

December 23, 1939.

Mr. John A. Rush,
121 So. Hudson Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Brother Rush:

I regret exceedingly that the letters to our chapter members, which were dated the 8th of December, were mimeographed before your letter of the 7th arrived, stating that you would like to be relieved of having your name used on the Special Gifts Committee of Phi Kappa Psi.

However, I am very glad that you wrote me pointedly as you did. You can appreciate perhaps, Brother Rush, that all of us here in the environment of Lawrence are showered at times by our active chapter to do things when and if the boys want them done. The boys came to me and said that they felt they were making a pretty good record and that their credit, academically and financially, was not only above reproach but subject to commendation. They asked if I would head up this Special Gifts Committee.

I told the boys if they would bring me certain data that would be helpful in presenting to the brothers nation-wide, that I would try to compose a letter and ask for contributions from the members who felt they desire to contribute something to the refinishing of the lower floor or the alumni parlor. I emphatically agree with you that the drive is badly timed. I know of no time that is a good time for a drive.

I remember when we started the drive for the stadium. Everybody said we would fail, and so many people said that that I thought perhaps we might. But I felt there was a great need for a beautiful stadium located in the valley with the open end looking toward the hill, and when the old-timers sang the Crimson and the Blue and yelled the Rock Chalk they would be looking into the open face of their alma mater. To me this seemed to be a high point with the alumni, and I started first on location and then on need.

I feel that this appeal by the Phi Psi actives has not only the element of need, but I believe it is something that the