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Dear Sirs:

I am in receipt of your statement dated November 30, 1943, as follows:

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I do not understand what this is for, and would like some explanation of it.

My last check to you was dated May 15, 1943, in the amount of \$10.62 in payment of your statement submitted for five copies of "Better Basketball" which I had ordered from you.

I desire at this time to order five copies of "Better Basketball", and shall send you a check for same upon receipt of your bill.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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To Prof. Forrest C. Allen

% University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

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December 6, 1943,

Mr. Paul T. McDaniel,
Principal, High School,
Abilene, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to speak at your football banquet to be held some time in January. However, we have a number of basketball games scheduled in January and I feel that I must spend my time with the team. For that reason I am unable to accept any speaking engagements in January.

Mr. Henry Shenk, our football coach, will be available in January, and if you should desire him I am sure he would be happy to come. The University, of course, does not make any provision for expenses on such trips, so it would be necessary that his expenses be taken care of.

I appreciate your asking me, and assure you it would be a great pleasure if circumstances permitted.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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ABILENE HIGH SCHOOL

PAUL T. MCDANIEL, PRINCIPAL

ABILENE, KANSAS

December 4, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Would you be available as a speaker for a Foot Ball Banquet to be held some time in January? If so, please send me the date that it would be possible for you to come along with the charge you make for such appearances.

Sincerely,

Paul T. McDaniel

Paul T. McDaniel

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November 22, 1943

Col. W. L. McMorris,
University of Kansas.

Dear Colonel McMorris:

Frank Herron Smith who is in charge of the relations for the Methodist Church on the Pacific Coast and a visitor at Rotary some few weeks ago, asked me to have you read page 3. Please return it to me. I am just doing the job as asked of me, and I will talk to you later about it.

Congratulations, Colonel, on the wonderful showing of the ASTP boys in basketball. They really rode over us in true Army style, vigorous and aggressive. We may want to meet your boys a little later in the year when we are at our full strength after we get our boys from the football team. What do you think about it?

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. Forrest C. Allen
P. O.
Lawrence,
Kansas

Hamlin, Kans,
Nov. 1, 1943

Dear Dr. Allen:

Would it be possible for me to see you for a few minutes, either Fri. or Saturday afternoon? I have a swelling in my knee that I'd like you to examine. Is there a home foot ball game Saturday? Sat. suits me best.

Respectfully,
H.H. McLee

December 17, 1943.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

I am not sure whether you have whipped old man flu or not. I hope so. Anyhow, I am sending you a copy of a letter that I have written Ralph Cannon, of the sports desk of Esquire magazine regarding the 12 foot basket. On page 5 I have a little tribute to Mark Cox that I am sure Ralph Cannon will enjoy.

I am sending it to you so that you may keep up with the line of chatter regarding the philosophy and the efficiency of raising the basket two feet for college players.

I do not know whether you see Esquire or not, but I notice Marion Miller, of Lowe & Campbell, secretary of the A.A.U., is against raising the basket. I will bet she has never seen a game played under a 12 foot goal. In fact, few sports writers, broadcasters or coaches have seen them.

Trusting that you are well and that the Mrs. is keeping you amply nourished, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 22, 1944.

Mr. C. B. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

Last night you printed one side of the NCAA basketball "bigger cuts now" angle. Someone said there are three sides to every question - your side, my side and the right side.

I talked to Reaves Peters and Harley Selvidge when I was on my way to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last week, and I got just about this angle from Reaves. Reaves is a friendly propagandist for the NCAA outfit, which I hold in not too high esteem.

Here's the background. John Bunn, Olsen and I were a committee appointed to recommend the apportionments. This was six or seven years ago. We all agreed that eighty per cent should go to the teams competing and twenty per cent to the NCAA. But the joke of it was that Olsen never presented this to the NCAA executive committee. He was supposed to do so, as he said he would, but John Bunn told me that Bill Owens, the president of the NCAA at Stanford, never received it.

Of course, then when we had the big game in Kansas City they wanted all the money. And took it.

The NCAA met in Chicago and invited Olsen, St. Clair and me to the meeting. We arrived one day before the meeting and I had a conference with Jim St. Clair and Olsen. St. John came in about dinner time. My family was in Chicago so I went out to the Lake Shore for dinner with the family, while Olsen and St. Clair met with Griffith, St. John and the rest of the party. Before breakfast I received a call from Olsen wanting to know if I could come over to have breakfast with St. Clair and him. When I arrived St. Clair and Olsen went into the anguish of crocodile tears. They said, "Phog, gee whiz, I am glad you weren't at the meeting because they certainly beat our ears down and told us we wouldn't get any of the money." I listened to this stuff for about ten minutes and then said, "Well, I trust what I am going to say to those gentlemen will not embarrass you."

