

April 30, 1945.

Dr. R. I. Canuteson,
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Dear Dr. Canuteson:

I am answering your letter of March 28, a copy of which you sent to Chancellor Malott and Dean Lawson. At our budget meeting a couple of weeks ago this question was brought up indirectly. Dean Lawson said that the Chancellor was already excusing all the discharged soldiers from taking physical education.

I said, "Well, they are all 4-F now anyhow, or they would not be discharged."

Then he said he was sure that they would not have compulsory physical education after the war. I said to him, "Well, I am sure that that is the educators' viewpoint now because the deans before the war were so against compulsory physical education even with the war crisis on. And it would be an unusual reaction for them, as I view their thinking, to swing over for compulsory physical education during peace time."

But I am convinced when the legions of American boys get back that the American Legion may force this down the educators' throats. They are the boys that have been in it and have known their lack of physical condition when they got into the service and their fitness now.

Henry Shank and the other men on the staff have a plan for a course in restricted physical conditioning whereby no student would be exempt for physical reasons. I am going to make a date with you some time, and Henry and I will sit down and chew the fat. At that time we can take up this question for discussion as to a definite interpretation as to which one of the groups you describe should be excused from physical conditioning.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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