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May 4, 1942.

Mr. George Edwards,
Basketball Coach,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

I am belatedly replying to you in regard to the carbon copy of your letter addressed to Mr. Gwinn Henry regarding the Western N.C.A.A. play-off, which you sent me.

First, I want to assure you, George, that I bear no animosity toward you. But I am conscious of the fact that someone said that there are three sides to every question - your side, my side, and the right side. Your letter gives me an opportunity first to pointedly set forth some historical data regarding basketball in the N.C.A.A., and also an opportunity to make some observations.

May I say that I ~~have~~ had no conversation with Mr. Gwinn Henry regarding the Western play-offs, and any letter that he wrote you could not have been tinctured or influenced by anything I had to say to him or anyone else here in authority because of this situation. Evidently what Mr. Henry referred to in his letter was in regard to tickets for the Athletic Board, the Chancellor, and the officers of the Athletic Association here at the University. I am merely interpreting Mr. Henry's letter, for you not having discussed it with him at this date. I am sure that Chancellor Malott has so many larger things to consider that he has given it practically no thought. If you imply that the manager of the games was discourteous to Kansas, that is entirely your own interpretation, I am sure.

I would like to call your attention, George, to the fact that you met the Kansas team, along with Dan Partner of the Kansas City Star. There were 20 people in our party, although your tournament committee limited us to 14 so far as expenses were concerned. While you were standing there Dan Partner said, "Allen, why don't you catch a taxi? They are cheaper than the street cars." I said, "Yes, I know it, but the boys have just eaten a big meal on the train and I desire them to have some exercise." Since the street cars were more expensive than taxis, I am wondering why you "came to think of it that you saw the boys board the street cars." Or did you think that perhaps we could ride free on the street cars? In submitting my taxi fare it was a part of the team's transportation to the hotel from our college town. Only expenses for taxi were included from the depot to the hotel, and from the hotel to the depot returning. I still consider it a very just and reasonable charge, and I am making no apology whatsoever for it. We paid all of the expenses of the six extra boys out of our own athletic pocket, which was our own right. was it not? While in KC

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 complimentaries 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 Schools 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 game. The University of Kansas has a freshman team that naturally 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 unpleasantries 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 allottment 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 NCAA 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.

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I had no connection whatsoever in arranging the Jay Janes admission. That was between the hall people and the Office here.

I think you are utterly unfair in including 31 tickets for the Jay Janes in the Kansas complimentaries. There were no complimentaries given, although the Jay Janes 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 68 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. ~~and~~ We did not endeavor to get a single ticket for anyone in Lawrence, preferring to take care of our own team and leaving ~~allowing~~ the administrative officers in Lawrence ~~to take care of their own because I had no contact with them.~~ the course they desired to pursue. We had no contact with them.

Certainly I was not asking for any tickets for the administration here at Lawrence. What I told you when you mentioned this was that they would take care of their own tickets, meaning that I would have no tickets for them in this exceptionally small allowance which you made, and naturally they would have to make their own arrangements. If you intended to make me feel that I was asking an especial favor of you personally for these tickets, you did so. There doubtless was some unpleasant background of my criticizing your N.C.A.A. tournament, and the feeling ~~doubtless~~ perhaps was on the part of both of us not to ask favors of each other.

Henry Iba told me that he heard on very good authority that if Oklahoma Aggies won the play-off they were to be matched against Stanford and if we won the play-off we were to be matched against Colorado. Iba also told me further that if he won the tournament he expected to ~~have something to say~~ be consulted regarding the official who was to represent this district. The drawings for games were ~~to be~~ made, but they were not made in public, so far as we learned. Certainly there were no public notice of the drawings. I am frank to say to you that I had no great confidence in the quality of officiating from this district, and I believe that it ~~proved~~ did rather disappointing.

You had asked the coaches to determine the type of ball, but in your circular letter of March 10 you sent out a notice that the court would be equipped with 6 x 4 glass backstops, which was a violation of the rules as printed in the N.C.A.A. Guide. In our meeting at the President Hotel, Commissioner Peters had stated that all rules would be

decided with no interpretation, but would follow strictly to the letter the rules as printed in the book. These and other acts of yours caused me to feel very uncomfortable when I was dealing with you.

