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Mr. Jay Plumley, Instructor,
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Dear Jay:

I learn that there is much complaint from the students that stuff is being taken out of their individual basket equipment. Whether the students fail to put this stuff back in their haste to get to classes, or whether some of the stuff is carelessly handled, I am not at all sure. I think there is very little purloining of the stuff by the men in the locker room.

I think it would be a fine thing for you to have a called meeting of all the boys working in the basket room and very definitely emphasize to them that this equipment is the property of the boys and should be very jealously guarded and handled with much care by employees of the towel room.

I think a checking up occasionally on this thing will do much good to eradicate the complaints. I would like to have a conference with you on this subject.

As I have told you before, I want you to use every energy and method at your command to bring about a minimum of complaints on this towel room service.

Do you think that the fact that we have a great number of boys working down there has anything to do with this, or is it just a general inertia on the part of some of the boys?

I was down in the towel room this morning and noticed a broken basket and other things lying around. There seems to be no general responsibility on the part of the boys there only to come in and check out towel tickets. Personally, I would like for them to have more individual responsibility and for them to feel it. The cleaning up of their quarters and the area outside is very definitely a part of their work as is the checking out of towels and equipment.

Many of the boys count on devoting their entire time to studying. That is fine, after they get their work done, but the job is the first thing. See if you cannot re-emphasize that to the men.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education.