

August 11, 1939.

Mr. Henry Werner,  
Adviser of Men,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Fritz:

I do not want to annoy you, but I have a deep conviction that if the Union Building could be air-conditioned undoubtedly it would be by far the most popular building on the campus. When the great army of engineers who are paid by their companies to promote air-conditioning I believe that if these fellows were encouraged to figure on such a project at your Union Building that before long air-conditioning would become a reality in that building.

At Southern Methodist University they have air-conditioned the library and several other buildings. I have written Raymond Nichols suggesting that the library here be air-conditioned, but if it could not be air-conditioned at least screens should be put on the windows. It is more than torture for the students to be subjected to the hot weather in the Summer Session while they are pursuing their laborious work.

A graduate student told me that there were eight people from a town a little more than a hundred miles from Lawrence who decided they would go to summer school last year. Six of them went to Colorado. The other two came to Kansas, but they picked courses that had no library, or as little library reading, as possible. That movement has spread among the wise ones and it is being talked about - a fellow is not bright if he picks a course that takes too much library reading.

I am just passing this suggestion on to you as a thing that can be put over if we encourage it. It is not necessary that you answer this letter because I am leaving Sunday for a coaching school down in Georgia, but I would want to emphasize the necessity of having at least bearable places for our students to study and other places for them to enjoy themselves in comfort.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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