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Dr. F. C. Allen, Kansas
Fritz Knorr, Kansas State
A. J. Lewandoski, Nebraska
Bruce Drake, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

A copy of a notice from M. F. Ahearn, dated May 5, to the Big Six directors says in part:

"From the answers I have received to my question regarding the building of the Conference basketball schedule I am led to believe that we should make no change in our last year's program. In other words, the basketball coaches are scheduled to meet sometime during the month of August to prepare next year's basketball schedule."

It has been my understanding that the basketball schedule meeting was held in August last year as an emergency measure since there was doubt as to whether or not all schools would have teams and it was believed that more definite decisions could be made by late summer.

At our meeting I was under the very vivid impression that we desired to have an earlier meeting this year in order to obtain better choice of officials, and to permit all schools to arrange more convenient non-conference games. Acting on that impression I have been writing to non-conference opponents that Missouri would not be in position to discuss game possibilities until approximately June 1st. If I now must wait until fall it is probable that some of these dates already will be closed. Perhaps some of you are in the same boat.

Our faculty representative informed me sometime ago that it was planned to have all staff members at Lincoln for a "fellowship" gathering and that I should be prepared to attend. But our annual high school track meet is to be held in Columbia on the 19th, and unless the basketball coaches are making our next year's schedule I will stay here to help with that track meet.

In order to obtain a definite announcement, therefore, I am suggesting that each of us discuss the matter of a basketball schedule meeting with our director, and to transmit our decision immediately to Lewandoski. Of course, it will take 100% approval for a meeting to be held, but I would like to have Lewandoski notify us of the vote.

Yours truly,
George
George R. Edwards,
Coach of Basketball.