Mr. Clarence Hoff, Manager, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas Citym Mo.

Dear Mr. Hoff:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter I have just written Reaves Peters, which I am sure is self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. Clerence Hoff, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo.

Door Mr. Hoffs

I am just in receipt of a letter from Reaves Peters which about causes me to feel that I cannot talk plainly enough to have people understand me. Reaves said that he had talked with you and you had told him you talked with me Saturday but was under the impression that we were not certain what could be done.

I certainly did not mean to convey that impression because I was pretty definite in my mind on what was being done toward closing the two dates of December 15 and 16, and December 22 and 23. What I came by for was to explain to Baker that we were making progress toward closing these dates. I told you then that on December 22 and 23 we had already engaged Missouri, Kansas and Kansas State, and we were looking for another university that would be a drawing power and would add the foursome for these two double-header dates. We had endeavored to get Wyoming or Oklahoma Aggies for those dates but they were playing in the Kast. Missouri did not want to play the earlier dates but were willing to play the latter dates, and these two dates we expect to definitely close.

I also told you that Bruce Drake had closed with Iowa Pre-Flight for December 16, and I had written Henry The stating that Henses was willing to play Oklahoma Aggies if the Chancellor would resoind his former ruling that we should not play Oklahoma Aggies. Henry The replied that they were playing Temple in Philadelphia, but he would like to play some other date. We do not have the power to meet the Aggies, but I was being agreeable for the sake of a large gate receipt and a fine play-off.

We have not been able to arrange as yet for a set-up for the 15th, or as far as Mensas is conserned, for the 16th. But Wyoming wired me that they were willing to play Mansas in the hall on the 15th. It was for that purpose that I was endeavoring to enlighten you upon these things that I dropped in. In other words, I was making a progress report to you on what was being done concerning December 15 and 16, and December 22 and 23.

George Edwards delegated the power to me to negotiate for these dates so far as his set-up was concerned, and Bruce Drake did likewise. Therefore, I thought I was doing the best job I could under the conditions. I am sorry you misunderstood and called Mr. Peters. Hereafter, won't you kindly call me on these things, as I assure you that I have never failed yet, and if I do fail I will notify you promptly.

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Very simoroly yours.

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Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Conch.

Mr. Harold Reade, Coach, Shawmee-Mission Rural High School, Merriam, Kansas.

Dear Harold:

We are playing Rockhurst College in the Municipal Auditorium on Tuesday, December 12. If agreeable to you, as it is to Rockhurst, we would like to match your school with Rockhurst High as the preliminary game.

We also have some games on the 22nd and 23rd of December. If you would be interested in one of those games we would be glad to have you pick your opponent - maybe Ward High or anyone that you think would draw well.

Congratulations on your fine football game against Lawrence. I saw it, and it was a dandy. You certainly shuffled your boys in an intelligent style.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH

Mr. Cliff Rock, Basketball Coach, Denver University, Denver, Colorado.

Dear Cliff:

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We have finally completed our schedule for the double headers in Kansas City on December 22 and 23.

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We had had a date with Colorado on the 23rd, and had hoped to have Nebraska come in also. Nebraska has a game with Minnesota on the 22nd. When Lewandswski was here with the Nebraska football team on the 21st of October he agreed to come on the 23rd, and that necessitated our asking Frosty if he could come on the 22nd. If Frosty could not have made this change we hoped to get you on one of these dates.

I have just received word that Colorado can come on the 22nd, and we are planning on Nebraska on the 23rd. I am sorry that we could not have included you in our schedule.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH

Mr. Cliff Rock, Basketball Coach, Denver University, Denver, Colorado.

Dear Cliff:

I am sorry that I have been unable to give you a definite reply to your wire about the December 22nd date. I have been awaiting a reply from one other school, and have wired them today asking for their decision. I dislike to keep you waiting, and will let you know as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

4:45 p.m.

October 26.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

Can we play on the December 22nd date that you mentioned? Wire us immediately.

Cliff Rock, Basketball Coach, University of Denver.

Reply: Cannot give definite information until Monday. Date still uncertain.

Forrest C. Allen.

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Mr. Cliff Rock, Coach of Basketball, University of Denver, Denver 10, Colorado.

