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Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Athletic Director and
Head Football Coach,
Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

May I congratulate you on the very sensible football schedule for the coming year. I was one who thought that getting a big team early in the season would be very valuable experience for our boys but since the last Notre Dame game I feel sure that the sacrifice far outweighs any possible gain. I think we should keep in our class. We have plenty of nearby universities that would command a worthwhile attendance for after all at the end of the season it seems the public looks at the games won and lost regardless of who the competitors might be.

I have been trying to get a young man by the name of Jimmy York, a graduate of Wyandotte High School, to come to K.U. but to date his financial condition would not permit it. He is a tackle, weighs 210 pounds and is 6'1". He has been playing with some former K. U. boys in the strictly amateur league. I now believe that he is a very fine prospect. His I.Q. is 105. He probably would do well in the school of education. If you will let me know a few days in advance of your next trip to Kansas City, I will try to arrange to have him come to the office and you might have a talk with him.

Gov. Payne Ratner is a very enthusiastic basket ball fan. When he and I were in the Senate a number of years ago we attended all the basket ball games. I think it would be wise to make an extra effort to see that he has a special invitation to the basket ball games. Later in the season we may arrange an appointment with him to see how many boys we can get in the highway department during the summer. I am sure that he will cooperate.

I know that under your fine management and your valued experience in handling boys, we can look forward to many fine years in athletics at the University.

May you have a Very Happy Christmas and a Fine New Year,

As always,

Very truly yours,