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Mr. J. E. Kissell  
Portis, Kansas

Dear Mr. Kissell,

I'm sorry that I've failed to answer your good letter of the 15th instant. I've been so tied-up in drives, speech-making etc. that I've not been in my office long enough to complete any job.

I appreciate your writing regarding the All-Star basketball game in Chicago, Friday night Nov. 28. Of course, this is an advertising stunt just like the All-Star game, and the proceeds are supposed to go to charity. I believe the Chicago Tribune's charity on football is the Milk Fund, but the wise ones tell me that the fund is "milked" of all the cream before charity sees it.

Bob is in the medical school at Pennsylvania, Engleman is with Phillips, and Kline is with the Navy. They bring those boys to Chicago for two weeks training, but none of our boys are in a position to spend two weeks, taking the time from their education or business. I'm on the board to help select these All-Star college men, but I feel that it would be a reflection on a boy if he had two weeks to take out and do nothing but practice and play. A boy would have to be out of work to be able to accept a proposition of this kind. Since I'm on the board I will vote for a group of men and then they're going to boil it down to 18 to be voted on again. I'm doing it just because they asked me to and not because I have much enthusiasm for it. If you need any additional information I'll be glad to give it.

This is the general remark I make about Kemper. If the postman stopped to kick at every dog that barked he'd never get his mail delivered. I quite agree with you that when poor games are officiated, Kemper will officiate them.

I believe we were all disappointed in the Nebraska and Marquette games. We'll see what we can do against Iowa State and I'm hoping that Kansas will come out of the slump and play a bang-up game. We need it for the morale of the team and the morale of the students. There is a feeling on the part of some that Kansas will do just that. I hope it clears up so that we will have a good day. A good day means a good crowd and a good crowd means money which the Athletic Association could use very handily.

Now, I want to tell you a few things about Max. Max is a most improved basketball player -- the most improved of all the boys back