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Dear Dud:

I am terribly late in writing you, but as soon as your wire came I immediately called Burt and had him air mail you all the information possible. Doubtless you have kept up with the progress of things at Kansas State College, so what I say will perhaps have already been said or read before you receive this letter.

President F. D. Farrell is ill with pneumonia and nothing will be done until he gets out of the hospital. Student sentiment is very strong in favor of Stanley Williamson, but I do not know what administrative action will bring forth. They have a very splendid athletic board at Kansas State. President Farrell, before assuming the presidency, was chairman of the athletic committee. Before President Jardine was elevated to the chair of presidency, he was chairman of the athletic board at Kansas State. Jardine, of course you remember, was secretary of agriculture under President Hoover, and then later was ambassador to Egypt. He is now president of the Municipal University at Wichita, Kansas.

Dr. H. H. King, head of the Department of Chemistry, and a grand gentleman and sportsman, is chairman of the athletic committee at present. M. F. "Mike" Ahearn, the director of athletics, an all-round, versatile Massachusetts Aggie athlete, has a sense of humor and fine administrative ability. He came to Kansas State in 1904 as teacher in the Department of Horticulture. Mike started to coach there in 1906, having been taken from the faculty academic list to start football coaching. He coached all sports up until 1912, when Guy Lowman who is now at Wisconsin in the department of physical education, was made basketball and baseball coach and athletic director, and Johnny Bender, formerly of Nebraska fame, was made football coach. A squabble ensued in 1916 or 1917 between Bender and Lowman, much after the difficulties now taking place between Fry and Williamson. Both men resigned, Bender going to Tennessee and Z. G. Clevenger, who is now at Indiana, coming to Kansas State. Clevenger was athletic director at Tennessee, and Bender and Clevenger changed places. Lowman went to Wisconsin and has been there ever since.