

October 7, 1943.

Mr. Jack Copeland,  
The Wichita Beacon,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

I am wondering if Wichita U. is going to have a basketball team. We will use Navy men and of course it will be necessary for us to get back within 48 hours. I am explaining this because Hal Middlesworth wanted us down there in a tournament in which Oklahoma Aggies and other teams were entering, but I turned that down because I am definitely playing the game in the spirit and the letter as the ODT wishes. We are making no long trips anywhere, and that is why I am asking you about Wichita U.

We have good grounds for playing a college in our own state, but we are not going out of the state, except for Big Six Conference dates. And too, I think it would be impossible to play in a tournament if you got one up at Wichita. We might play some service team if you think that would draw better than Wichita University.

We have a lot of alumni in Wichita, and since they can't come to see us play, we would go to them. Please keep this confidential, as I have a great number of schools which want to play hither and yon, but I have turned them down. But I would do this for you if you think you could boost a good crowd.

I missed you at Washburn. I looked for you, but apparently you did not arrive. I would have enjoyed a chat with you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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