I had stated that I was not interested in playing in the tournament, and it was only because the boys desired to play that I acquiesced. I can assure you now that it will take more than that to ever get me into another tournament where the University loses a large sum of money and the N.C.A.A. takes 55% of it. The 55% "lug" of the N.C.A.A. is an outrageous discrimination against the sport of basketball. In no other sport that the N.C.A.A. supervises do they take more than 10% - swimming, wrestling, boxing, track and field.

In order that the average layman can see the unfairness of this "lug", let us divide a $5.00 bill the same as the N.C.A.A. divides the basket ball receipts from the NCAA Tournament. ~~any profit that might be made from the sport~~. First, the N.C.A.A. takes 10% of the $5.00, which is 50¢. Then they divide the reamining amount, $4.50, the N.C.A.A. taking 50% of that, which is $2.25. The N.C.A.A. ~~then~~ therefore gets 50¢ plus $4.25, making a total of $2.75. The other $2.25 is divided eighteen ways, 2/18 going to each of the eight teams which play two games in the Western and the Eastern N.C.A.A. play-offs. That leaves the remaining 2/18 for the two teams in the finals, such as Stanford and Dartmouth. One-eighteenth of $2.25 is 12½¢. Therefore, Stanford and Dartmouth get three times 12½¢, or 37½¢ for playing in the final N.C.A.A. tournament and the two previous games. Colorado, Rice, Penn State, Kentucky State, Illinois and Kansas would therefore receive 2/18, or 25¢ for playing two games. The most any school would get would be 37½¢, and the least any school would get would be 25¢, and the N.C.A.A. would get $2.75. If that is not a "lug", what is it?

The Rose Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the World Series in baseball, or in any other supervised activity the participating teams get the major portion, but in basketball the N.C.A.A. organization has seen fit to gut the earnings of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament.

Basketball in the Olympics was obtained after much effort. Romeyn Berry, L. W. St.John and the writer were on the committee to obtain basketball in the Olympics, but only the writer did any of the work in obtaining that result. After basketball was placed on the Olympic calendar, basketball was sold down the river by the N.C.A.A. to the A.A.U. The N.C.A.A. desired to name the coaches in four of the sports, track and field, wrestling, swimming and crew, and the officers of the N.C.A.A. made an agreement with the A.A.U. that if the A.A.U. would permit the N.C.A.A. to name the Olympic coaches in those four sports they would relinquish any claim they might have and permit the A.A.U. to name the coach of basketball in the Olympics. This was done.

In the organization of the N.C.A.A. championship in basketball, Harold Olsen as chairman, John Bunn and the writer submitted to the Executive Committee of the N.C.A.A. a plan whereby 80% of the money taken in the tournaments would be given to the competing teams, and 20% to the N.C.A.A. Olsen's failure to submit the committee's report to the Executive Committee of the N.C.A.A., of course, caused this not to be put into effect. And after the Western tournament in Kansas City in 1940, where a large sum of money was realized, it was then that the N.C.A.A. took all of the money, and only after the personal fight by one member of the basketball committee was a compromise effected whereby the schools got any of the money whatsoever.

Undoubtedly the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee has killed the N.C.A.A. tournament by grabbing everything within sight. The N.C.A.A. basketball committee has also done irreparable harm by ~~the weak~~ their administrative supinity (?) and rules concocting at the meeting in New Orleans. There are more politicians on the committee than there are men of vision. One year they put the high school federation in power to meet the ends of their own purposes, and the next year they make them the goat endeavoring to please a few eastern coaches.

Very sincerely yours,

May 11, 1942.

Mr. Reaves Peters,
Commissioner of Big Six Conference,
342 So. Chelsea,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that George Edwards wrote to Gwinn Henry, and sent a carbon copy to me. My reply to Edwards is also enclosed herewith.

I feel that the Commissioner of the Big Six should know the general trends, and I have set forth my conviction that the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee and leaders have discriminated against the sport of basketball. I have not pulled any punches in my letter and I have told George Edwards exactly what I thought was a true and correct version of the situation.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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May 11, 1942.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

It has been quite some time since I received the carbon copy of George Edward's letter to Gwinn Henry regarding the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament. I have taken some time to reply because I did not want to stoop to the inelegant, but I am afraid my contemporary did.

