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Dean George B. Smith,
School of Education.

Dear Dean Smith:

Henry Shenk and I have been working together on a proposed course in compulsory physical education, and I am submitting herewith a copy of our report.

A minimum of four hours credit should be given in physical education toward graduation. If physical education is compulsory a student will be required to do 124 hours for a baccalaureate degree and still do eight semesters of physical education in addition to the 124 hours, whereas heretofore they were given credit for four of these present eight semester hours of physical education. I am of the definite opinion that we should not discriminate against our own students in our department.

While there are many details and problems of administration that will have to be worked out if the proposed program is adopted, I think that the plan warrants very serious consideration on the part of University administrative officials. Some of the strong points of the plan are:

1. It is unique. No other university or college has a plan like it and the University of Kansas would be ahead of the procession.
2. It is sound. From a physical education and health standpoint the plan is in line with the best thinking in the country.
3. It furnishes motivation. Students can watch their own progress. Furthermore, standards are set up that will take a lot of the guess work out of our program as well as furnishing progression for the program.
4. It meets the need for physical conditioning and toughening. Students will be better able to meet the hazards of the present emergency by following our program. Ability to swim may be a means of saving the lives of many of our students. Students going into the armed services will be more quickly able