

April 30, 1945.

Dr. R. I. Canuteson, Director,
Student Health Director,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Canuteson:

I enjoyed reading the carbon copy of your letter to Mr. Willard E. Givens, Executive Secretary of the National Education Association of the United States.

I certainly agree with the importance of the things outlined in your letter, namely, that healthy parentage, adequate food, decent living conditions, and so forth, are all given in their rightful order. However, I believe it needs to be said that we would have many fewer rejections if our physical education started in the grades and the junior high school rather than in the high schools and the universities.

I remember Dick Barber and Don Hults, two lawyers in Lawrence who were drafted. They took their physical conditioning in the army, and both were in the hospital. They wrote back that their education in the University and Lawrence high school was from the ears up, and not from the crown down.

The universities will not have compulsory physical training after this war unless the American Legion sees to it that they have it. Frankly, I am for it and have been because the only way people will keep fit while they are growing is to provide facilities for play and then see that they get it.

I will be glad to discuss this with you at the first opportunity. Thanks for the letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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