I realize that you are a very busy man and that I have written an exhaustive reply, but I would like you to first read George Edwards' letter and then read my reply to him. I want you to know the correct historical background of a group of people who are distorting the game and taking all the money. I believe that your sense of fairness will enable you to see the unfair attitude of the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee in taking all the money and leaving the colleges nothing but an opportunity to travel and miss school while the N.C.A.A. sits as a selfish paternal body and reaps the income.

And the discrimination is so evident against the sport of basketball that I am sure intelligent college administrations will not long continue to allow this unfair discrimination.

I have not pulled any punches in my letter and I have told George Edwards exactly what I thought was a true and correct version of the situation. The very fact that he was the custodian of nearly ten thousand tickets each night for these games, and then for him to endeavor to hold a team that had twenty men to twenty-eight tickets shows pretty well the pseudo-generous character of this magnanimous gentleman.

Very cordially yours,

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

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May 11, 1942.

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

Dear Gwinn:

I would like to ask you first to re-read George Edwards letter of April 5, 1942, regarding the N.C.A.A. Western play-offs in Kansas City. Then I would like for you to read the letter that I have written him in reply. I have endeavored not to sstoop to the inelegant in making a reply.

However, I have not pulled any punches and I have told him exactly what I thought was a true and correct version of the situation. The very fact that George Edwards was the custodian of nearly ten thousand tickets each night for these games and then for him to endeavor to hold a team that had twenty men to twenty-eight tickets shows pretty well the pseudo-generous character of this magnanimous gentleman.

Gwinn, I believe in being perfectly frank with people and I believe if more people would be as frank with each other there would not be the personal cowardice practice that we see so much in administrative life.

I expect to be in Columbia with the baseball team on the 18th and 19th of May, and I expect to tell George Edwards the very same things and more too, that I have written in this letter to him.

Very cordially yours,

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

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May 11, 1942.

Mr. Ralph Cannon,
Esquire Magazine,
919 No. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Ralph:

I am sending you in confidence a letter that I received from George Edwards, who managed the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament in Kansas City this past year. Some of this is quite personal and I do not care to mention that.

However, the historical part of basketball being sold down the river by the N.C.A.A. to the A.A.U. and the disposition they made of the tournament by grabbing all the money seems to me something that the public should know more about from a fair play standpoint. I do not desire to be too cryptic, but I am not afraid of pulling a punch when a punch is necessary.

I was wondering if you would be interested in such an article for next year's Esquire. Of course, I would expect you to censor and delete any part of it that would not be compatible with your editorial policy, but I do believe that we have something that should be called to the attention of the public with a view of righting some wrongs.

I will be happy to hear from you after you have perused my letter.

Sincerely yours,

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

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May 12, 1942.

Mr. Jimmy Nixon,
Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Jimmy:

I am sending you in confidence a copy of a letter that I received from George Edwards, which he addressed to Gwinn Henry, our Director of Athletics here at the University, and also a copy of my reply.

I did not want to stoop to the inelegant in dealing with my contemporaries. I also wanted you to know that I was taking full responsibility for getting the tickets and so far as I am concerned there will be no more N.C.A.A. play-offs for Kansas. These shortsighted money grabbing N.C.A.A. officers in old grandmothers' clothes are too much for me.

The job was entirely too big for George's imagination or his ability. In a national tournament when the Wentworth Band was engaged for three performances, it shows to me that the man who runs it is not putting on a national show, but endeavoring to get by without paying out any legitimate money more than necessity dictates. And the pity of it all is that the major profits are not returned to the colleges which the boys represent, but rather go to an organization without soul or fair play so far as the division of the receipts are concerned.

Give all the boys at the Auditorium my kindest regards. You are at liberty to show this to your cooperators at the Auditorium, but keep it confidential otherwise. Won't you please, Jimmy, buy a big "Mother Hubbard" for the old grandmother when he handles the tournament next year?

Sincerely yours,

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

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May 12, 1942.

