

January 9, 1939.

Miss Ruth Baker,  
429 So. 10th St.,  
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Miss Baker:

I am just leaving for Columbia, Missouri, this afternoon to see the Iowa State game there tonight, but I wanted to drop you a note in answer to your letter of the 6th and 8th. I will write you more fully later.

Just remember this - that Salina is the home of Methodism, Kansas Wesleyan being a Methodist college. Those people there have had Methodism in their families for generations, and anything that has the word "dance" in it is against their principles. So I would advise you not to fight against that.

I took this letter over to Miss Dunkel this morning and she read it. She had had a similar problem in Arkansas City when she was there in 1924 and 1925. It is our suggestion that you go on with your work, changing the name of the course to "rhythmic games", or to something on that order, but leave the word "dance" out of it.

Handle the matter discreetly, and don't tell anybody about it, but just go ahead with your "rhythms". Many times the patrons in a community rise up and protest against something, and quite often they don't know what they are fighting about.

You have made a splendid record there in Salina, and we want to do everything we can for your continued success. I am glad you wrote me, and I expect to write you more fully a little later.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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