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Mr. C. G. Bayles,  
Superintendent,  
Buildings & Grounds.

Dear Mr. Bayles:

I have just had a conference with Chancellor Malott regarding the permanent location for the skating area. I would like to have a conference with you at your early convenience and learn just how much land of the west half of the intramural tract that we can reclaim this spring for intramural baseball.

Dr. Elbel writes me that he is not at all confident that we will be able to use the west intramural field for a long time. He says that he is told that the field will be of no value until a concrete sewer is put through in the location of the present ditch which, he says Mr. Bayles says, will cost \$2700. He further says that since the grade in the northeast corner of the field is lower than the ditch itself, we will always have drainage toward the southwest corner of the field.

You explained to me when you were in my office of a scheme of grading and ditching that you had that would allow us to use the west half of the intramural field this spring. I do want that thing to happen because I do not want to drive the intramural people away on account of the skating rink idea. However, I do feel that the skating area is a very vital part of the student outdoor winter life and recreative activity, and I am very enthusiastic about doing everything we can in helping out the winter sports. But I do not want to hobble or injure the intramural softball. It is one of the most popular sports on the intramural program, and since they usually start practicing the latter part of March I am anxious that we do some active work in the very near future.

I like your idea regarding the permanent skating area as it concerns the drainage. I believe your scheme will offer the least conflict with the intramural games. Doubtless we can grade this in such a way that a large part of that area can be used for intramural play.