

April 5, 1942

( copy to Dr. F. C. Allen)

Mr. Gwinn Henry  
Director of Athletics  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Gwinn:

Inasmuch as your letter of April 1 contains some statements which imply that the Manager of the N.C.A.A. Western Playoffs in Kansas City was discourteous to Kansas authorities, and believing that such was not the case, I will reply at some length.

Copies of this letter are being sent to those persons who, I feel, ought to know the details in this controversy. The list will include Dr. Allen, H. G. Olsen, and John L. Griffith, Secretary of the N.C.A.A. For the information of those not familiar with our previous correspondence, I will review the situation.

Following the Final Game on March 28, the Auditor of the Municipal Auditorium handed me a memorandum on a piece of railroad stationery, which said "To Kansas" and listed an expense report of \$32.50 for sale of tickets to N.C.A.A. games. The auditor wished to subtract that amount from game receipts and handle payment of the bill himself. However, as the account was not properly submitted with the name of any Kansas authority on it I told him that I would be responsible.

Accordingly, I wrote to you on March 31, a letter in which I explained why I had not let the Auditor settle the bill and asked for more information. Also, I expressed the opinion that ticket sale charges usually are not made when a school acts as agent for its patrons in a game in which its team is involved. Because of the unusual procedure, I also wrote, should you feel that Kansas was entitled to make such charges I believed it best to refer the account to N.C.A.A. officials for payment.

This review brings the matter up to date.

In your letter which arrived yesterday, Gwinn, you wrote as follows:

"This account was turned in by Mr. Falkenstien for the Athletic Office when it was discovered that no complimentary tickets would be allowed the University of Kansas coaches, Athletic board, etc. Having the tickets here we were necessarily subjected to some pressure by the above named persons and tickets were furnished them at the expense of the Athletic Department."