

August 29, 1942.

Memo to Chancellor Malott:

In regard to your suggestion that the towel fee be raised, I think it would be a mistake to raise it further at the present time. This fee has been raised to nearly  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  per towel, on the theory that the student should pay for the wear and tear on the towel as well as the laundering and service. To raise this to  $5\%$  per towel would give us about a half a cent increase, and it does not seem advisable to recommend it now.

In ordering new towels for our required physical education set-up we are ordering 200 dozen quoted at a price of \$6.35 per dozen. Dean Smith estimated an expenditure of \$840.00 for towels but that figure was based on previous prices for towels. We could get a cheaper quality for \$3.75 a dozen, but I am sure this would be poor economy.

Twenty-four hundred towels, based on an enrollment of 1600 men, would give us only one day's supply out of the laundry. Towels are staple items, and we will have need of a reserve. Of course, there is the possibility of a laundry break-down, and we would be forced to call upon our reserve. There is no idea on our part of hoarding, but this number of towels is a "must".

We are buying conservatively on our class equipment, and have kept our order of supplies at the minimum. After reading the item in this morning's Kansas City Times concerning the agreement the OPA had with sporting goods companies, I called Mr. Les Freeburg, of Lowe & Campbell Athletic Goods Company in Kansas City, and asked how that would affect their prices. This company is a subsidiary of the Wilson Sporting Goods Company (trust). Mr. Freeburg told me this agreement mentioned in the paper would not change their bid at all. I assure you that we are spending our money as intelligently as possible. It may be that after we get into our conditioning program we will desire to change it somewhat, and then we will order the equipment needed. We do not want to buy supplies now that we may not need.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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