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Dear Dean Lawson:

Thank you for your footnote which you wrote on Dolph Simons' letter addressed to Adolph at the University of Kentucky. I am returning the letter to you.

I did not know that Adolph went down to see Dolph Simons, but I did enjoy the visit with Adolph here in the office. There is a bit of information that he gave me which might clarify the angle of McDonald and Hill being approached by a representative of the University of Kentucky. When Coach Rupp told me that he had never heard of Hill, I did not doubt him in the least, but I said, "Adolph, there was a representative from the University of Kentucky here."

"Well," he said, "it might have been the football representative because the University of Kentucky is paying a football scout who is connected with the University a salary of \$5,600.00 a year just to scout football material." And I said, "There is the answer, no doubt. Both Hill and McDonald were football players."

The Journal-World never did say that Coach Rupp or any of his emissaries were contacting these Lawrence high school boys, but they did make a point out of it that a University located in this town was faced with a situation of other scouts coming into their own environment and making a proposition of \$90.00 a month.

To substantiate further that belief, Mr. C. E. McBride in his last Sunday's column heads up his Sporting Comment with these headlines: "Kansas City Boys Listen to Sales Talk of University of Kentucky Emissaries . . ." The artist sketches an outline of a stadium against a background of university buildings. It shows two young itinerants on the road with their satchels, and above one's head it says, "Board - Room - Tuition!" And the other soliloquizes, "All this for nothing!"

The point that I am getting at, P. B., is this - that we are scheduling games with several teams this year in football, everyone of which is doing exactly what the University of Kentucky is doing. Yet if Kansas would or could go half way between the position the University of Kentucky has and the University of Kansas is at the present and has been doing, they doubtless would make better athletic showings.