December 16, 1938.

Mr. Paul R. Ensign,
Sparta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Ensign:

Thank you so much for your good letter of the 24th ultimo telling about the basketball ability of Joe Fordham of Gibson, Georgia.

I would be very glad to help Joe, but from a practical standpoint I find that the out of state tuition is so high that it discourages boys from other states. I am enclos- copy of a letter similar to some I have sent out to boys who desired help. This will explain my position quite fully, I think.

Most of the boys that I have on the Kansas team are Kansas boys, with the exception of a few boys who live in Kansas City. They are close and would rather come here than go to Missouri. At the present time I don't know ten high school basketball players in the country. I have just taken boys who come to the University and have tried to develop them into a team.

I know this may sound queer to you, but it is a fact that I have never gone out after basketball players.

I thank you for your interest in the University of Kansas, and assure you it was a pleasure to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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