

send them a check for \$100.00 so that they might have a better football team and I feel that since you want a better football team and are loyal to the State and the University that you would like to make a contribution. You will understand that I am not asking you for a contribution; in fact, I have only heard about this Century Club. None of this money of the Century Club goes to basketball.

There is also a Kansas Relays Club here in Lawrence in which a man can contribute \$10.00 and receives two tickets per man for the year. The tickets are \$4.50, and the other \$5.50 goes to help the football player. So if you do not want to join the Century Club I know that they would be glad to have you join the Relays Club.

I have a feeling that you would get a much greater wallop out of coming to Lawrence if you would feel that you were making a definite contribution to the up-building of the football team.

When you come to Lawrence I would be very happy to have you as my guest at any one of the games that you desire to attend. It would be a pleasure to meet you and tell you of my struggles and desires to build up a great athletic plant here at the University.

I coached football ten years and I want to tell you that I would much rather coach football than basketball. It is much easier coached, but I would not want my players to be played unless the University and the people connected with it would openly give a certain stipend or scholarship, the same as they give a scholarship for dramatics or voice. This would not be detrimental to our promotional life as it now is where there is so much hypocrisy and up-and-up professionalism. It is the professionalism that is killing the game.

My notion is that you can look at the roster of the professional teams of America and trace them back to their Alma Mater, and you will see where the most professionalism exists and where proselyting is done. These boys who are proselyted make more money than they can earn when they graduate, with the exception of their playing professional football. That is why they turn to pro-football because they have not mastered their academic subjects sufficiently to give them courage to face a cold world where increases come slowly and only when the worker has proved himself. After a few years of pro-football they may get into business, but too many of them are disillusioned and lack the courage to begin at the bottom and work up.

In my office, as I dictate this letter to you, I am looking into a life-sized photograph of Tom W. "Tommy" Johnson, Kansas' Greatest Athlete. We were very close friends and I thought he was one of the grandest characters that I have ever known. He died two years from the day he was injured in the Missouri-Kansas game at the Bell Memorial Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. Right up to the last he stated that he had had a swell time all of his life and that he was not whining when fate turned against him.