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Hoffman

May 31, 1978

Mrs. Mark Hoffman
400 N. University#102
Little Rock, AR 72205

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

It was so very nice to receive your letter and to know that things are going along well for you. It was also very nice to get the old recital programs. We will put them in our archives where they can be kept to preserve the history of Fort Hays State University and to add to our collection.

I am sure that the name of the school was changed between your two recitals.

Again it was nice to hear from you and, if you should get out this way, be sure to stop and see us.

Sincerely,

G. W. Tomanek
President

GWT:res

bcc: Dr James Insythe

991-01-09

MEMORANDUM

Hays, Kansas
67601



To: Mr. James Forsythe

Date: 5/31/78

From: G. W. Tomanek

Subject: _____

Dear Jim:

Enclosed are some recital programs sent to me by Mrs. Mark Hoffman and also attached is a copy of a letter I wrote to her.

Enclosures

Signed: G.W.T.

REPLY:

Date: _____

Signed: _____

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~~COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS~~
~~UNIVERSITY, MISSISSIPPI 38677~~

~~Department of Music~~

May 13, 1978

Dr. G. W. Tomanek, President
Fort Hays State University
Hays, Kansas 67601.

Dear Dr. Tomanek:

Thank you for your letter re my contribution to the carrillon in Dr. Hoffman's name. I just wanted him remembered. Perhaps you will be interested in the enclosed reprint from WHO'S WHO which of course was part of the publicity for the concerts he played even until 2 months before his death in 1975. He wanted to be an educator rather than a "concert bum" as he termed it, but playing the piano was his first love.

I was amused at your question regarding Maurice. Do I know him - my "baby" brother! I was the first of our tribe to go to Hays in 1921, then my sister Edwina, then some years later Maurice (he is more than 10 years younger than I), and finally Maurine. I suspect by now Mr. Collier has already given you this information, as I believe he was acquainted with Maurine.

I am trying to clear boxes and boxes of mamorabilia - after all, at 77 time is running out - and enclose old copies of programs I perpetrated upon the innocent audiences at Ft. Hays back in the dark ages. Is it possible the name of the College was changed during the 2 weeks between my graduating piano recital and my graduating voice recital? Please note the marking; I had not noticed this before until just now. And there is no mistake in the dates - was I sweating those two weeks out!

I must tell one story on Maurice: When I would be at home on vacations practicing my coloratura arias, that little stinker would be back in the kitchen mocking me and singing them as well or better than I! Of course our voices are different now.

My best wishes to any alumni of my generation who may be present whenever the next reunion comes around.

Cordially,

Mrs. Mark Hoffman
400 N. University #102
Little Rock, AR 72205

*I do not want these programs -
just throw them away.*

Fort Hays State University



Hays, Kansas 67601

Endowment Association

May 12, 1978

Mrs. Mark Hoffman
400 N. University, Apt. 102
Little Rock, AR 72205

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

Your April 28 letter addressed to President G. W. Tomanek along with a copy of his answer of May 4, 1978, has been sent to me.

I want to add to President Tomanek's comments that we are not able to complete the campanile project as soon as we had planned. However, we have obtained a donation from friends in Hill City, Kansas, in the amount of \$15,000 which paid for the carillon. It is located temporarily on the roof of the Memorial Union building and is serving its intended purpose.

The second part of the project is the building of the campanile tower to house the carillon. We have received several donations for this and the landscaping. We have every intention of completing this project as soon as possible but for the present time, we are very happy to have the carillon. When the campanile is completed, we will have the many people who were honored by families and friends given proper recognition.

I am glad to have the additional information about Dr. Hoffman. It will be kept on file and used at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kent Collier".

Kent Collier
Executive Secretary

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cc: Dr. G. W. Tomanek