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Dear Dr. Allen:

The interest shown in the paper I read at the Research Section at Sioux City concerning the recreational method of teaching and the application of this method to other games and sports, particularly basketball, leads me to feel that we, here in this department, can profitably go forward along these lines. Another interesting thing about this convention was the evidence of a definite trend toward the application of psychological principles and theories to the field of physical education and the emphasis upon recreation.

I am thinking about the suggestion you made to me recently concerning the course in the psychology of teaching and coaching games and sports, using basketball as a laboratory illustration. This might be an excellent way of introducing and explaining our method, since we seem to be leaders in the use of this method, thus giving our students and majors and graduates a definite advantage.

This course could be handled along the following lines. We could arrange our plan of action so that the theories and principles which we want to teach could show a definite sequential pattern in classroom lectures, and at the same time have meetings on the basketball floor which you would use for the practical demonstrations and application of these psychological principles and theories. Thus we would have a laboratory course in teaching methods and also a very fine way of developing the coaches in basketball. We could also use the course to demonstrate how these principles might be applied to the various other sports.

I should also like to suggest that I feel qualified to handle some of the theory courses in this department. I have been enrolled in graduate work since the completion of my M. A. degree, with the doctor's degree as my goal.

It might be a little early at this time to talk about the 1940 summer school, but I would like to suggest that I would be available for teaching in the summer session. In looking over