

Kansas City, which was our own right, was it not?

I remember distinctly the statement that you made to the effect that you were giving 28 tickets, two a piece for 14 boys in our party. I also remember your saying that you would be glad to give us additional tickets but the management was trying to keep complimentary to the minimum. At the time you made that statement I endeavored to detect the gleam of human kindness in your administrative glass eye, but I failed. I was sure that you could see that we had 20 men in our party, and the fact that Ray Evans, Bob Johnson, Paul Turner, Jack Ballard and Charlie Black were boys who had played in the greater Kansas City high school area, consequently the demand for tickets for these boys alone would amount to more than 28 tickets. To be perfectly frank with you, I gave those boys 32 tickets for them and their own large families, and in my opinion they deserved them. The other boys on the squad, with one exception, were boys living in this state with parents who naturally would desire to go to the games. The University of Kansas has a freshman team that also desired to see the varsity in action, and being in such close proximity to the game it took no stretch of the imagination to see that either the Athletic Association would be forced to purchase tickets for them at full price or else they would have to pay for them themselves or be denied the right to see the game.

We had no unpleasantness over the ticket situation, but your whole attitude in all of these administrative matters caused me to feel embarrassed in asking you for any relaxation of the rules. You will note that I went to the Auditorium and got the tickets, preferring to have them charged to us rather than to ask you to give them to us. There was nothing to keep you from sending an allotment of tickets to the hotel if you desired us to have them. I would not have asked you for a large number of additional tickets because in my opinion you were failing to see the very obvious point that you made - that the Kansas team was drawing quite a crowd, which meant success for the N.C.A.A. tournament. But you failed to be generous enough to volunteer to give these boys the additional tickets for their efforts in drawing this crowd. The boys were not asking for tickets to sell or to make money from as so many of the star athletes do when they get extra tickets. But they were asking for them for their folks, and I was bent upon getting them because they were entitled to them. Our boys came from areas close to Kansas City. The boys of the other teams came from great distances, hence 28 tickets might be sufficient for some of them.

I think you are utterly unfair in including 31 tickets for the Jay Jones in the Kansas complimentary. I had no connection whatsoever in arranging the Jay Jones' admission. That was between the Auditorium people and the office here. There were no complimentary given, although the Jay Jones were admitted to the arena floor with no seats for which an admission was charged. This makes it appear as if we got over a hundred tickets, but we only got 73 the first night, and 58 the second night. Some of those tickets included the freshmen, of course, and the relatives of the boys. I think it was a very reasonable amount. We did not endeavor to get a single ticket for anyone in Lawrence, preferring