

May 27, 1943.

To the Budget Committee:

The most urgent need of play facilities for the students here at the University of Kansas is all-weather tennis courts. For years we have endeavored to get at least one reinforced concrete tennis court on the unit basis, but each and every time we have failed, from lack of appropriation.

Tuesday I spoke at the Miltonvale Rural High School commencement. While in Miltonvale I drove over the town and was shown Methodist Wesleyan College, a small denominational school of 250 students, and many of these academy students. With pride they showed me a new reinforced concrete tennis court that made my mouth water.

I find these all-weather courts at these smaller schools, and yet we are unable to get even one for the University. If, after we get the swimming pool fixed up in the best possible order, would it not be thinkable that we could use this balance in physical education for this most worthwhile project?

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

P.S. It takes one dollar per day per court to sprinkle, roll and mark a tennis court. A gravel tennis court is comparable to a gravel road. The maintenance is such that it soon runs into the near cost of concrete. We will mark the courts on an average of ten times per month. You can figure yourself the tremendous cost.

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