

March 17, 1941

Mr. Gwinn Henry  
Director of Athletics  
University of Kansas

and

Mr. Karl Klooz  
Bursar  
University of Kansas

Dear Gwinn and Karl:

I am sending you a copy of a letter from Fred M. Harris of the Chanute Tribune. You doubtless are acquainted with the fact that Fred M. Harris is the son of Mr. Fred Harris of the Board of Regents.

This letter from Fred Harris is identical with a great number of requests that we have received from many alumni throughout the State inquiring for shots of some of our basketball games. Fred Ellsworth has called repeatedly requesting that we send some sort of basketball film of our games to some of his insistent alumni. Each time we tell him that we do not have such films. Fred has also asked for the Indiana-Kansas games and the Southern California and Rice games. I tell him that those are the property of the N. C. A. A. and since they paid for filming them we have no right to send them out under the University's name.

I am speaking at the McPherson, Kansas Rebounders Club and they have requested that I bring some basketball films along. I am also speaking at the Chase, Kansas High School, to the Metro Club Luncheon in Kansas City, to the Holyrood, Kansas Athletic Banquet and to the Kansas City, Missouri Grain and Feed Club dinner. These are all athletic set-ups with athletic boosters as the background, and they constantly ask for films.

Mr. Fred Montgomery called me prior to the University of Oklahoma game here, stating that they had shot all of the football games here for the past several years and he was wondering if a few hundred feet of the Oklahoma game would not be a fine thing for the grapefruit league and lettuce league speeches that coaches are forced to make. He offered to shoot it at \$6.00 a hundred feet. There are four hundred feet in each one of the film rolls and if you just took the high-lights of the game it would cost \$24.00 for one reel, but if you took the entire game it would be two reels and that would amount to \$48.00.

I know that it is rather difficult for us to comprehend that movies are made of basketball, although we do see them in our theaters right along. Nebraska has been shooting films of her basketball games for the last three years, as had Oklahoma and some of the other Big-Six schools. Three years ago the lighting in all of our Big-Six schools was raised so that pictures could be shot of all of our games.