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Dear Mac:

Bobby told me that he saw you in the lobby of the Tiger Hotel after the game. I did not know that you were down there, and I am sorry that I missed you. We pulled out for home after the game and ate on the way. We arrived in Lawrence about 4:30 a.m. by bus, and much to the boys' credit all of them made their 8:30 classes and went through the day to school, which pleased me very much with their attitude.

They took a good licking but their heads were up and they are ready for the start of the season next year. Some of them said they wished that next year's season was starting right away, so I take it that they weren't altogether licked, although they were swamped so far as the game was concerned.

Had I seen you down at Columbia I would have been able to give you a rather interesting news item in that Zeke Henley, a member of Missouri's first team that played Kansas in old Rothwell Gymnasium in 1907, was a spectator at the game the other night. The line up for the Missouri outfit was Henley, forward, Burris, forward, Curly Ristine, center, Gardner, guard, and Bernet, guard. This was the line up for 1908 as well.

Zeke has a son in the University. He moved his family from Columbus, Kansas, a few years ago, where Zeke coached basketball at Columbus for over fifteen years. Stew Lyman, who captained the Kansas team a few years ago, was one of his boys. I have been down to Columbus at banquets for a number of years, and saw Zeke there as coach and spoke at his banquets. I think he left Columbus a couple of years ago and moved to Columbia to educate his children.

I saw Zeke at the game and had a nice visit with him. He has turned very gray, but still is a big, powerful, six-foot-three fellow, as he was when he played for Missouri. And incidentally, Dr. Naismith and I are to go to Columbus, Kansas, on March 9, next Thursday, to speak at a basketball banquet.