Dear Cliff:

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If anything should happen that Pepperdine cannot come in on that date, could you play on the 22nd? I believe this one game would draw better with Missouri, Kansas State and Kansas, then your games with Kansas State, Washburn and Rockhurst.

I am sorry that we did not hear from you earlier because we could have doubtless used you both Friday and Saturday nights. The arrangement that we have is that each team shall pay their own expenses and the cut will be four ways after the rental of the hall is taken care of. It has always been our experience with Kansas and Missouri playing in a foursome that they have done exceptionally well, and I believe all teams would come in for a good cut.

Think it over and let me know your reaction.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, 50° 1844° Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. Cliff Rock, Conch of Bankstball, University of Denver, Denver lo, Colorado.

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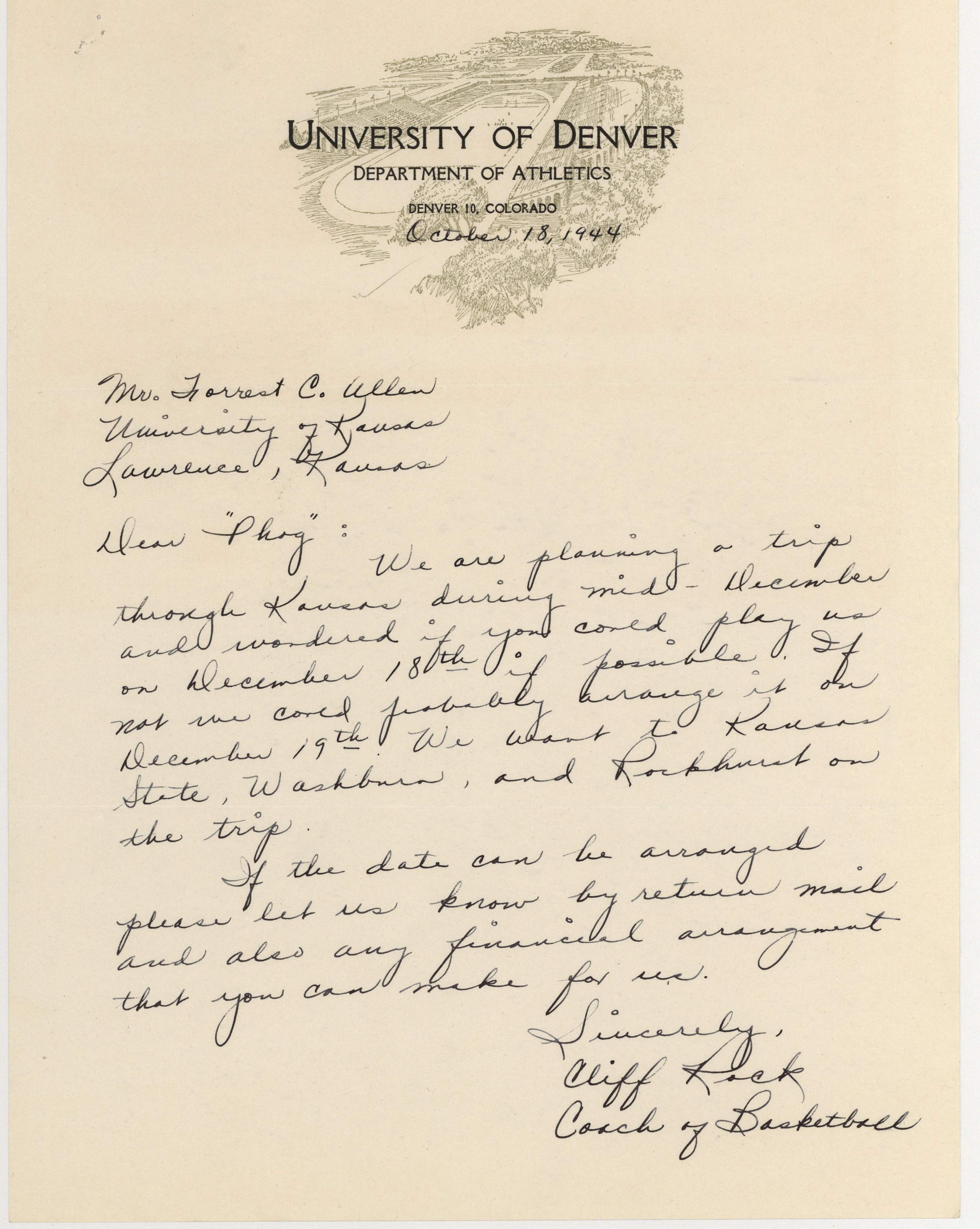
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Director of Marketpellday, October 20, 1944.



