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Evaluation of Dr. Perry

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Phy-Ed and Health

At first I thought Dr. Perry would be a terrific teacher. His introduction was energetic and interesting to listen to. However, towards the end of class I was confused and frightened. Dr. Perry's lecture was hard to follow and I found it impossible to take concise notes. He seemed very anti-western world and talked about poverty situations relating to phy-ed and health. I have never experienced or witnessed poverty or the conditions that go with it. Not being able to take clear notes and not having the background to rely on, I was left at a serious disadvantage.

I went to the second class meeting determined to take good notes. My goal for the summer was to get a 3.75 or above and graduate with honors. An A in phy-ed and Health was necessary and I knew that if my notes didn't make sense that wouldn't be possible. When Dr. Perry confused me I asked for clarification. Instead I was left crying, confused and feeling hopeless. I wanted to drop the class but if I did I would be in school an extra semester.

In the morning of the third class I went to the LLL office in Sheboygan to tell them I refused to drop the class but I wanted them to know what was happening. They had been trying to find me, students had reported seeing a student crying in a class but no one knew who I was. I was terrified to go to class that night but I had to try for my A... I still understood nothing.

Now that the summer session has come to a close I can say I have learned much about phy-ed and health... and about myself. I am proud of myself for going back for the fourth lesson and for finishing out the semester. Although it was difficult, I feel that together Dr. Perry and I have persevered over a very difficult situation. He has grown in his understanding and compassion toward student concerns. His lecture organization skills have improved dramatically. (I was even able to take useable notes for the final!) And, he was able to help his students accomplish their phy-ed and health goals. I am glad to have had this experience with him as my professor. I have grown in my ability to accept confusion as a learning process. I have developed an understanding of the conditions of poverty and of Dr. Perry's anti-western sentiment (he was trying to show us a side not presented in the book). I also know that I can face a difficult situation and stand up for myself. It is that knowledge that brings me the greatest amount of pride.