Mr. J. W. St. Clair,
Director of Physical Education,
Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Saint:

You and I have been personal friends for a long time and any administrative hiatus that may occur between one organization and another will not interfere with our personal friendship, I assure you, so far as I am concerned.

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that George Edwards wrote to Gwinn Henry, the Athletic Director here at the University, and sent a carbon copy to me. My reply to Edwards is also enclosed herewith.

I am sending the letters to you so that you can see that I have not withdrawn from my position in charging the N.C.A.A. ExecutiveCommittee and leaders with discrimination, lack of foresight, and intelligent administration - if not to say outright discrimination and petty manipulation.

I have not sent a copy of this correspondence to Major Griffith, St. John or Olsen, but the tone of my letter gives you a correct diagnosis of my attitude.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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H. V. Porter Executive secretary
7 South Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

of State High School Athletic Associations

May 14, 1942

Mr. F. C. Allen
Univ. of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending materials with your letter of May 12th. I am greatly interested in this and I may have some further comments after I have had a chance to make further study of it.

In the meantime, I think I can outline where some of the N.C.A.A. funds went. Unless I am misinformed (and I have not had occasion to check the matter carefully), $1000.00 was allocated to Gullion, Holman, et al for use of their "research" committee of the National Basketball Coaches Association. Their "research" during the past year consisted of efforts to tear down the work of various basketball groups, including the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada. The nature of this is indicated in the enclosed report of the committee which was made at New Orleans and which the editor of the association bulletin is proposing to include in the May issue.

Along with this report I am including my comments on it. These comments were sent to the editor of the bulletin when he informed me that he was proposing to run a copy of the report. I do not know what disposition has been made of either the report or my comments since the latter were sent.

It is my opinion that some of the material in this report is so preposterous that it isn't worth much attention. However, the recent actions of most of the collegiate representatives on the National Basketball Committee were such as to indicate that they have swallowed it, hook, line and sinker, inaccuracies, misrepresentations and all. They have virtually sold the Interscholastic and Canadian groups "down the river". The situation is not good. This is unfortunate in many ways because it is my opinion that during the constructive years, the interscholastic groups and the then leaders in the collegiate group were working jointly and harmoniously toward a constantly improved game of basketball. These joint efforts now appear to be a thing of the past since the inauguration of a policy of complete college domination of the joint basketball committee and of a purging of the joint committee of anyone who is not in harmony with the efforts of a small group of the National Basketball Coaches Association to take over the functions of the joint basketball committee. Under such circumstances, the joint committee tends to become merely a rubber stamp. I can not conceive of any self-respecting constituent group tolerating such a state of affairs for any length of time.

Yours truly,

H. V. Porter

Secretary

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

J. W. ST. CLAIR
Secretary-Treasurer

OFFICE
S. M. U.
DALLAS, TEXAS

May 15, 1942

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Thanks very much for the copy of George Edwards' letter to Mr. Gwinn Henry, a copy of your letter to Mr. Goerge Edwards, and your personal letter to me. I, too, do not propose to let any differences that may arise between you and any individual or organizations in any way affect our friendship. I have a feeling that a lot of minor things could best be dropped at the present with so many more important things to be attended to. I feel that all small matters should be put by the wayside.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Allen and the other members of your family.

Yours truly,

J. W. St. Clair
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May 21, 1942.

Dr. Don Carlos Peete,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Peete:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to Gwinn Henry, which George Edwards sent to me, and also a copy of my reply to George. I thought you would be interested in some of this correspondence.

Mrs. Allen and I were very sorry it was impossible for us to accept your gracious invitation to the show. We are hoping that before long we can have a good visit with you.

I am leaving this afternoon for Humboldt, Nebraska, to deliver their commencement address this evening.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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May 23, 1942.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

This is water over the dam, but I am sending you for a definite purpose correspondence of Valentine Lentz, basketball coach at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, and my reply to him. You will notice he wrote me on August 7, 1941, and I replied on August 30. This was quite some time ago, but at that time I definitely indicated to him that the leadership in the National Basketball Coaches Association would be the means of splitting up the Basketball Rules Committee.

On November 19, 1941, Nels Norgren, the president of the Basketball Coaches Association, wrote me asking that I reconsider my decision not to serve as chairman of the rules committee of the Coaches Association. My reply dated November 21, 1941, is self-explanatory.

