

May 22, 1939.

Mr. Gilbert Wilson,
821 West 27th St.,
Kearney, Nebraska.

Dear Gilbert:

I appreciate your writing me and I further appreciate Coach R. D. Watkins recommendation to you that you finish your physical education work at the University of Kansas.

However, I might say that there is no basketball player here in school that I know of that is making all of his expenses. We do not approach the situation from that angle. It has always been my notion that any student would find it very difficult to get all of his expenses in school. The only individual that I could imagine who would be able to do that would be an assistant instructor or a laboratory assistant. I do not know of any standard university in the country that would have a lucrative job sufficient to do this.

About the most that any of our athletes on the basketball team are able to earn would be a maximum of \$20.00 a month.

Our University here is, of course, academically pretty difficult when a man works but two hours a day. When he works more I find that he is bound to neglect some phase of his activity. For that reason we have put the emphasis upon the academic side, and we definitely encourage our athletes not to depend upon working their entire way through school because they will forfeit their academic birthright.

For that reason I am afraid that it would be impossible for you to make all of your expenses while here. I do hope, however, that you are as successful as you have been in the past in making all your expenses, and if there is any time that I can help you please do not feel abashed in calling upon me.

Thanking you for your good letter and wishing you continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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