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Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
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Dear Mac:

Confirming our recent phone conversation I am writing you to inform you that Kansas, as hosts, are inviting Missouri to participate in our basketball double-header program which we previously arranged with Iowa City Pre-Flight School on January 29, and with Great Lakes on January 30 in Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.

Missouri had scheduled Great Lakes at Columbia on January 29 and Iowa City Pre-Flight School on January 30.

Kansas had also arranged to have her University Band and her Jay Janes, University women's pep club, on hand for entertainment between halves at both of these games. Prior to the invitation to Missouri which we extended we had tentatively arranged with Lieut. Jack Gardner for his Gardner, Kansas, Naval cadets and for Henry Iba and his Oklahoma Aggie Cowboys to play the double-header attraction that we had arranged with the two service teams.

I had explained to Harry Welsh that this was a Kansas program and that if Missouri would like to participate we would be glad to have them, but we would not want Missouri to dictate to us a program which we had arranged entirely by ourselves.

Now, Mac, please understand that I want nothing said that would in the least bit embarrass Missouri. When I got into the mental frame to invite Missouri, then I consider them guests. I think it not necessary to mention the fact that I told Harry Welsh that this band's expenses would be paid out of the income because the hall management says you must have music, and since we pay only the band's traveling expenses and their keep during the two days there it is much cheaper than trying to hire any type of music the way union wages are. And too, we have a crack band. Now we want the Jay Janes there to add color with their uniforms and vivacity, but the Jay Janes will pay their own transportation, so there will be no charge on that score. I figured that this was a Kansas night, the same as if we would have one over here in our own auditorium. And if we were playing a service team and Missouri would ask to join with us in a game here at Lawrence I would be quick to invite them. Of course, I would still want to run the show.

I think this is a grand thing to have both Missouri and Kansas, the two leading schools in this section as far as alumni and friends are concerned, meet two fine service teams such as Great Lakes and Iowa City Pre-Flight School. This seems to me to entail all the pulling power that it is