

September 20, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Bayles:

Pursuant to your request as of September 17th in which you asked me to submit projects for the Works Progress Reserve, I am listing the buildings and other facilities in order of their importance to the University physical education program as I see it.

Women's Building \$250,000.

Robinson Gymnasium, as you know, was built in 1906 when the enrollment was 1200. We now have an enrollment of over 4,000, and we are endeavoring to take care of the greatly enlarged athletic and physical education department, as well as our new major program in physical education. This building is used from early morning until past eleven o'clock at night from Thanksgiving until April or May.

May I sketch a slight history of the situation since I came to the University as Director of Athletics in 1919. The basement was check-full of lockers and each individual student put his gymnasium equipment in his locker. With the sweaty clothes this made a very unhygienic condition. There was a long exercise room on the north end of the gymnasium which the boys used for shot-putting and other track sports. The floor was of cinders.

The enrollment in the women's department grew so rapidly that it was found necessary to give that over to the women for their additional locker space. Consequently we put a permanent brick wall in, taking away some of the space from the men and giving it to the women who needed it more.

I am submitting a copy of the Summer Session Daily Kansan of July 8, 1938, which shows a sketch of the proposed Women's Building. This drawing was supervised by Professor George M. Beal on a CSEP project. The proposed building will afford the women of Kansas one of the most complete instructional, recreational and social plants in the country. It is an imperative women's need at the University of Kansas.