crossing both shall stop until the other has passed."

Ruth came in yesterday and after talking with her I excused her from gym. So far as her general physical condition is concerned, she had a B grade on her physical examination (on a grading system of A, B, C, D) which would permit her to take certain types of gym. Since she has a low metabolic rate and is under Dr. Lenski's care I have no qualms about excusing her from gym entirely. The blood count yesterday was: 81% hemoglobin (12.5 gms), 4,700,000 erythrocytes, 5,400 leucocytes, 57 polymorphonuclears and 43 lymphs.

In explanation of the physical education requirements, for which I have no responsibility except to protect students who should not take it, let me say that all students are expected to take physical conditioning unless physically unfit to do so. The women's physical education department has a wide choice of activities from archery and social dancing up through soccer, so that practically everyone can find suitable recreation. Ruth, like all Fine Arts students, has a full schedule, and one which imposes a great deal of emotional and nervous strain, and for that reason it would be wise for her to enter into some type of relaxing recreation other than walking to and from classes. She can do this independently of the gym department, and she tells me they do get out and play soft ball at the dormitory when the weather permits.

When you are in Lawrence, I should be happy to have you call on us. I hope this matter has been arranged satisfactorily to all concerned.

Sincerely,

Ralph I. Canuteson, M.D.
Director

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cc to Dr. Allen