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Mr. E. C. Quigley,
Athletic Director,
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Dear Ernie:

The basketball court in Hoch Auditorium is in deplorable condition. The ASTP having used it for physical conditioning classes and the administration permitting a dance in there has rendered it totally unfit for varsity play. Our first game is December 8th. It will be necessary to take that surface off and refinish it, for which the University should pay. Doubtless Mr. Raymond Nichols will have Mr. C. G. Bayles do it, but it will take some emphatic pressure to get the job done so that we can play.

I recall one winter when we opened up our basketball season. The Chancellor had given permission to have a dance there in May for the state bankers. The condition of the floor was promptly forgotten, and since they do not permit us to practice over there but two days a week we did not go over on account of some conflicts which prohibited us from using those two days. We went over for the game and the team slipped and fell all over the floor. As I recall, it was the Oklahoma game, and it was miserable. The Oklahoma people rather whispered that we had slicked up the floor and had taken advantage of them.

I only make this explanation to show you that a basketball floor not in playing condition is worse than any other playing field. I am sure that you will quite agree with me. May we have your cooperation in getting this job done pronto?

I wonder if I might mention the clock again. I am just afraid that we will come up during basketball with an unsynchronized pair of clocks. That always causes a peek of confusion and dissatisfaction to the visiting team's coach who wonders if the clock which we call official is running according to clock schedule. I believe you can also view this difficulty, having been an official for so many, many years, and getting the sidelight opinion of a dissatisfied coach who might be beaten. But I am not bragging this year, because that may not happen!

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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