

I have been pretty well acquainted with Kansas athletics because my brother, Col. H.B. Allen, who is now Commandant of R.O.T.C. at Stanford University, was a tackle back here in the early 1900's. He played with Hicks, Pooler, Brummage, Donald Jenkinson, Bruner, Michaelson, and so forth. I entered the University of Kansas in 1905 and played all three sports; in fact, I played with Tommy Johnson. I coached basketball here in 1908 and 1909 and we won the Missouri Valley Championship both years.

I assure you, Mr. Johnson, that no one is endeavoring to promote basketball here at the University over football. There is no competition between the two. Personally, I very much desire an athlete who is a student who plays on the football team to play basketball than I do one who does not play football. Football has become so basketballized and basketball has become so footballized that they are first cousins to each other. Generally the aggressive, versatile football player is a great basketball player, and vice versa.

Yes, I am well acquainted with the traditions back of the famous Rock Chalk yell. I am sending you a brochure of the origin of the most famous college yell in America. Years ago, when I was Director of Athletics, I had these printed to keep alive this fine tradition.

Mr. Johnson, I want you to know that there is not a single member of the basketball team receiving any subsidy whatsoever; no soft jobs, no board, room or tuition. The most that anyone of them gets for work is 35¢ an hour and they are paid only when they work. But we <sup>have</sup> do men in very responsible positions: Paul Endacott and Waldo Bowman of 1923 are two such people. Endacott is Executive Vice-President of the Phillips Petroleum Company, and Bowman is Editor of the Engineering News Record of McGraw-Hill and Company, New York City. Charles Black, who was Kansas greatest living athlete, is an executive of the Ohio Glass Company of Toledo. Tuston Ackerman is one of the executives of the Equitable Life in Chicago. John Bunn of the 1920 team, is Dean of Men at Stanford University, and was their basketball coach. He made three letters each in football, basketball and baseball at the University of Kansas. Arthur "Dutch" Lonborg is Varsity Basketball Coach at Northwestern University and is assistant to Linn Waldorf, and so it goes. I could mention nearly 100 boys that have graduated under me. None of them have been fed subsidies and have been made to feel that because they competed in athletics the world owes them a living.

I have six children of my own and four grandchildren, and none of them were adopted, so you can see that I know something about raising children, and I do not believe that you can take any athlete today and make as good a man out of him as when he is forced to work and pay for what he gets.

I am very glad that you are interested in Kansas football. In fact, I learn that there is a Century Club organized here in Lawrence among the businessmen in and out of the State who desire to help with the fortunes of the Varsity Football Team. This Century Club derives its name from the fact that each man who wants to see Kansas have a better football team contributes \$100.00. Mr. Armond Woestemeyer of the People's State Bank of Lawrence is their treasurer, I understand. I know that they would be very happy, if you feel like it, if you would