

December 27, 1939.

Chancellor D. W. Malott,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

It is seldom necessary for a subordinate in the athletic department to write to members of his own Athletic Board concerning an athletic situation, but I have been blamed for scheduling twenty games apparently without permission, and further have been charged with scheduling games in the Washburn College Tournament in Topeka on December 28, 29 and 30, which were erroneously believed to be against the rules of the conference.

For these reasons and to clarify the situation I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I wrote to Mr. Gwinn Henry, our Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas, on October 6, 1939, asking that he submit our entire schedule, which I submitted to him, for action. In view of the fact that the University of Kansas basketball schedule for 1939-40, which is enclosed, was distributed to the individual members of the Athletic Board when they met on the evening of December 5th, prior to our Oklahoma A. & M. game, I took it for granted that action had been taken by the board because the schedule was prima facie evidence thereof.

My procedure with Director Henry has been always to submit every game to him prior to our scheduling it and then when this was agreed upon Mr. Henry signed the contracts as Director of Athletics. In no case has there been an exception.

In regard to the Washburn Tournament, Mr. Gene Kemper first interviewed Mr. Henry. Mr. Henry in turn discussed the matter with me. Since Mr. Kemper has never been accused of being ardently in love with me, I suggested to Mr. Henry that Mr. Kemper come to the front door and discuss the matter with me first. Mr. Henry wrote Mr. Kemper and Mr. Kemper took the matter up with me. I continued to discuss this with Mr. Henry and made the point that if Mr. Kemper promoted the tournament for the Topeka Capital that it would not conform to Big Six Conference rules, but that if Washburn College promoted the tournament under their own auspices and without Mr. Kemper's guidance, there was nothing in the rules to prevent it. I have a letter in my file from Mr. Kemper stating that he had withdrawn any interest from the tournament and would only support it as a newspaper man. Mr. Kemper made this statement to me orally a number of times, and I honestly believe that this is the truth. That is why I agreed to enter the tournament so there would be no conflict in the rule.