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MARION, KANSAS

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Prof. F. C. Allen,
State University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I suppose you wonder sometimes what the public may think of the Kansas University Foot Ball Team.

What I have to say is friendly criticism, I just listened to a part of the game with Oklahoma where your team was defeated 19-0 and rightly so, just as it should be, I also noted the announcer said the Stadium was about half filled, that is what could be expected.

I say this is more or less due to the unsportsmanship displayed by the team in the Washburn game and as was displayed in a game last year with St. Benedict's College, of Atchison, it appears to us who listen to the games, and see many of them, that the K. U. boys always want to fight, when they have about 10 to one, I didnt notice them doing so much fighting against the Irish, or against Oklahoma today, it is only when they are playing a small school when they if they kick, bite and scratch out the eyes of a few players, then they can win regardless of paying ability, as they have plenty reserve to call upon.

I will see the game at Manhattan on the 29th, and let them fight, as they do, with the little schools and see what the cow-boys do too them.

I like K. U. have several neighbor boys in school with you, and it is with regrets that I read, and hear about their apparant unfair sportsmanship when they play a team from a small school. This undoubtly hurts your attendance at other games, as I am not alone in this feeling, all the men I meet, are saying the same things.

Base ball was on the ruin through such tactics several years ago and only though the appointment of a Dictator in Judge Landis, was the great American sport saved.

I hope you will not be offended by these remarks, as I make them a friend of K. U. but a lover of good clean sportsmanship.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JOHN W. GARDNER

P.S. Since the days of Bill Hargis,
you have slipped.