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Mr. Wayne Hird,  
Route 1,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Wayne:

I was rather amazed at the statement attributed to you in this morning's Kansas City Times. I had seen you do your work here in separating the sport pages from a few of the metropolitan dailies during the noon hour. I was glad you had the job, but it was one of pleasure with some financial remuneration added, for a very soft job.

At my own solicitation I arranged for you to have this community recreation job down town at a dollar per hour, and I have turned in your time slips, amounting to \$22.00 for 22 hours. And remember, I did not set the price. That was set by the Recreation Council, but I was glad to see that you earned the money. I remember what you said when I told you what you would get: "Gee whiz, that is more money than I ever made in my life", and you said it with exclamation.

While we were on the Missouri trip Dean Nesmith had told me that you worked for him, but you didn't show up at times when he was depending upon you, and you were miffed when the full time for hours that you did not work were not turned in by him.

Wayne, I think this is a very bad attitude and one that will cause you grief all your life if you persist in it. If you want something for nothing you should be explicit and should try to get that agreement from someone even before you play, but after you play it shows bad manners to carp about people not paying you for work you never did.

You will remember that I helped you out of rather a difficult situation, and I was glad to do it. I took you at your word that you were an exemplary gentleman.

In light of what I heard happened over at the Union Building when you waved an Athletic Association check around, casting disparaging remarks against the Athletic Association, I am just wondering if you do not need to be advised of some things which, if you persist in doing, may cause you much embarrassment and the loss of some of your most highly respected friends.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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