Mr. Everett F. Shelton, Basketball Coach, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Eva

Bruce Drake called me and when I told him that Kansas did not want to play on the 15th and 16th, because it would be too difficult to arrange games when Oklahoma did not want to play Kansas or any other conference members, he said, "Well, I will take it over, then, and I will arrange it." So I have turned over the dates to him.

Want to play on the 15th. The fact that we are playing Rockhurst College in Kansas City on December 12th, and then playing again on December 22 and 23, prompted me to the opinion that should we go in on the 15th and 16th it would appear to our Big Six brothers that Kansas was overdoing the Kansas City date angle.

I was endeavoring to arrange a schedule for the four dates, December 15 and 16, and 22 and 23, because I promised the coaches of the Big Six that we would keep these dates open and the Auditorium has been holding them, so I felt to keep faith with everybody we should arrange the schedule for these dates. But now since Bruce has taken it over, you doubtless will hear from him.

For our 22nd and 23rd dates we have tentatively scheduled Frosty for the 23rd and we are looking for someone for the 22nd. Perhaps Wyoming and Kansas can get together in Kansas City in a pair of games next year or where four college teams are playing.

I thank you for your kind expressions, and I assure you I am definitely interested in building the game of basketball. While every individual normally looks to his own interests, yet he must be unselfish enough to allow the other fellow some latitude.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



#### THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING LARAMIE, WYOMING

October 14, 1944

Mr. Forrest C. Allen Varsity Basketball Coach University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Received your letter of October 12th about you thinking Kansas should not play in both double-headers, we are very much interested in Kansas playing in the one on December 15th and 16th, we know that the best drawing basketball team in the country in Kansas City is Kansas, and that is one reason we wanted to take part in the games at that time, I am sure we will want to come on down and play the two games any way, but if Iowa-Saehawks can not play both nights why don't you play as the fourth team the other night, but I am very strong for Kansas being in both games, if Bruce does not want to play bring Missouri in as the other team.

I like to play my tough conference teams in a non-conference game as I believe I would know something about them that would help me in that game that counts. Iba tells me Bruce is tough to get along with.

We will leave every thing in your hands, and I believe you would like to play both week ends, and I am sure the basketball fans in Kansas City would rather see you in four games than any one else, why don't you ask McBride?

With kindest personal reagrds, I am

Very truly yours

Everett F. Shelton Basketball Coach Mr. Everett F. Shelton, Basketball Coach, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Ev:

I am sending you a copy of a letter I have just written to Bruce Drake. Bruce doesn't want to play, as you know, where the Big Six teams are involved, where his team would beat one of ours in a pre-conference game.

I am suggesting a set-up that I think would be a wow and one that would draw a fine crowd. I am not sure that Bruce will want the two games, but I think it would be marvelous if Oklahoma, Arkansas, Wyoming and another strong team would come in for the foursome.

We are endeavoring to arrange for Wyoming to play the two nights, and I am sure that we can do it. I will keep you informed as to the progress.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



## THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING LARAMIE, WYOMING

October 4, 1944

Mr. Forrest C. Allen Varsity Basketball Coach University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

In reply to your letter of Sept. 30th, it would not make any difference to us whether the game is on the 15th or 16th, but but we would much rather play both nights, I believe we would make a lot more money as the travel will be the big expense.

We have to come back home after the games there, as the next week is exam week and we do not go east untill Thrusday. I think we would be willing to figure as the other teams do, with no guarntee but on a four way cut, with the adjustment of expenses pro rata. I am sure we will make out expenses and have a chance of making some money.

It is too bad Bruce got started in the coaching game the way he did, I had just as soon play a conference team as on the same bill with them.

Are you making an eastern trip this year?

ery truly yours

Everett F. Shelton Basketball Coach Mr. Everett F. Shelton, Basketball Coach, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Ev:

When we were in Kansas City at the Big Six meeting Bruce Drake and I agreed that we would try to arrange a foursome for December 16th. Bruce has a game scheduled with the Iowa Seahawks on the 16th, and we were looking for an opponent for Kansas on the same night.

