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Dean E. B. Stouffer,
Chairman, Room Survey Committee,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Stouffer:

I have your recent letter to department heads in regard to the survey of classrooms, with special emphasis on the problem of office space. Before we go much further on our survey of classroom use in Robinson Gymnasium, I thought it would be well to first acquaint you with the impracticability of using any of the rooms in this building for office space.

We have three classrooms in the gymnasium, each of them opening off the gym floor, on the second floor of the building. These rooms were originally planned as exercise rooms, and several years ago we remodeled them for class rooms. The gymnasium was built in 1906 to accommodate a student body of 1200. With the enrollment four times that much, our gym floors are in constant use from 8:30 in the morning until 12 o'clock at night.

The noise in the gymnasium makes it extremely difficult to conduct classes in the lecture rooms, and even in the offices we find it difficult at times. The activity classes which are conducted on the gymnasium floors are of necessity noisy classes. When these classes are not in session the floors are used for intramurals - basketball, volley ball, and the like. There seems to be no time during the day when it is quiet in the building.

Our faculty members have found that the only place they can study is at the library or at home. There is so much disturbance in the building that it is impossible to study in the offices.

I assure you of our desire to cooperate in any way possible in your survey, but I felt that the noise in the gymnasium presents such a problem that it would be inadvisable to even attempt to reallocate the classroom space.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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