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My dear Dr. Allen:

As long as two classes are supposed to cover different territory, they should not be put together. If, however, they are not doing different things, then they should be together and should be regarded as one class and described as such in the catalogue.

In line with our discussion in the Budget Committee and your letter, I am wondering if your department, after several years trial of the present organization of the physical activity courses, would not do well to combine a number of the courses, and thus enable you to have fewer classes with more pupils.

For example, do we really need to have elementary, intermediate, and advanced courses in swimming, tennis, fencing, tap dancing, and equitation? Would not two consecutive semesters of work in most of these be entirely satisfactory? In some cases, might not one semester be sufficient, as for example in social dancing, badminton, and archery. Take the last as an example particularly. Wouldn't a student be better off to take just one semester of it and then take something different and so get a larger variety of interest?

A second way to reduce the load of classes would be to use more rotation in your offerings, offering certain things just once a year perhaps, instead of twice a year. I believe if fewer courses were offered each semester, students' desires would all be met and your instructors would not run themselves quite so ragged.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) PAUL B. LAWSON

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