

Two diligent Kansas reporters, bent on learning the real facts concerning the poverty of the Missouri-Kansas basketball game tickets, decided to do something about it. They went down to Columbia, Missouri, and during the time that the Kansas varsity basketball aggregation was inspecting the Brewer fieldhouse, which is the place where the Tigers play basketball, these two said diligent reporters made inquiries which revealed some very unusual and interesting information. They 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 1000 extra to take care of the swag that would not show in the game report." He said, "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."

This explains the reason why the Kansas Athletic Association could get only 25 tickets for their patrons and friends who desired to go to Columbia. These 25 tickets went to the families and close friends of the players, but the general public who had followed the Jayhawkers were prohibited from going to Columbia because Missouri would not sell any tickets to them.

And it must be remembered that when a game is played at Columbia between Kansas and Missouri that Kansas makes part of the attraction, yet no courtesy is shown Kansas for her loyal followers and friends who desire to see their favorites in action at Columbia.