

The rooms that I wrote Mr. Davis about were not planned for temporary construction. In my opinion, it is just as permanent as the brick wall that we built giving the women more ample dressing room facilities, and the closing in of the shower room which added a hygienic situation. We have a wooden ceiling above this location that I desired walled in. If we would put any flammable construction there we would just add to the hazards of being burned down.

I have carried on a relentless fight against the use of cigarettes in this building. It is a fire trap, and if fire would ever start on the wooden construction it would just take these floors out in double time.

I trust that you will see that I have thought this matter over very carefully and worked very patiently through the years endeavoring to procure the greatest possible efficiency under most cramped quarters conditions. I point with pride to the fact that any small improvement in this building, which is 31 years old, has never been torn out or changed. Years ago we had placed in the ceiling of Robinson Gymnasium large ventilators to aid in the circulation of air on that floor. I now have in mind another improvement, if we can all agree upon it, and that is to use that space up there for recitation class and research rooms. This, of course, is when the funds are available. It would provide a large amount of additional space and at the same time would close that large auditorium off with a ceiling. And the ceiling would be high enough not to interfere in any way with basketball games and other games that require elevated ceilings. At the same time, it would give greatly enlarged space which is so necessary here for class rooms in our new physical education set up. Dormer windows could be run along the south and top of the roof to admit sunlight in a most pleasing fashion.

This building really needs re-wiring to lessen the fire hazard. This floor for the upper rooms and the ceiling for the gymnasium would provide a space for electric lighting fixtures and would make safe the handling of this lighting. As it is now, it is a great hazard for the men to climb from beam to beam in handling this very dangerous lighting situation.

I beg your pardon for writing such a long letter, but I wanted you to know how very carefully we have considered this small request before we asked for it.

Very cordially yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education.