

I am only sorry that I did not get your letter a month earlier because had I received it then I would have stopped in to have a chat with you when I went through your town on Saturday, October 1st, on my way to McPherson. I went there to attend an executive council meeting of the Kansas Health and Physical Education Association which was held at the Hotel McCourt on that day. This also happened to be the day that we played Notre Dame at South Bend. I was in an executive meeting most of the morning and part of the afternoon and got away from the hotel and started back to Lawrence from McPherson to hear only the last quarter of the game. I agree with you that it sounded somewhat like a slaughter.

I am sure that if you and I could sit down together across your desk you would say that I would not be alibi-ing for anybody nor would I be pulling chestnuts out of the fire for anyone. I would talk to you just as if you would want to hear a statement from someone who has no desire to embarrass anyone or have any desire to alibi for anyone unduly. Now, this is what I would tell you first. I would tell you that I have coached small colleges and I have coached in the University, and this is my conception of the small college because I know their mental attitude. They never want to play a university except at a time when they feel like they have their strongest team and perhaps have a chance to ^{win,} beat, or at least make a fine showing against the university. This is perfectly natural.

There should be a rule prohibiting small colleges from playing universities. The university, unless it is through an act of kindness, has no desire to play a small college.

I remember in 1912 when I was coaching the Teachers College at Warrensburg that W. O. Hamilton, then Manager of Athletics at Kansas, called me over the phone and asked me if we cared to play Kansas in football. It happened that William Jewell College of Liberty had scheduled a game, and then finding their team weaker than they hoped to have, they cancelled the game less than one week before the time that it was to have been played.

Now, you can imagine what would happen if a university would cancel a game with a small college. You would never hear the last of it, especially from the patrons of the small college.

But what did the University of Kansas do? They accepted it in good grace and said nothing. That is all they could do. When he ^(W. O. H.) asked me if we desired to play at Lawrence I said, "Yes, indeed." Kansas had just defeated St. Mary's College, which team was coached by E. C. Quigley, 64 to nothing on the preceding Saturday. You can see why no small college team was eager to play the Jayhawkers who had beaten the St. Mary's fighting Irish - and I might say that when Mr. Quigley coached St. Mary's they were "Fighting Irish".