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Dear Dean Schwegler:

I am sending you a sketchy list of questions for your perusal and your criticism. You can recognize that these are rather heterogeneous. They, of course, are not unified, but if you will be kind enough to scan them over and offer added interrogations where they are necessary I will appreciate it.

I may not even be on the right track so far as your mind is working on this scheme, but I would appreciate it if you would let me know if we are at least warm. As soon as I get your verdict we will get together and work something out more definitely. Suppose you just sketch your ideas on a sheet and send them back to me and we will be ready for a future meeting.

I have long contended that it is the responsibility of the institution to provide play laboratories in necessary quantities and of the proper quality, just the same as it is the responsibility of the school to provide scientific laboratories. We could call the play laboratories "health laboratories".

Further, it is my contention that the University should through some fund provide gymnasium and playground equipment, like shoes and uniforms, and put them out in the same manner as we check out other University laboratory equipment. By forcing the individual students to purchase a lot of equipment for their exercise laboratories is a thing that is positively discouraging many students from taking the exercise that they need.

Equipment could be laundered and sterilized and checked back the same as any other equipment. Shoes of the various sorts could be purchased and a reasonable laboratory fee charged if they were returned safely and in good order. This is the obligation and function of the school.

We have a compulsory medical examination. We should have at least one year of compulsory physical education and one year of compulsory attendance upon the hygiene lecture. If we gave one hour credit for the gymnasium work and one hour credit for hygiene with a maximum of 4 hours of hygiene and physical education on the 124 hour basis, then we should be following an intelligent course.