

possible to get under one roof at the same time. Frankly, Mac, had George Edwards and my relationship been of the best (which was not due to the N.C.A.A. fracas), Missouri would have been the first school that I would have thought of to ask to join us. That is why I broaches Henry Iba about coming in to play with us, because Iba and I are on good terms although bitter athletic rivals. And Iba has a great team and a strong drawing power.

In my opinion, too much credit cannot go to Harry Welsh for bringing this about. After I had definitely turned down George Edwards and the door was closed to him so far as I was concerned, and to Sam Shirkey, but not to Don Faurot, nobody but Welsh had the tenacity to follow through. Harry wrote me a letter and asked me to come in to lunch with him. I wrote and accepted, but told him that I would only keep an open mind when I had a conference with him and that this act of going in was not to be interpreted that I had changed my position in the slightest. Welsh and I had a very friendly yet frank talk, and when I left I told him that I would return home, study the situation from all angles, and for him (Welsh) not to build too highly on the possibility of working this thing out. I think I should say to you that my great admiration for your judgment and the fact that you mentioned this fine set up caused me to want to do it because I figured that it was best for all concerned. And I was pleased with Harry Welsh's attitude. He has grown immensely and I could work along with him in fine style because both of us dealt with every card above the table. I was utterly frank in saying things to him and held back nothing. He came through.

Wednesday morning I called Harry Welsh from Lawrence and said to him, "Harry, if you want to take the responsibility of saying to Missouri that we will invite them to participate in our program under the conditions previously outlined, we will be very happy to have Missouri participate in the program." Thursday afternoon I was in the Wyandotte County Court House, Kansas City, Kansas, and Harry Welsh called me saying that Missouri had accepted and that he would ask them to write me a letter asking to participate. I said, "No, Harry, that is not necessary. No one has to kow-tow to me. The word you bring me is good enough, and if agreeable to you I will call Mr. Clyde McBride and tell him that Missouri has accepted, since Mac gave the set up a few Sundays ago his blessing, and I think we should inform him and let him handle it as he desires rather than to have it come from either Lawrence or Columbia." And Welsh heartily assented. This morning I placed the call and you were out.

I do not believe there are many other situations that I have not covered, save this possibility. If Missouri would want to put on any demonstrations from their pep organizations of course we would acquiesce to their desires. I do not want Missouri to humble themselves and I want to be a good host, but I was very certain of my premise in the beginning - that if I would have gone in to the situation as Missouri had wanted us to we would have been dictated to in a great many directions. I expect to handle the complimentary tickets as George Edwards handled them in the N.C.A.A. I will be fair with him, but I will also remember the game's friends who build the gate. We can do this as hosts but we could not do