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Dear Bob:

It is not my purpose to argue with anyone on the merits of what they believe, and of course I realize that a man has a right to say what he desires because we believe in freedom of speech and in freedom of the press.

However, there is a statement by Coach Lindsey in your "Sports Buzz" column, as of Monday, January 20, which is not true, so far as Kansas is concerned. I do not know what was done for the athletes of Oklahoma while Mr. Lindsey was there, but I do know what was done for basketball while Mr. Lindsey was at Kansas; the same thing that has been done for basketball ever since I have been here; nothing except what the faculty and the basketball coach did for them and that is what would have been done for any other student pursuing work toward graduation.

To quote Mr. Lindsey, he says, "And I'll say this. In the two Big Six schools in which I have coached football--Oklahoma and Kansas-- there was, at that time, just as much done for basketball players as was done for football players." He mentions Cox and Bausch at Kansas. Well, Lindsey was at Oklahoma when both Cox and Bausch were at Kansas and I do not know what he knows about them.

I do know that Cox was offered \$75.00 a month by a certain gentleman in Lawrence, Kansas, if he would not play basketball for Kansas. Cox told me this personally and told me the man who was to pay him. But why should we discuss things that perhaps Lindsey may or may not know about when he was in Oklahoma and Bausch and Cox were at Kansas.

I desire to discuss the situation when Mr. Lindsey was at Kansas and I was coaching here at the same time. You know and I know that there was not nor has there been 5¢ spent on any basketball player when Mr. Lindsey was coaching at Kansas, and you are acquainted with the fund that was used for football because you worked on the football program.

I want to say further that I do not resent it that no money was spent for basketball; in fact, I liked it. I remember when some resident rooms were paid for for football men and when some of the boys left Mr. Lindsey came to me and wanted to know if I did not have some basketball players who could move in free of charge. He stated that some of his boys had left school and the rooms were paid for for the semester. I said, "Ad, thanks. I do not want it." And nothing was done about it. Now for Lindsey to say that just as much was done for basketball as was done for football is untrue because money was spent for football and no money was spent for basketball.