

July 15, 1944.

Mr. Karl Klooz,  
Acting Athletic Director,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Karl:

I have tried to call you several times since yesterday, and called twice this morning, so I believe the easiest way would be to put my thoughts in writing.

I asked Earl Falkenstien the other day about the basketballs, and he stated that they had not been ordered as yet. I desire to have summer basketball practice, and since we had skimped along last basketball season with fewer balls than we actually needed, I thought it was about time that we got some.

Desiring to say things that could not be misconstrued as were my remarks to you after the Nebraska game, I merely want to express my opinion that after twenty-five years of coaching here I think it is rather incongruous to have a meeting of the finance committee to pass upon basketballs. Certainly a fellow who had coached twenty-five years and had made a success of the game with a consequent sizeable gate receipt each season from the sport, should not have such a reflection as apparently this one is. I believe always the head coach has generally determined about the equipment needed, yet each time I have asked for something it seems as if it is necessary to have a finance committee meeting to pass upon the expenditure. I saw inflation coming on, and I am sure you do. If I asked for two dozen basketballs I was sure that they were needed and that they would cost the Athletic Association no extra money, but rather would be a saving.

Kansas has always done on fewer basketballs than any of the rival Big Six schools. I make this statement positively and can support the statement with fact. Yet we have no basketballs when we need them now.

This is another indication of inefficiency by placing too much work on one man who apparently cannot do it.

We would like to have <sup>some of</sup> those basketballs.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.