

September 27, 1944.

Mr. Clarence Hoff,
Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hoff:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Reaves Peters which about causes me to feel that I cannot talk plainly enough to have people understand me. Reaves said that he had talked with you and you had told him you talked with me Saturday but was under the impression that we were not certain what could be done.

I certainly did not mean to convey that impression because I was pretty definite in my mind on what was being done toward closing the two dates of December 15 and 16, and December 22 and 23. What I came by for was to explain to Baker that we were making progress toward closing these dates. I told you then that on December 22 and 23 we had already engaged Missouri, Kansas and Kansas State, and we were looking for another university that would be a drawing power and would add the foursome for these two double-header dates. We had endeavored to get Wyoming or Oklahoma Aggies for those dates but they were playing in the East. Missouri did not want to play the earlier dates but were willing to play the latter dates, and these two dates we expect to definitely close.

I also told you that Bruce Drake had closed with Iowa Pre-Flight for December 16, and I had written Henry Iba stating that Kansas was willing to play Oklahoma Aggies if the Chancellor would rescind his former ruling that we should not play Oklahoma Aggies. Henry Iba replied that they were playing Temple in Philadelphia, but he would like to play some other date. We do not have the power to meet the Aggies, but I was being agreeable for the sake of a large gate receipt and a fine play-off.

We have not been able to arrange as yet for a set-up for the 15th, or as far as Kansas is concerned, for the 16th. But Wyoming wired me that they were willing to play Kansas in the hall on the 15th. It was for that purpose that I was endeavoring to enlighten you upon these things that I dropped in. In other words, I was making a progress report to you on what was being done concerning December 15 and 16, and December 22 and 23.

George Edwards delegated the power to me to negotiate for these dates so far as his set-up was concerned, and Bruce Drake did likewise. Therefore, I thought I was doing the best job I could under the conditions. I am sorry you misunderstood and called Mr. Peters. Hereafter, won't you kindly call