

August 4, 1938.

Mr. Raymond Nichols,
Executive Secretary,
Chancellor's Office.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Dean Stockton, as chairman of a special committee appointed by the Athletic Board, requested that I submit to him complete data concerning the plant needs of physical education. I listed these needs in the order of their importance. I presented the women's building first, because I know of no standard university in the country, other than the University of Kansas, that does not have a separate building for the physical education and recreational needs of the women students.

Missouri for years has had a very adequate physical education building for women, with a fulsome and comprehensive program. Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa State have such buildings, and possibly Oklahoma, I am not sure about that.

I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote Dean Stockton as I think this expresses our needs about as well as we can do it.

Robinson Gymnasium was erected in 1906. I find that we now have on the campus of the University of Kansas only 198 less women students than there were both men and women students at the University in 1906. In other words, this building was erected for both men and women, and now we have nearly as many women students here as the total student population in 1906. Our present enrollment is practically three times as large now as it was when this building was constructed, showing how impossible it is to use the one building for the diversified and growing demands for physical education and recreation in this "leisure-hour age".

The Athletic Office is quartered here, and since the new department of physical education has been inaugurated, which necessitates additional teaching room, our building is more than overcrowded. Item 6 in Dean Stockton's letter will show what we have planned above the basketball court in Robinson Gymnasium. When the women's building is built and the women move out of this building, then a very inexpensive remodeling program can make this ideal for a physical education and intramural building. This would not be true should we plan to turn this over to the women because it is much more definitely fitted for men's physical education and athletics than it is for women.