

They soon discovered at the University here that the best program was to let the hospital take care of their type of cases and allow the Department of Physical Education to handle theirs. There is a very close hook-up between our intramural athletics and the hospital. When there is any defect found during the examination, that is immediately transmitted to our department and we rigorously cooperate to the students' best interest. However, the weakness of the whole case is that only the freshmen are examined, and if any defects develop after the student has been here a year then there is no way to check up from a health standpoint, except where the student should go back to the hospital or go to a local physician, or where the instructors in physical education should detect an apparent weakness or illness in the student by his powers of observation or inspection.

Again, the weakness of any university set up is that just at the time a senior is leaving college he is perhaps at the lowest ebb in his physical efficiency on account of the stress and strain of graduation, and so forth. This is the time that he needs a rigorous physical examination - just prior to his leaving college. That is never done here or any other place that I know of. Most of us at the universities are supposed to guard the student's health because the youngsters coming here are just at the age where they need more inspection and guidance than at any other time during life, and they perhaps are neglected more at this age than at any other. But why should I tell you these things, because you realize them as much as we do.

Your letter impresses me more than ever the need for some sort of a system that will permit this remedial instruction and correction. Will you please write me and let me know whether you work on an optional or compulsory basis? I should like also to have a digest of the information that you receive from your other correspondence.

Very cordially yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.

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