

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

I enjoyed your broadcast of the Kansas - Texas game; but I had hardly mentally expressed the wish that you would knock on wood or cross your fingers when you stated that Kansas had only to hold the ball two minutes and the game would be ours, when my fears were realised and we fumbled. That will be all for that.

My reason in writing you is that I learn from the father of Richard Overfield that the boy is not getting the financial assistance he was led to expect, or did expect, at the University.

When an eighteen year old high school boy has equalled collegiate records in the sprints, I think he is an asset that should be retained for the University. I know that he was called over long distance from Illinois before he went to Lawrence and pressure was exerted to get him to Southern California. I also know that friends of the University and of his parents used what influence we had to bring him to the University.

His father has no means to help him in getting this college training and neither can his mother assist much.

I understand from his father that he has to pay his University fees; that is, the boy or someone has to pay them, as well as his living expenses. I do not know what assistance he will receive from the fraternity to which he pledged - Sigma Chi, which is my own fraternity.

I do not know what the fraternity is permitted or expected to do, nor what help he can receive at the University; but I do feel that we should be able to make as generous arrangements as these other Universities have offered. His father feels that he can still go to California and receive this help.

This boy is young and inexperienced and will need coaching in his school work; but, I am convinced, he should be kept at K. U.

Sincerely yours,

*R. W. Cates*