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Lawrence, Kansas

Dr. F. C. Allen  
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Kansas University.

Dear Dr. Allen:

A few weeks ago I presented a bill to you through your secretary. I have inquired of Earl Falkenstein as to what action had been taken and a couple of days ago I learned that my bill had been rejected by the University because I had not received advice or medical treatment from the university hospital.

The injury which I received while practicing basketball the afternoon of November 23 is not a new one. The cartilage in my knee first slipped when I was a senior in high school. The school furnished a doctor who handled any of our athletic injuries. I naturally went to him to save expenses, but in the long run I assure you there was no saving. This particular doctor was a medical doctor and he treated my knee for about two weeks by applying diathermy and weights to my leg. At the end of the two weeks I was still moving around only by the aid of crutches. I had heard of the excellent work of Dr. Shook, an osteopath, so I decided to see if he could help me. I remember very plainly when I walked into his office with the aid of crutches and after fifteen minutes treatment I walked out of his office without crutches. Since that time I have never hesitated a minute before going to Dr. Shook when the cartilage in my knee has slipped. I would estimate that the same injury occurred five or six times during the remainder of my senior year and one year of junior college ball. Most of the time I had to wear a brace on my leg, but it was a handicap and not entirely successful.

I had the pleasure of working out with the K.U. basketball squad when I attended the K.U. Relays in the spring of 1939. You were kind enough to work on my leg at that time and explain your training system which you use to prevent the trouble which I had been having. I have been at K.U. two years and am well on my third year, and this is the first time my knee has bothered me since transferring from junior college to Kansas University. I am grateful to you for your attention and treatments which you have given to me, and I certainly don't feel that my recent misfortune was a result of any failure on your part. I am happy and lucky that it has happened only once in three years. However, I am entirely disappointed and thoroughly disgusted in the manner with which the University has handled my request for reimbursement of a mere eight dollars which I had to pay for treatment by Dr. Shook on my knee.

At the time I hurt my knee you were out of town. Had you been present I have no doubt but that you could have done the same work for me that Dr. Shook did. The reason for my not going to Watkins Memorial Hospital was that I didn't care to spend a couple of weeks under diathermic treatment