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Dear Doc:

Regarding the number of men students that could be taken care of in Physical Education if we were to have a requirement ---

Personally, as a matter of conditioning and still contributing something of an educative nature (a) I believe the elimination of all activities in the program which are not of a very active nature; (b) require activities with a choice; (c) allow transfer to varsity activities - football, basketball, cross country only during the season; (d) use only activities in the program which could be used for large groups - boxing, soccer, wrestling, a conditioning class, touchfootball, cross country hiking. Each period to open with a conditioning period.

By using the gym and intramural fields each period in the day we could perhaps take care of between twelve and fifteen hundred. To meet this figure either the gym or auditorium would need to be available each afternoon. With sufficient staff we could offer mass coaching and conditioning for touchfootball and allow the games to substitute for physical education. This is done in some places. It demands more supervision, costs more money, and is educative; while I can see nothing in calisthenics but warming up for something else - an advertising feature and a perfect means of defeating the program for time to come. It takes rugged, rough games - not calisthenics, to win a war. I know that is how you feel.

