

October 30, 1937.

Dean R. A. Schwegler,  
School of Education.

Dear Dean Schwegler:

There are two items that I failed to include in my letter written to you on October 28. Both concern the recreational activity for Summer School. One has to do with the social side and the other has to do with the arts appeal.

I have reference to the formation of the Dames Club in the Summer Session. Picnics, bridge parties, and teas could be arranged for the Dames of the summer school students. Whomever you appoint could have charge of this. By publicizing this social feature in your educational bulletin I am very sure that some of the men students would be encouraged by their wives to attend the Summer Session where they too could have some social life.

The other activity has to do with the building of a Grecian open-air amphitheatre in Marvin Grove. The stage could be graded and built by CSEP student labor on a slope in a shady spot in the grove. The stone necessary for the retaining wall for the stage could be had from the old Snow Hall limestone blocks. The floor of the stage could be sodded and the natural slope of the earth would make a splendid amphitheatre in which movable wooden benches could be placed with a minimum of expense. The background and wings of the stage could be constructed from the boughs which could be cut from trees which need some trimming.

This stage would afford opportunities for dramatics, musicals, and other outdoor activities of student production, and would provide a retreat in a cool place where the audience would be protected against the sweltering summer heat.

After this project had been developed players like the Ben Greets and the Coburn Players could perhaps be brought in, or the Department of Speech and Dramatic Art could put on their entertainments here during the summer for the students. With the CSEP labor that we have, plus the cut stones from old Snow Hall assembled back of the office of the Buildings and Grounds, it appears to me that we have the possibilities of developing something from this idea.

Very sincerely yours,