

C.L. Brewers' Letter Barring Football Player Jack Trice from Playing at the University of Missouri, October 8, 1923

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Prof. S. W. Beyer, Iowa State College, Ames. Iowa.

Dear Professor Beyer,

We understand from newspaper reports that you have a colored man playing with your football squad this Fall. I am quite sure, Professor Beyer, you know conditions here, and know it is impossible for a colored man to play or even appear on the field with any team.

This has been discussed in the Missouri Valley for a good many years and I know that you understand the tradition that a colored man cannot come here. This whole question is bigger than our athletics and there is no alternative for us other than to say that we cannot permit a colored man on any team that we play. I am writing your Mr. Otapolik also, because I did not want any misunderstanding or confusion late in the week.

I hope to see you sometime during the Fall and renew our friendship of the old days. With sincere personal regards, I am

Very truly yours, C.L. Brewer

C.L. Brewer, Director.