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I hope, though, that you can see that this idea was false. The number of passes to lettermen is carefully restricted here by Committee regulations, and all of our jobs are endangered if violation of it is discovered. Also, in the light of admissions accounted for the number of passes you mentioned could not have been accommodated.

The one item which you might question is listed as "yearly" passes. This is difficult for me to break down, but I can relate personal experience which might illustrate the composition of this item. According to regulations I am entitled to three passes to all athletic contests in Columbia, - one pass for each member of my family. These are issued to me in September and are known as "yearly" passes. Each member of our staff, of the athletic committee, the university president, etc., are issued these passes. The total number shown on the report for the Kansas game was 157. Of course, if a coach from another school drops in on a game we issue a pass as was done for you when you scouted here. That complimentary is listed under the heading of "staff" passes.

From the reports submitted by the two schools on our games of last year I worked out a comparison sheet and am sending it along with this letter. A little study of these certified statistics indicates that Kansas has no grounds for criticism of Missouri's policies and administration of complimentary tickets. According to Mr. Spurling a review of the game reports for the last decade shows similar differences. I will be interested in the statement for our game last week.

In conclusion, it seems to me that conference business managers are obligated to agree on policies regarding the giving of passes. As long as the present scheme prevails there will be many incidents which direct suspicion at one or another and throw us at each other's throats. Until this situation can be corrected I, for one, will not question what Kansas does with its tickets, and hope that you will develop some confidence in our attempts to be accurate and fair with you.

Yours truly,

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