**//part (a)**

public SeatingChart(List<Student> studentList, int rows, int cols)

{

seats = new Student[rows][cols];

int i = 0;

for(int c = 0; c < seats[0].length; c++)

{

for(int r = 0; r < seats.length; r++)

{

if( i < studentList.size() )

{

seats[r][c] = studentList.get(i);

i++;

}

}

}

}

**//part (b)**

public int removeAbsentStudents(int allowedAbsences)

{

int count = 0;

for(int r = 0; r < seats.length; r++)

{

for(int c = 0; c < seats[0].length; c++)

{

if(seats[r][c] != null &&

seats[r][c].getAbsenceCount() > allowedAbsences )

{

seats[r][c] = null;

count++;

}

}

}

return count;

}