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Mr. Gwinn Henry,  
Director of Athletics,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Director Henry:

The other day while speaking to Professor W. W. Davis I mentioned the fact to him that I was personally expecting to buy for my freshman basketball players light sweater awards on which they could have their numerals placed if and when they received them.

We have a very outstanding freshman team in basketball. Professor Davis seemed a little surprised that only the football players have received freshman sweaters. I told him that during the depression all freshman awards had been done away with, with the exception of the football team.

This year, as I remember, there were over 64 awarded, or one to every man who stayed out during the fall for football. However, only about 43 qualified. I felt that this created a certain complex with the other freshman teams, and I told Talbott, of Elliots, at the end of the season I would purchase a certain number of sweaters and personally give them to the boys for their services. It is my feeling that any freshman team that works regularly and scrimmages against the varsity is worthy of some slight token of consideration. Doubtless the development that our varsity team has made is due in a certain definite part to the regular scrimmages we have had with our star freshman outfit.

The freshman are not cognizant of my intention to purchase these sweaters. Professor Davis suggest that I write you to ask you to bring the matter before the board for consideration, that freshman sweaters be purchased for freshman teams that practiced regularly and maintained their identity throughout the year. If you feel that this suggestion is worthy of consideration I would be happy to have you bring it before the board. Of course, if the athletic board feels that they would desire to spend a small sum, say about \$3.50, on sweaters the like of which were given to the freshman football team, I would not purchase those from Mr. Talbott, but if the board does not feel that they have funds to do this, or do not care to enlarge the award list to the freshmen, then I will go ahead and personally present these boys their sweaters when the board votes their numerals.