

November 1, 1942

To the Committee on Physical Conditioning,

May I again try to state that my purpose in presenting this letter is not as a plea for exemption from physical conditioning, but for an evaluation of the two programs, 1.) to stay in school and work for the purposes stated, or 2.) to leave school to accept a position with an industrial company making essential materials or join some branch of the armed forces.

November 14, 1942

To the Dean of the Graduate School

I would like for you to understand my feelings on the subject of Physical Conditioning. I trust that you have read the letters which I sent to the University Senate Committee on Exemptions. To me the proper course to follow at the present time is that course in which one makes the best use of his time. The course which I have been following could certainly be improved upon as regards conservation of time, but I am conscientiously trying to do the best that I know how to do. I would graciously accept any suggestions on how to make better use of the available time. I cannot honestly give up three hours of research time per week for this course and feel that I am making good use of the time.

I have a disability which is serious enough to justify medical exemption from Physical Conditioning. I realize that this excuse would not be sufficient to keep me out of the army, and I refuse to ask for exemption on such a reason.

November 15, 1942

To Prof. Ray Q. Brewster,

Amidst your present troubles and responsibilities, I hate to be the source of further annoyance, but the issue is inescapable and I am indeed sorry. The fact is that last Saturday I was forced to withdraw from the courses in which I was enrolled. It was not my wish to have waited until the semester was so far gone before settling this matter, however, the committee acted so slowly that instead of their action having been taken after the allowed six absences from the class, I had to prod them along with a declaration of my own intentions after at least twelve absences and then final action was not obtained until two weeks later. The slowness with which the committee has acted is certainly not characteristic of the action expected from a course in which the University has placed so much importance.