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Mrs. Margaret A. Glades, Regent  
% Kansas Board of Regents  
Suite 1416 Merchants National Bank Tower  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Mrs. Glades:

On behalf of the teaching faculty of Pittsburg State University I wish to congratulate you on your nomination to the Board of Regents. As you know the faculty at Pittsburg State are unique among ~~our~~ peers within the Kansas Regent Institutions in that we have voted to collectively bargain with the Regents on conditions of employment.

In the past we have felt that there has existed an information gap between the Regents and the faculty at Pittsburg State. We have often read remarks made by some Regents that were not grounded in fact. We hope that this will not be the case in the future. <sup>On</sup> In order to facilitate communication between the teaching faculty at P.S.U. and yourself ~~we~~ I would like to cordially invite you to be our guests on our campus for a visit in



the near future. I have also extended this invitation to Mrs. McMullen in hopes that she too might visit our campus.

Dr. Peter K. Hamilton, president of our Faculty Senate and past chief negotiator for PSU/KHEA will be attending the R.I.C.C. meeting in Topeka on March 15, 1979. Dr. Hamilton has been asked to contact you in hopes that a firm date may be set for your visit.

We at Pittsburg are anxious to demonstrate ~~our~~ ~~on~~ the commitment of this faculty to quality in the areas of teaching, research, and service. It is our belief that the protection of the PER act which we enjoy has enabled this faculty to address itself to crucial issues in higher education. We think we could all profit from an exchange of views with you.

Again, on behalf of the teaching faculty I sincerely hope you can accept this invitation.

Walther  
Strawn  
Kerle  
Brown

Powell  
Sleverson  
Int. PSU/KHEA & Comm.

Sincerely,  
James E. Thomas



March 6, 1979

Mrs. Sandra L. McMullen, Regent  
% Kansas Board of Regents  
Suite 1416, Merchants National Bank Tower  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Mrs. McMullen:

The teaching faculty of Pittsburg State University are deeply concerned about the statements attributed to you in the Topeka Daily Capitol's account of your testimony before the Senate Nominations Committee. In the story by Mr. Martin Hawver, you are quoted as saying,

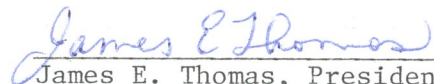
...(she) hopes that the State university faculty doesn't organize into a bargaining unit, as junior college and some elementary and secondary teachers have. I think that it takes away from their professionalism to form groups like that.

We at P.S.U. feel that because we are organized, it has increased our professionalism. This faculty is now more personally involved with the establishment of teaching standards, creation of governance policies, and committed to open and candid expression of our professional opinion through our PUS/KHEA representatives. We believe that the guaranteed protection of expression found in the PER act has increased faculty participation in all areas of campus life.

In order to increase communication between the faculty at Pittsburg and yourself, we urgently request that you visit our campus and allow us to demonstrate the commitment of the teachers at P.S.U. to a high standard of professionalism. We had the pleasure of visiting with Governor Carlin while he was on our campus, and he assured us that you were an open-minded and fair individual. We have no reason to doubt the Governor's description, and hope that you could arrange to meet with us. Dr. Peter K. Hamilton, President of the Faculty Senate at P.S.U., will be attending the R.I.C.C. meeting in Topeka on March 15, 1979. Dr. Hamilton is a past Chief Negotiator for our unit and currently serves as Director of Public Relations for PSU/KHEA. Dr. Hamilton will be most happy to meet with you at that time to arrange a specific date for your visit.

On behalf of the teaching faculty of Pittsburg State University, I sincerely extend this cordial invitation to you. You may be interested in knowing that we are also inviting Mrs. Margaret A. Glades to visit with us. We hope that you can accept this offer.

Sincerely,

  
James E. Thomas, President  
PSU/KHEA

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Dr. Thomas Walther

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Dr. Robertson Strawn

  
Mr. Eugene DeGruson

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Dr. Donald F. Kerle

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Dr. A. O. Brown

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Dr. William Powell

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Mrs. Shirley Stevenson  
Members PSU/KHEA Executive Committee

**PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER  
KANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

PITTSBURG, KANSAS 66762

March 26, 1979

AFFILIATED NEA and KNEA

To: Victor J. Salem, Executive Secretary, Kansas Higher Education Association

From: Executive Committee, PSU/KHEA, Pittsburg, Kansas

SUBJECT: KHEA

At its weekly meeting on March 26, 1979, the Executive Committee of the Pittsburg State University Chapter of Kansas Higher Education Association passed the following resolution:

Whereas PSU/KHEA is on record as requesting a transfer from Uniserve District 18 to Uniserve District 10, be it resolved that the PSU/KHEA Chapter of the Kansas Higher Education Association does not support the Kansas Higher Education Association and the manner in which it is organized as uniserve District 18.

xc: Marjory Sharp  
Jim Sisung