

October 10, 1941.

Principal F. B. Toalson,  
Dodge City Senior High School,  
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Toalson:

I am sorry that Lawrence Stanton felt I gave him any real hope of bringing the varsity basketball team to Dodge City, because that was not my intention. I told him that I have always been against taking the team away from school. Many times I have been asked to take them for athletic banquets, and other occasions, but I have steadfastly refused to do so.

On second consideration, however, after reading your letter of the 8th instant I feel that you have a very good point. Dodge City certainly is entitled to something like this. The band goes out and the glee clubs go out, but generally when an athletic team goes on such a trip they say the boys are just fooling away their time.

I wouldn't want to take my boys away from school for two days, but I will get in touch with the professors of some of my best boys and see if we can get permission for them to be away from school on Friday. This is not a definite promise, you understand, because it is contingent upon the professors' O.K. There has been so much criticism of athletes going over the country that I have been almost on the defensive. But you presented a different angle in your letter, and I will see what we can do.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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