Blair Gullion, of Cornell, Nat Holman of C.C.N.Y., and Valentine Lentz were the boys that caused most of the trouble at New Orleans.

H. V. Porter is the executive secretary of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association. I sent Porter a copy of the letter that I wrote George Edwards, together with Edwards' letter to Gwinn Henry. I am sending you a copy of his reply. You can see now why I told Edwards certain things I did in my reply to him concerning the letter he wrote Gwinn Henry.

I do not believe that I go off half-cooked in these things because I have been in the association long enough to endeavor to do constructive things for the game of basketball, rather than to receive personal aggrandizement in an executive capacity.

Sincerely yours,

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

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May 23, 1942.

Mr. Dan Partner,
Sports Desk,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan:

I am sending you some data which is self-explanatory. I think you will see now that certain things I told George Edwards are very apt to come to pass, if they have not already.

It was good to have a visit with you at the Rockhurst game. I always enjoy the conversation and friendship.

Sincerely yours,

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

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May 23, 1942.

Dr. Don Carlos Peete,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Peete:

I am enclosing certain data which is self-explanatory. This is a follow up to show you that I had previously said some of these leaders were riding for a fall.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

Robert Woodland

(copy to Dr. F. C. Allen)

April 5, 1942

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."

"Had any tickets been allowed, he would not have submitted the expense report. - - - - - - - it is also unusual that a school's team competing receives such a small amount of the receipts and is not allowed any complimentary tickets for those who ordinarily receive them to events in which their teams are competing."

As stated earlier, the implication is plain that the Manager of the games was discourteous to Kansas. He certainly was not only discourteous, but very foolish, if your statements were true. But, Gwinn, someone "discovered" something that I did everything in my power to avoid.

I met the Kansas coach and team at the station when the party arrived in Kansas City on Thursday. One of my first remarks covered the complimentary situation and I told Dr. Allen, that while we wished to keep complimentaries to a minimum, I expected him to let me know just how many he would need. He said that there was a movement on foot when he left Lawrence to have all Kansas officials buy their own tickets. I insisted that such an act would be very embarrassing to me; requested that it not be handled in that way; and again asked his assistance in distribution of passes to proper Kansas people.

That night I called a meeting of coaches and referees. The Stanford and Rice coaches were delayed by rail connections. Present were coaches Allen and Cox; four referees; and Reaves Peters. There I outlined details of the pass regulations which included two arena balcony seats for each member of the school's traveling squad; and extra tickets to a coach who needed them for official representatives of his school. Cooperation was asked for the protection of all, but I made it emphatic that since Kansas was so close to Kansas City, that school probably would require more passes than any of the others. This was justified, I explained also, by the fact that Kansas patrons unquestionably would be liberal in their support of the tournament.

Another meeting was held on Friday morning, with only the four coaches in attendance. It was expected that game arrangements would be discussed, and I had tickets on hand for distribution.

The opening topic concerned the type of backboards to be used. Over Dr. Allen's vigorous protest, the majority voted for glass backstops-- the vote of the Manager making a 3 to 2 result. Immediately, Dr. Allen left the meeting, although much other business was not touched. I pleaded for him to stay and suggested again that I wanted to discuss the complimentary situation with him. I was informed, curtly, that there was nothing more to discuss.

From 1:30 P. M. to 4:00 P. M., I tried to reach him by 'phone--he elected to stay at another hotel than headquarters-- but couldn't catch

him until about 4:00 o'clock when I told him that arrangements had been made with Auditorium ticket office for as many complimentaries as he needed for K. U. authorities and anyone else whom he felt indebted. He thanked me for this arrangement, and I supposed, from his manner, that he would see the N.C.A.A. would not be accused of niggardliness by those whose interests I wished to serve.

