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Lawrence, Kansas  
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Dear Dr. Allen,

I received a letter from you before the Christmas Holidays asking me to come to your office because of excessive unexcused absences in Physical Conditioning . I dropped into your office to see you several times that week but was unable to find you in. Because I find it difficult to get time to see you in person, I am writing this letter.

The main reason I have so many absences from my class is that I seriously need the time for my studies. I am enrolled in nineteen hours of work in the Engineering School. Of these nineteen credit hours six are laboratory courses requiring a minimum of nineteen hours of work, and often more each week. In addition to the actual laboratory work I must write several reports each week and do outside reading and research. I also spend thirteen hours each week in classes.

I am also employed by the WREN Broadcasting Company as a transmitter engineer at the transmitter plant at Tonganoxie. I work thirty hours a week on the night shift (6:00 to 12 Mid.) As I must drive to work, I spend another hour and one-half ingdriving to and from work each day during the week. This plus my school work fills my days from 8:00 AM until 1:00 AM. As I need time for outside reading in one of my courses and often need an extra hour for studying, my Physical Education classes suffer. I know I should not neglect this class but as I need every hour of credit that I am taking to enable me to graduate in June and must work to stay in school, I have been doing so. I went to see Dr. Mix about exempting me from Physical Conditioning last semester but he said he could not. He intend seeing him again.

If you care to see me personally, I will try to drop in your office to see you when you are there.

Sincerely yours,

*E. Edwin Read*