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Mr. John W. Gardner,
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Abstracters of Title,
Marion, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Gardner:

I acknowledge with thanks your nice letter of October 15. However, I have wondered why you wrote me, but I presume you thought that I was still Director of Athletics. This is not the case. Mr. Gwinn Henry, the old College of Emporia coach and later coach at the University of Missouri, is now and has been for the past two years Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas.

I assure you that I am fully accepting your statement that your letter conveys friendly criticism, and I will treat it in that light.

My title here at the University is Director of Physical Education, which has to do with administration of this department in the School of Education. We give a bachelor's degree in Education with a major in Physical Education. In addition to my administrative and teaching work in this department, I have to do with only one competitive sport and that is basketball.

I was coach of basketball here at the University in 1908 and 1909 and we won two championships in the old Missouri Valley Conference. I then returned to the University of Kansas in 1919 as Manager of Athletics. I was not to coach any sport, but in 1920 I started coaching the basketball team and have done so ever since. In the fall of 1920 I also was head coach of varsity football here. The Kansas team that year was the lightest ever in the history of the University. The team averaged 162 pounds and we had two of Gwinn Henry's boys from the College of Emporia on that team - Kenny Welch who weighed 133 and Harley Little who weighed 150. John Bunn, now coach at Stanford, was one of the quarterbacks on that team, and Dutch Lomborg who is now basketball coach at Northwestern, was the other quarterback. We had only one man on the team who weighed better than 190 pounds.

I merely mention this to give you a kaleidoscopic view of my interest and experience in the different sports. I have coached at Baker University, at Haskell Indian Institute, and for seven years I was director of athletics and coach of all sports at Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Missouri.