That he did appreciate this plan is indicated by the complimentary ticket report certified to by the Auditor of the Auditorium. Here are the figures covering complimentary tickets issued to Kansas:

Friday - March 20

to Dr. Allen from George R. Edwards . . .	28	arena balcony
to Dr. Allen from J. H. Nixon	28	arena balcony
to Dr. Allen from J. H. Nixon	12	box seats
to Dr. Allen from J. H. Nixon	5	loge seats
*to the Jay Janes rooters group	31	arena floor
TOTAL Kansas complimentaries	104	

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* This rooters group entered just before the games started. I had no knowledge of such plans and asked on whose authority they came. The cheer leader informed me that Mr. Falkenstien had made the arrangements. I told them that I was somewhat embarrassed since no one had informed me of their coming. My plans for the next night included a section in the arena balcony for them, but when I spoke about this to Dr. Allen the next day, he said that he had already 'phoned to Mr. Falkenstien and told him to keep the group at home.

Saturday - March 21

to Dr. Allen from George R. Edwards . . .	28	arena balcony
to Dr. Allen from J. H. Nixon	28	arena balcony
to Dr. Allen from J. H. Nixon	12	box seats
TOTAL complimentaries to Kansas . .	68	

Maximum received by any other team for any one night . . 38

Gwinn, this has been a long letter, but I felt that detailed explanations are necessary to counteract the word of someone who "discovered that no complimentary tickets would be allowed the University of Kansas."

As I look over the happenings now, I realize that one sad mistake was made, in that I never contacted you or your chancellor and informed both of you personally just what I, as Manager of the games, wished to

do. At the time, such procedure never occurred to me, inasmuch as I have always handled all such matters through the coach of a school's team. For that negligence, I am very sorry.

The statement of ticket expense now officially in my hands, will be taken up with Mr. Olsen immediately, and his decision will be communicated to you as soon as it comes.

Attached, you will find a check for $331.76, which covers the statement of traveling expenses and living costs in Kansas City, as submitted by your business manager.

Here, again, I would like to call attention to two items of $1.80 each, for taxi fares to and from the station. Instructions sent to coaches before they left home, notified them that they were allowed $5.00 a day expenses for each member of their traveling squad while in Kansas City, and that such allowance was expected to cover all local expense. I have allowed this $3.60, although none of the others asked for it. Come to think of it, I saw your team board street cars upon its arrival in Kansas City.

Yours truly,

GEORGE R. EDWARDS
Manager
N.C.A.A. Games

Enclosure
GRE:COE

May 11, 1942.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

I am sending you in confidence a copy of a letter that George Edwards wrote to Gwinn Henry on April 5, sending me a copy of the same. I have replied to him in my letter of May 8, and am sending you this to show you that I believe in not stooping to the inelegant with my contemporary, but at the same time pulling no punches and letting him know exactly how I feel and why I did the things that I did.

The job was entirely too big for George's imagination or his ability. In a national tournament when the Wentworth Band is engaged for three performances, it shows to me that the man who runs it is not putting on a national show, but endeavoring to get by without paying out any legitimate money more than necessity dictates. And the pity of it all is that the major profits are not returned to the colleges which the boys represent, but rather go to an organization without soul or fair play so far as the division of the receipts are concerned.

Some day I will be seeing you. I do want you to know, Mac, how very much Mrs. Allen and I appreciate the wonderful hospitality and attention shown Mary when you entertained her so graciously at the Kentucky Derby. She came home beaming with rejuvenation and happy tales of her fine visit with you and Helen. They are all leaving us the 23rd for California, but she never ceases to tell us of how amiable and mellow old C. E. McB. is getting to be! I told Mary that that was the sign of intelligence plus philosophy. When a fellow in your position, after seeing the seamy side of life so long, can have a kindly philosophy -- well, then I am convinced the world is getting better and better every day, if not in every way.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

July 1, 1942.

Mr. George Edwards,
Basketball Coach,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Perhaps you do not get it, but I recall several years back when Kansas scheduled two games with the University of Southern California in Kansas City, your Mr. Shirkey protested Kansas playing there and came to Lawrence to meet our Professor Davis and Professor H. H. King of Kansas State to insist that Missouri, Kansas State, Kansas and Southern California play double-headers in Kansas City. This was done. Apparently the fact that with other Big Six teams playing together this act made the illegality legal.

Last year Kansas played Great Lakes in Kansas City. Outside of the Notre Dame-Great Lakes game in Chicago, our game netted the Great Lakes more money than they received from any other team. Kansas and Great Lakes divided the earnings equally last year.

