

VIII. In collecting myths, or information in regard to history or customs, it is well to observe two rules:

1. Never ask a leading question (one that suggests its own answer). e.g. Do not ask- "Do you wear red paint to protect your skin?" But ask: "Why do you wear red paint?"
2. Do not talk too long on one subject. Half an hour is long enough, usually; the fewer questions, the better.

Also- 3. Take care to avoid showing surprise or amusement at anything said. Such expressions of feeling on your part may be taken amiss and destroy confidence.

IX. GUEST ROOMS: By all means a guest room or guest-rooms should be included in the Indian building. These would be of use in gathering material, as prominent men, who have a store of information could be entertained by the university for extended periods and their information acquired at less cost than if the University sent investigators into the field.

The compliment would be appreciated, and would strengthen the hold of the University upon leaders of distant communities.

X. Dormitories: Unless the inclusion of dormitories for Indian students is necessary for some other reason than to shelter Indian students, I do not see that it is advisable. The Indians would prefer not to be segregated, and there is no reason why they should be. A few rooms for boys who care for the building might be included, but beyond this I can not approve the plan.

XI. Architecture: In the beginning, it would be well to emphasize the idea that this building and scheme is for Oklahoma Indians rather than Indians generally. Pueblo architecture, therefore should not be rashly seized upon at the start. The Indians in Oklahoma knew nothing and cared less about the Indians of the desert. Even today there is practically no contact. Anything freakish will tend to alienate Indian interest. And we shall want more donations later.

XII. Festivals. I would suggest that Indian tribes be encouraged to play their national games here. For example- the ball game of the civilized tribes would draw people from all over the State. Prizes should be offered, and accommodations provided for the members of the teams. Dances might also be staged here.

Sincerely yours

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