

October 4, 1943.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I talked to Mr. Karl Klooz, the athletic director, concerning a rubber-treated mat cover which was bought by the Athletic Association when I was athletic director some fifteen or eighteen years ago.

In the physical conditioning program both the Army and the Navy teach wrestling. The felt mats here at the gymnasium are in various sizes and it is difficult to hold them together as one single mat surface large enough to wrestle upon. It is impossible to buy a cover the like of which the athletic association possesses. However, we have ordered three cotton flannel mat covers which require laundering when soiled. In the interim we desire to use this mat cover which is not used at all by the athletic association.

Mr. Klooz offered to sell the same to the Physical Education Department. I told him that since there had been so many interchanges between the Physical Education and Athletic Departments that I was not sure you wanted funds to pass from one to the other when it was not necessary. For instance, last fall Coach Henry desired to have mats that the football boys could lie on in the dressing room at the stadium between halves. We selected the more worn mats in the gymnasium and sent them to the stadium where they have been in use by the Athletic Association. We made no charge whatsoever, and this has consistently been our practice between the Physical Education Department and the Athletic Association from year to year - to cooperate as if it were one department.

As I view it, a rubber mat cover is improved by taking it out of storage and using it somewhat. I certainly would have no objection to paying a small rental - something like a dollar a month for the same, but where there has been such close cooperation existing between the two departments I could not agree with Mr. Klooz that we should purchase the same. What is your opinion?

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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cc - Mr. Karl Klooz