

May 8, 1942

Mr. George Edwards,
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Dear George:

I am belatedly replying to you in regard to the carbon copy of your letter addressed to Mr. Gwinn Henry regarding the Western N.C.A.A. play-off, which you sent me.

First, I want to assure you, George, that I bear no animosity toward you. But I am conscious of the fact that someone has said that there are three sides to every question - your side, my side, and the right side. Your letter gives me an opportunity first to pointedly set forth some historical data regarding basketball in the N.C.A.A., and also an opportunity to make some observations.

May I say that I had no conversation with Mr. Gwinn Henry regarding the Western play-offs, and any letter that he wrote you could not have been tintured or influenced by anything I had to say to him or anyone else here in authority because of this situation. Evidently what Mr. Henry referred to in his letter was in regard to tickets for the Athletic Board, the Chancellor, and the officers of the Athletic Association here at the University. I am merely interpreting Mr. Henry's letter for you, not having discussed it with him at this date. I am sure that Chancellor Malott has so many larger things to consider that he has given it practically no thought. If you imply that the manager of the games was discourteous to Kansas, that is entirely your own interpretation, I am sure.

I would like to call your attention, George, to the fact that you met the Kansas team, along with Dan Partner of the Kansas City Star. There were 20 people in our party, although your tournament committee limited us to 14 so far as expenses were concerned. While you were standing there Dan Partner said, "Allen, why don't you catch a taxi? They are cheaper than the street cars." I said, "Yes, I know it, but the boys have just eaten a big meal on the train and I desire them to have some exercise." Since the street cars were more expensive than the taxis, I am wondering why you "came to think of it that you saw the boys board the street cars." Or did you think that perhaps we could ride free on the street cars? In submitting my taxi fare it was a part of the team's transportation to the hotel from our college town. Only expenses for taxi were included from the depot to the hotel, and from the hotel to the depot returning. I still consider it a very just and reasonable charge, and I am making no apology whatsoever for it. We paid all of the expenses of the six extra boys out of our own athletic pocket while in