

May 16, 1940.

Mr. Earl Kloss, Chairman,  
Finance Committee,  
Athletic Association,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kloss:

I desire to make an explanation regarding the trip of the Kansas basketball team to Manhattan on February 20. I did not take this trip nor contemplate it without taking the matter up with Mr. Earl Falkenstein, the financial secretary, regarding transportation.

I went to Mr. Falkenstein and told him that I desired to use a bus, and telling him when we desired to go. I was not in favor of using my own car for hauling athletes because, first, of the fact that the Athletic Association allows but five cents a mile for the entire car load, which is much cheaper than I can drive my Buick; and secondly, because the Kansas State Athletic Association awards the coaches one and one-half cents per man per mile, which makes an average of six cents per mile with four traveling in the car.

Mr. Falkenstein reported to me that a bus from Lawrence, Kansas, to Manhattan, Kansas, would cost \$42.00, round trip. I said to him, "Well, that is more than we could take four cars for." That was how I conceived the idea of taking extra men. I knew full well the ruling regarding the ten man competitors, so we suited up but ten men. But for a lessened charge for mileage I did not think that anyone would object to our spending less money for transportation by taking four cars than we could have by taking the bus. I discussed this fully with Mr. Falkenstein.

The expenditure for the meals for the boys was done at my own hazard, and therefore I accept full responsibility for that expenditure, although I am frank to say that in my opinion it is a parsimonious policy.

It is a known fact that every school in the conference carried upon several occasions twelve to fifteen players. But I make no alibi for this. This was a conference ruling, but we followed that ruling for non-conference games with Creighton and Oklahoma Aggies. Although I desired to take one extra man to the Oklahoma Aggies, I was asked by you to conform to the ten player limit, if possible. I understand the Oklahoma Aggie game will