

January 17, 1945.

Mr. C. G. Bayles, Supt.,  
Buildings and Grounds,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bayles:

The front steps to the west entrance of Robinson Gymnasium have become so worn by the footsteps of time that whenever a rain or snow comes with a freeze it makes these steps treacherous and very, very dangerous. While I ask the janitor to use sand at every opportunity, yet there are times that this is not possible, and I fear for the severe injury that may come to some of the people using them in those dangerous times.

The water does not drain off due to the depression wear. Therefore, I believe the only thing that can help these steps would be a chipping or roughing up of the surface so that it would render them less hazardous.

In descending these steps when any ice is on them it is impossible for anyone to get a foothold, and since the steps are wide and there is no railing that a person could hold on to, the hazard is double.

I have been expecting to speak to you about this for over a year, so I know of no better time than now to urge your inspection of this hazard.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S. Here is another item: the floor under the drinking fountain at the west end of the gymnasium is giving away. The fountain is tipped to one side and I am afraid it may go through the floor. The floor there needs some repair.

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