

September 16, 1937.

Mr. W. F. Kingsbury,
Business Men's Credit Exchange,
Lawrence National Bank Building,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kingsbury:

Pardon my delay in answering your communication of the 4th instant. Enrollment time has kept us swamped and I am just now getting to your correspondence.

Mr. Gwinn Henry is my successor as Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas, and I am passing on this correspondence to his desk.

I do have a recollection that Mrs. Johnstone took the matter up with Chancellor Lindley, and the matter was discussed at a board meeting, but I believe the matter was tabled at that time.

I might add that I had no agreement with Mrs. Johnstone in regard to payment of this account, and I did not agree to assume the responsibility.

The history of the case, as I recall it, was that Leo Johnstone went to the hospital and our medical adviser, Dr. Anderson, was not notified. The operation was performed by Dr. Sudler, and Dr. Francisco was called in as a consultant. The only time that I learned of it was when Mrs. Johnstone was at the Eldridge Hotel after the operation and I was introduced to her by Coach Mike Getto who met her in the lobby. He, of course, was doing everything possible to make her stay in Lawrence as convenient and as pleasant as possible under the circumstances.

I am not blaming anyone. Dr. Canuteson, of course, did not know that Johnstone was an athlete, and he handled the case as a strictly student affair.

I might add that the Athletic Association never assumes any responsibility ordinarily unless the student is injured in an athletic contest, whether in a practice or game situation. There is a general feeling on the part of the public that when a boy has appendicitis even when he is playing on the team the Athletic Association should be responsible for this illness. No athletic