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Chancellor Deane W. Malott
Frank Strong Hall
Campus

Dear Chancellor Malott,

I am sending you a letter signed by Miss Hosford which has to do with dates that conflict with our basketball practise in the auditorium. I dislike to bother you with these details, but it seems to me it is necessary under the circumstances.

When Senator Snyder of the Ways and Means Committee asked the legislature for an auditorium the measure was defeated. Then, two years later, Senator Snyder again asked the legislature for an appropriation for a basketball court and an auditorium, and the appropriation was made. Since the auditorium has been built we have practised on Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 3:30. On Saturday there are no afternoon music classes and we practise at 3 o'clock. The School of Fine Arts has retained Tuesday and Wednesday for their work in the auditorium in orchestra, glee club, and organ. It seems only fair that basketball should have two months of the year-January and February-wherein the boys can become accustomed to the court. Concert and lecture courses, when scheduled, rightfully prevent our practises, but other activities such as ours, should not encroach upon other domains. Things have now taken such a turn that I respectfully ask you, as I have asked Chancellor Lindley heretofore, to permit us to return to the gymnasium for our basketball games for this year and in the future.

Kansas State plays their regularly scheduled games in their gymnasium and Iowa State does likewise. We have nearly as many seats in our gymnasium as we have good seats in the auditorium. By using the gymnasium we would be practising on a floor and using the same background for shooting practise that our opponents are using. Here is our predicament. We are forced to play our home schedule on a semi-foreign court, while we use the gymnasium for practise. I am sure that you can appreciate the great handicap that we face. If you have done any trapshooting, or played any game where the background plays such a tremendous part, then you can appreciate the situation.

In addition to that, the floor resiliency is different, the baskets are constructed differently, and the whole set-up makes a very emphatic margin between winning and losing. And since this is a competitive game and since we are held accountable, whether we win or lose, then I believe we have a definite point.