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Smith Center Public Schools

VAUGHN E. McCOLEY, Superintendent



SMITH CENTER, KANSAS

2 February 1954

Dr. M. C. Cunningham
Fort Hays KSC
Hays, Kansas

Dear Dr. Cunningham:

I am writing to request that my name be removed from that as chairman for Smith County in the Student Union Fund drive. I have given this task many hours of debate and find it impossible to convince myself that the drive is being conducted in the most fitting manner. To be explicit, I cannot believe that it is necessary to employ a professional propogandist to convince those interested in giving for this fund. I have as much love for Fort Hays as any alumni and I intend to support the school with my loyalty in about every type of endeavor. This campaign is one project that will have to be handled differently to receive my support.

I have discussed the proposition with several people on this list that I was given. The response has been bordering between indifference to the negative. The points of contention being: 1. Pledges are a dangerous situation to become obligated in and, 2. A Student Union would be fine but is it so necessary as to stage such a drive as this? Another point has been the building on the K-State campus of a Student Union building. Has this building been financed entirely without legislative appropriations?

It is with regret that I write this letter. I know that you and several other men there at school have spent countless hours working toward this project. I'm certain though that you would appreciate my honest convictions in preference to poor efforts.

May I close with a word of appreciation to you for the fine work you have done for our school. Also, I appreciate the fine personal support that you have given me. I will continue to boost you and Fort Hays as in the past. Just this one project will have to be eliminated.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely
Donald D. Davis
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