

September 10, 1942.

Mr. Raymond Nichols,
Chancellor's Office.

Dear Ray:

The CPT officials came in my office this week asking for gymnasium facilities for their men. We naturally desired to cooperate, and these 50 men are now using our basket system and checking out towels. They started yesterday, and Mr. McElhinny is on the job.

This summer we cooperated with the officers of the CPT, and while the gymnasium facilities were not available we arranged it so that they could use the showers and dressing rooms at the stadium.

Suppose we have so many students who are required to take compulsory physical education that we run out of baskets. What shall we do with these 50 CPT men? We have approximately 1500 baskets. Shall we go along this way as long as we can, or shall we let them stay and not take care of our students? Of course, the men out for football will relieve the situation for a while, but as soon as their sport is ended they are coming back into our program. Will you kindly discuss this with the Chancellor and give me your answer to this problem?

Chief Specialist Bain and Ensign Pederson have been asking for our full cooperation with their Navy program and we have been endeavoring to give them that. With the inclement weather months coming on they are expecting us to accommodate them at certain times. I presume this is what the administration wants done so far as possible without crippling our program too much. But the gymnasium, Hoch Auditorium and the athletic fields are receiving severe strain, especially the gymnasium.

Yesterday we suggested to Mr. Bain the west side of the campus for a possible playfield, across from the Sig Alph and Delta Chi houses and across from Karl Klooz's residence. There is ample space to conduct games for these Navy men. Of course, we will gladly cooperate with all of the service organizations in giving them space when our program does not require it. My thought is that four or five men, under the supervision of the boss, could fill all those chuck holes on the west campus side and make a highly available and desirable place. As far as utility is concerned, they could march the men around the campus road. It is quite accessible.

Will you please give me your reactions?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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