Missouri's extended basketball trip to the West Coast probably precluded the possibility of playing Great Lakes last year. But if you wanted to play Great Lakes in Kansas City this year you possessed the same freedom as we in making necessary arrangements for the Auditorium.

It is still difficult for me to understand why someone from the outside should tell the host school what they should do concerning their own arrangements, and finally, with the disposition of their own money. Certainly neither I nor anyone else that I have had to do with at Kansas has ever dictated to Missouri how Missouri should conduct her own show.

I have no special desire to meet Missouri in Kansas City other than the fact that if Missouri desired to give all to the Navy Relief, Kansas would be more than willing to give the whole of such game earnings to this cause. But it would be out of the question to turn over our already estimated budgeted amount from Great Lakes because the University Athletic Association is counting on this money as a legitimate estimated income.

Missouri has had two lucrative football bowl games to stabilize their treasury, but Kansas must look elsewhere for their necessary income.

Kansas is not for the moment suggesting to Missouri how and when they shall make their contribution. And it is our prayer that we shall be allowed the same liberty.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PGA:AH

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

June 20, 1942.

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks for your Big Six schedule. Oklahoma and Kansas State have not yet replied to my request. As soon as they do I'll type up the composite list. This voluntary and unofficial effort, however, already has corrected an error for Nebraska and clarified a situation for Menze.

Your letter of the 9th, followed by editorials by C. E. McBride in the Star, apparently closes the door on the suggestion that we join with you in entertaining the service teams in the Auditorium. The plan was heartily endorsed by managers of both Navy squads, and by a number of mutual friends in Kansas City, but since it does not meet your approval it must have been a dud.

I am sorry if our scheduling the Great Lakes team here on January 29th put a crimp in some of your plans. Cook proposed games with us when I met him at your Great Lakes game last winter, and repeated the suggestion at the N.C.A.A. games. Hinkle was supplied with our open dates and made the selection of the 29th.

Soon afterwards I heard that you were working for a double header series with the Navy teams and Oklahoma A & M. This rumor was verified by you in your letter of the 9th, and you state that we wrecked such negotiations by taking on Great Lakes on that date.

Believing that the substitution of Missouri for Iba's crew might fill the bill I proposed that we move our two games in with yours, and Snyder and Hinkle both sent favorable replies. I am somewhat at a loss to explain to myself why Missouri wouldn't be acceptable unless you feel that we would be such a poor drawing card that we wouldn't earn our share of the cut.

If that is true, then I am still more confused by your counter proposal that Kansas and Missouri ask conference consent for a non-championship game in K. C.

How could we be expected to draw for that anymore than for the double headers ?

Your suggestion has not been discussed with our athletic authorities, and will not be unless one of them introduces the subject. I'll tell you why.

About ten years ago we received permission for non-championship contests in Kansas City. Several were played and, I recall, we planned to make it a fixture. Two things stopped us. First, Oklahoma City, Des Moines and Omaha urged other Big Six schools to use their facilities. Then, one year you tentatively arranged to play six of your non-conference games in Kansas City, but finally played only four. Following that all such games were stopped by the conference.

I sought explanations from various faculty men. They thought the thing was getting out of hand and expressed the idea, "Give Allen an inch and he takes a mile". As you know regulations have been made more and more strict in regard to "home games". True, these restrictions have been relaxed somewhat in regard to the indoor track meet, and recently in regard to games with service teams. However, I am so firmly convinced that we would be slapped down if we requested a Kansas-Missouri game in Kansas City that I have no desire to suggest it unless and until I detect a change of attitude. And no such changed attitude is apparent to me at this time.

Again I wish to state that if my proposal to join you in a double header has embarrassed you I am sorry. I thought it would be a help to all, especially to the Navy Relief fund. You don't think so and that is that.

Of course, I have informed Hinkle and Snyder of your decision and the reason expressed by McBride in which he said that Kansas needs all of the money it can get and doesn't care the share. I hope that Mac didn't make a mistake, and assume that he quoted you correctly.

Yours truly,

George.

George R. Edwards.

P.S. Did you just have a hot round or do you consistently shoot golf under 80 ?