

This morning my secretary gave me a notation from Mr. Wiley as follows:

"Dr. Allen:

Mr. Wiley just called to check the hours that Mr. Nichols gave me regarding the time the auditorium may be used for practice this weekend. (You will recall there is a Music Clinic here this week)

The hours check for Thursday, no practice in Hoch on Friday, but on Saturday Mr. Wiley says it cannot possibly be ready before 5:30. Mr. Nichols said 4:30--but Mr. Nichols probably did not realize that elevations will have to be removed from the basketball floor after the afternoon performance, and Mr. Harris says it will take an hour to remove the elevations.

I told Mr. Wiley that you no doubt will wish to practice in Hoch on Saturday in view of the fact that we have a game here on the following Monday. He said he was sorry you could not get in sooner on Saturday, and said he would be glad to talk to you if you wished to call him. He will send you a program of the Music Clinic.

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The use of the auditorium has become so manifold and each individual feels as if his reservations are more important than the others; therefore we are being forced out entirely, so far as practice periods are concerned or even a scheduled arrangement is possible. For that reason I wish to offer an emphatic protest against the way the thing is handled.

If I am thinking correctly, I see no reason why a Music Clinic was scheduled until or unless we were consulted. These dates have been taken away from us without our being notified, and inasmuch as we play our first conference game next Monday, we are placed in a position of being forced to play over there against our wishes with but one practice period for the whole time. Therefore, I feel emphatically that we would be much better off in erecting seats here in our gymnasium and playing where we can practice without interruption.

In all other Big-Six schools the teams practice where they play. I am sure that you will recognize the fact that it is very difficult to spend all of our practice periods over here in the gymnasium and then be forced to play on a semi-foreign court. All other teams practice on the home court and the difference in points is from 8 to 10 per game. In justice to my boys and the team I feel that this is emphatically unfair.