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Chancellor E. H. Lindley,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Lindley:

This is not a complaint, but a mere statement of fact. When I went over to the auditorium yesterday I found that the men's lavatory and shower room on the east side of the auditorium, in which our basketball team has always assembled between halves, has been cut in half, making it absolutely impossible for our boys to assemble there this year. This space in this room was walled off to take care of the new loud speaker system.

Had I not accidentally dropped over there and looked at it we would have gone over to our first game this year not knowing anything about this situation and would have found a very bad condition. For the visitors' room everything is satisfactory. But for our large squad, all of whom are called in to the room to hear the blackboard instruction and discussion, it is next to impossible to function successfully. As it was, we were terribly congested. Perhaps the individual who approved this arrangement thought only in terms of a five-man team, but it is necessary for our substitutes to listen to the lecture and to see the diagrams concerning the faults of our own players who are in action as well as to have pointed out to them the strength and weaknesses of the opponents.

Since those rooms were built in there for that purpose I am wondering where we shall go. It will be very detrimental to the health of the boys to have them come back to the gymnasium between halves because they will be very warm and will be apt to catch severe colds. The only place now that I could place the boys would be on the floor of the shower bath, and this space would accommodate only half of them. I am sorry that there was not some other space in the auditorium that would have permitted the location of this room without destroying our dressing quarters.

If some other room could be fitted up for us that has running water, as it is necessary to bathe the players, and a place that has some outside ventilation so that the boys can breathe fresh air during their rest between halves, it would help the situation. It seems to me that there may be a piano practice room out near the front, but we have never used that because I do not recall that there is any running water there.