

cc R. Nichols
M. Brundenthorpe

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Dean D. M. Swarthout,
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University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Swarthout:

Miss Engle called Mrs. Hulteen and informed her of the date of the Philharmonic matinee in the auditorium on Monday, February 13. This is prior to our Nebraska game, which is played here on the 14th.

You perhaps will recall that last year we had a game with the University of Missouri here on Thursday, March 3, and I called you and asked if you would permit us to have the auditorium on Wednesday afternoon to enable us to have some basket practice just prior to our game. You told me that you were sorry that was impossible because Mr. Kuersteiner was having orchestra practice, and as they were preparing for some orchestration it was impossible for you to permit us to have it. I feel that we should have been entitled the same courtesy regarding the 13th. We were to practice basket shooting in the auditorium just prior to the Nebraska game, which is on the 14th, and this matinee prevents us from doing so.

I am frank to say that we have not had twelve practices in the auditorium this year, and I am sure that if your players must accustom themselves to the necessary acoustics, and so forth, for playing, you can see at what a decided disadvantage we are put in by being unable to use the auditorium just prior to the game.

I still remember that the auditorium was built for an auditorium and a basketball court. It seems entirely logical and thinkable that if this is true we should have a court to practice on so that we would not be forced to play on a semi-foreign court, when the Universities of Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas State College and Iowa State College practice every day on the court that they play games on regularly. I am sure that this will appeal to your sense of fairness.

I have implored the Chancellor previously to permit us to go back to Robinson Gymnasium and allow us to play our regular scheduled games here. This would be an entirely happy situation with me, with no pique but with a full appreciation and understanding of cooperation, giving us the same opportunity as accorded our contemporaries in the Big Six Conference. I still think that this is the only fair thing in light of the unfair dis-