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Professor W. W. Davis,  
Chairman, Athletic Board,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Davis:

For several years we have been confronted with a very bad situation in regard to our dressing rooms for varsity and freshman basketball players in the gymnasium.

This is our problem. We find that the gymnasium space is insufficient for our varsity athletes. We have very small cramped quarters down here which we utilize for our varsity dressing room and our varsity training room. The quarters are located in the southwest corner of the basement in the gymnasium.

There is no place for the freshman basketball players to dress. This has been true for years. Both the varsity and freshman basketball players put their equipment in large wire baskets. These are stored in the dressing and training room. Mr. Elwyn Dees has charge of this basket equipment.

The same scheme that is employed at the stadium in regard to the basket system for varsity and freshman athletes is followed here at the gymnasium, with this difference, however. At the stadium there is ample dressing facilities for both the freshmen and varsity in football, track and baseball. This is not true in regard to basketball.

As I stated, our training quarters are in the same small cramped room as is our dressing room for varsity and freshman players. At the close of the football season many of the football players and other varsity athletes crowd into our training quarters. When they take workouts to keep in shape for the winter season and for spring practice, the varsity athletes of all kinds of denominations file into this room and want towels and other equipment. This destroys our team morale and upsets the whole situation. It is impossible to do any sort of a coaching job under these conditions.

I have not rebelled heretofore because it was a penalty that I was paying for the type of job I had as Director of Athletics. Since I am responsible for basketball, I desire to have the same sort of facilities for my sport that other coaches have and desire for their sport.