When this thing was started I promised the coaches that they would get a cut of the money along the eighty per cent angle agreed upon by Bunn, Olsen and me, and Olsen understood that the agreement was good. Henry Iba, Tom Stidham, Bruce Drake and all the fellows that met with us previously had been told that they were going to get a cut of the gate receipts. We went into the meeting at Chicago with Major Griffith,

St. John and the hand-picked boys that Griffith and St. John operated with. And too, you doubtless know that Harold Olsen is a brother-in-law of St. John, which makes Olsen the fair-haired boy.

The dean of Dartmouth got up and said, "I don't see why these colleges need the money." I arose and told them that I had read Major Griffith's editorial where 640 colleges played football and less than fifty of them make any money out of the sport. I told them it was pretty obvious why schools which drew the crowd were entitled to the money, and then I said, "Gentlemen, when a man finds himself unable to keep his pledges to his constituents there is only one thing to do and that is to resign. Therefore I am resigning from the committee and protesting the action in not giving these teams the money that had been tentatively promised them."

Immediately there was quite a furor, and they asked if we would wait outside until they could debate the matter. We waited about an hour and then this question about the NCAA taking the first ten per cent arose, and after expenses are paid the NCAA and all the teams which have played split fifty-fifty. That gives the NCAA sixty per cent. After the meeting was over and we had whipped the outfit by making them dip their colors, Olsen and St. Clair threw their ohests out and said, "Didn't we give them a lashing?" I said, "We surely did."

So that is the half-baked toady bunch of politicians that St. Clair and Olsen are operating with. They had it all set for the NCAA to take it all and in my opinion it was neither the action of George Edwards, nor Olsen, nor St. Clair that had anything to do with the so-called liberality of the NCAA. I plagued them so consistently hard, and this together with Ned Irish's businesslike acumen, made the NCAA look so darn rotten cheap that Olsen just started giving watches to everybody that competed like he did when Oklahoma played in the NCAA last year. Everybody got watches. And yet just three years previously Bill Owens, Griffith and St. John assailed the pot-hunting bunch of athletes, meaning the boys that wanted watches. They weren't in favor of giving watches, but they were trying to get an easy way out of their dilemma.

The best indication of the untenable position of the NCAA is shown by Utah, Kentucky, St. John's, DePaul, and all the cream of the teams going to Ned Irish's tournament. The NCAA has made themselves a punch of supplicants and Ned Irish is running the show. Olsen is tagging around Irish and getting the crumbs that fall from the table. Had Olsen done the job as chairman and kept his word, then there would have been no difficulty.

As a case in point to show you the glaring inefficiency of Harold G. Olsen, I cite you the Official Basketball Guide of 1943-44. On page 51 he gives the NCAA tournament all-time resume. When Kansas played Indiana in the Auditorium in 1940 he mentions among the championship winners Indiana - "defeated Springfield 48 - 24; Duquesne 30-19; and

Washington State 39-34." It happens Kansas played that year and was defeated by Indiana, but there is no record of it. Just another evidence of his sloppy work. In 1941 he shows Wisconsin defeated Dartmouth 51-50, Pittsburgh 36-30, and Washington State 39-34. This is the sloppy way that he does everything. He is nothing but a cheap politician and plays politics from beginning to end.

My attacks may be a little severe at times but we have got so many yes-men in America, Mac, that I have found very few fellows will stand up and fight for their convictions. Neither Olsen nor St. Clair would do it. Of course Saint had been the chairman of the nominating committee so long for St. John that he was a part of the cog and had to go with him. And of course it was all in the family with Olsen. St. John has always pulled wires to run the basketball committee by the invisible source so ably demonstrated by Tom Pendergast.

Major Griffith and St. John sold basketball down the river in the Olympic Games. They were fighting to have control of the teams from the colleges and when Avery Brundage and Griffith had a fight between the NCAA and the AAU they compromised by saying - You permit us to name the coaches of track and field, crew, wrestling and swimming, and we will let you have basketball.

That was number one. Then when the NCAA tournament was put in they grabbed all of the money so they had used basketball for their selfish purpose and they have done nothing to aid the sport that I can see. By putting Olsen in there as chairman is about the climax to a sloppy and selfish administration.

Of course Reaves Peters has told them some things but Griffith and St. John started out to smash Ned Irish in his Garden promotion. I will say this - Ned Irish is one of the fairest, squarest sportsmen and businessmen that I have seen. He never double crosses you in any way, while that is not true of either Griffith, St. John or Olsen. And Griffith talking about the accounts of the AAU -- all Griffith did was to copy the tactics of the AAU and put them in operation in the NCAA. He was jealous of the power the NCAA has had, and now the only paid position in the NCAA goes to Griffith as secretary-treasurer. He handles about \$7500 in dues from the colleges, which is sufficient to pay all the bills and run the business. But they grabbed this hobby pot of basketball earnings and used it for their own selfish purposes instead of giving the money to the teams that draw at the gate.

Don't tell me this outfit didn't want to make money out of basketball, as you stated in your previous article. The reason that it has gone over poorly has been on account of mismanagement, slothfulness and lack of vision of the men on the basketball committee. That is what I think of them, Mac.

I am sending you a statement that I gave to the Associated Press regarding the recent basketball changes.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.