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Mr. H. G. Volz,
First Trust Company,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mutt:

I have just received your good letter and have had a conference with Mr. Palkonstien concerning your expenses. I believe his check was \$17.45.

Mutt, first I want to say that these boys running the athletic departments in most of these Big Six schools are having a terrible time keeping out of bankruptcy. Of course, Nebraska's football generally puts her over, and Oklahoma might have a breathing spell this year, but from my knowledge of athletic department revenues I can assure you there are none of these fellows but what are deep, deep in the mire and in the red.

These heavy stadium obligations have left no breathing spell financially for any of these boys who are trying to promote competitive athletics in the Big Six Conference. Each year it is necessary to either borrow money or in some way to keep within respectable distance of the bondholders or the bankers.

Mr. Palkonstien just came in the office and he tells me that the train from Lincoln to Kansas City is the Burlington Zephyr. I have ridden the Zephyr, and personally I would rather ride it than lots of parlor cars on the ordinary railroad. Since I am not athletic director now I can frankly say that I believe if the football and basketball officials in the Big Six were confronted with the financial obligations that the athletic departments in this conference are confronted with, they would be more than willing to ride even in a day coach rather than in the up to date Burlington Zephyr or any other like railroad to allow these people to keep their heads above water.

I would say that three meals at \$1.00 was a very fair allowance; not a super-abundantly extravagant one, but one certainly within keeping of the funds of all Big Six schools.

Indulging in a bit of facetiousness, I am convinced that since you are an officer in the First Trust Company that you would advise any of your clients to be economical in their expenditures, and since I have noticed a gradual widening of your girth and a slight slipping of your chest in the past few years I would suggest that you go to the Frigidaire in the