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Mr. Gene Friedman,  
Sports Editor,  
The Ohio State Lantern,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

A marked copy of your sport contribution, "Maelstrom", has been addressed to me in a plain envelope from Manhattan, Kansas. For your information, the University of Kansas is located at Lawrence, Kansas, and Kansas State College is located at Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State College is an agricultural college, as is Ohio State University.

In reading your column I find that you are apparently confused because you mention me as the Kansas State basketball coach. You also mention "perennially athletically powerful Oklahoma" and "perennially weak Kansas State". I do not know to what sport you refer, but for your information the University of Kansas has won or tied for the championship in basketball nine out of the last eleven years, and in my twenty-four years of coaching at Kansas we have won seventeen championships in basketball. Oklahoma has won the title outright once and tied twice.

Your dissertation reminded me of the fellow who was describing his friend back in Baltimore, when he said that his friend had made a hundred thousand dollars out of a shirtwaist factory in Baltimore in one year. And for confirmation of that he asked his close friend to verify the statement. The friend said, "Yes, that is substantially correct. Instead of a shirtwaist factory it was an overall factory, and instead of Baltimore the location was Kansas City, and instead of making a hundred thousand dollars I lost a hundred thousand dollars."

I have never studied journalism, but I have been told that authenticity is the first requirement in news gathering. There are so many errors in your column that should a person out in this part of the country read this it would lose all force on account of so many glaring errors showing an utter lack of knowledge on the part of the writer.

You thought that a blast, whether ill-timed or not, should not be mentioned on account of the war. Your argument reminds me very definitely of the time that Hitler walked into