

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,

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Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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