

Virgil instructed Earl to have the people who desired tickets to send their orders to Columbia and they would be taken care of. Virgil sent 25 tickets reserved for the families of our boys. Of course, Kansas paid for them. But none of the outsiders or people connected here with the athletic department of University faculty could buy tickets for any price, even general admission. It is our definite understanding that more than 1500 tickets were sold for this game through Monday and Tuesday. We felt that we were entitled to more than 25 tickets since Kansas was making a part of the entertainment and since the conference prohibits complimentary tickets. All tickets sent to Kansas are paid for at the general rate. So it is not a matter of giving complimentary tickets, but charging them to us.

Dick Adams, of Kansas City, Bob Crowley, Dr. John Billingsley, Dr. Don Carlos Peete and Verne Wilkins and a great number of Kansas alumni desired to go to the game. We referred each one of these individuals to Columbia, and with the exception of Verne Wilkins whom George Edwards took care of personally, none of them got tickets.

We left by bus Wednesday night and stopped at the Tiger Hotel. On Thursday morning we walked out to the fieldhouse and we saw where nearly 1500 extra seats had been provided, so we endeavored to find out the real facts concerning the poverty of tickets so far as we were concerned. Our investigators learned that over one thousand complimentary tickets were given to members of the varsity football team as well as other varsity teams, politicians, high school coaches, and other "influential" friends.

Here's the story. A humble member of the athletic department of the University of Missouri, not knowing that he was revealing some facts that were in direct violation of the Big Six financial agreement regarding complimentary tickets, said that "the fieldhouse can comfortably seat better than 5500, but for this game they put in extra seats making the seating capacity 6500, this extra 1000 to take care of the swag that would not show in the game report. If our newspaper and radio reports showed that we had 6500 at the game then Kansas would want to know where the other 1000 tickets went, so we just closed the doors, denying anyone standing room, and said that the fieldhouse would seat a little better than 5000, and this would take care of our complimentary tickets."

It has always been the Kansas practice to allocate to the visitors a reasonable number of tickets to be sold to them. But this is the first time in the history of Big Six athletic relations that the visitors were entirely shut out, especially when the appeal was made for tickets when there were thousands of tickets for sale.