I have written Bruce along the lines of asking him to consider the 15th and 16th, and I am writing you asking if you would be agreeable to coming to Kansas City for both nights. Bruce doesn't want to play any of the Big Six teams before the season opens and for that reason he is shying off of a four-some for the 15th and 16th, but we do want to play ball with him and go along and schedule the 16th date. Could you come to Kansas City on December 16th if we could not arrange for a four-some for the 15th and 16th?

I am wondering what you would consider fair for your guarantee with an option. Since you are traveling on East you will understand that we are not trying to talk you out of anything, but the other teams competing will be making the trip just to the genes in Kansas City and return. Perhaps you may want the same situation to obtain as the other teams, namely that our expenses to and from the place are counted in the estimate and the gate receipts are cut four ways equally. But in that case there is no guarantee to any team. In the adjustment of expenses the pro rata traveling mileage is figured, and the hotel is figured for all at so much per day, and them after the hall rental and officials' fees are taken out, the cut is four ways.

Would you let me hear from you regarding your desires?

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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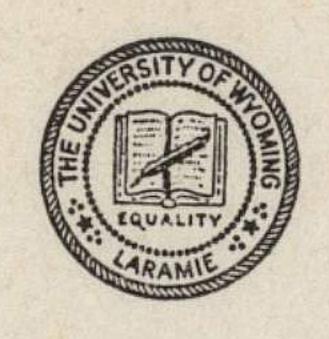
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BE HAPPY TO PLAY KANSAS DEC 15TH IN KANSAS CITY= EV SHELTON-



## THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING LARAMIE, WYOMING

September 26, 1944

Mr. Forrest C. Allen Varsity Basketball Coach University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Received your letter of September 20th and wired you this morning accepting the game with Kansas on the Double-header, December 15th with Oklahoma and Iowa Pre-Flight.

Would you let me know the financial arrangement for the game, and about how much we can ecpect from the game.

We should help draw in Kansas City although our team will be young as will the teams every place I expect.

Very sincerely yours.

Breitett F. Sheltor

Mr. Everett Shelton,
Basketball Coach,
University of Wyoming,
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Ev:

The University of Oklahoma and Iowa Pre-Flight are playing in Kansas City on December 15th. We were to play Oklahoma Aggies on that date, but Hank The has a game in Philadelphia.

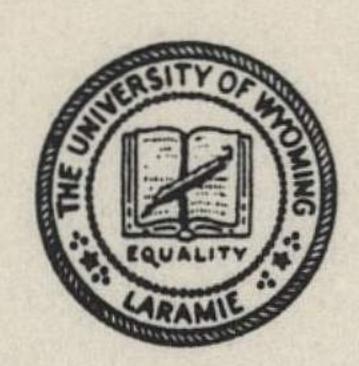
I am wondering if you could play on the 15th in Kansas City. We might make arrangements for Kansas to play Wyoming, and Oklahoma play Iowa Pre-Flight.

Let me know your reaction.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH



#### THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING LARAMIE, WYOMING

August 21, 1944

Mr. Phog Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I have been corresponding with George Edwards of Missouri about playing on a double-header in Kansas City, on August 12th he wrote me from Kansas City giving me the possiblity of two dates, Dec. 15 and 16, and Dec. 22 and 23, The 22 and 23 would of been just right as we are on our way east at that time but I had a game scheduled with Michigan for the 23 and could not change the date, we wanted to keep the game as we have been some time trying to get on the Big Ten schedule. George thought that the 15 and 16th would be too early to draw any kind of a crowd.

There will only be five of our school in our sonference playing basketball so we are going to wait untill Oct. 7th to make out basketball schedule so if we can schedule any out side games we are to go ahead. I would like very much to come to Kansas City and take part in a double-header and we could do it any time after January 8th, just so we can decide on dates before our conference meeting, Jack Copeland of the Wichita Beacon wants us to come in there and play and we could play both places on the same trip. If you and George have an open date and can get the hall later we would like very much to come to Kansas City to play on the same arrangements of Kansas, Kansas State, Washburn and Missouri had last year.

Are you going to New York this year? We are playing in New York City on December 27th and Philadelphia Jan. 1st and Ohio on the way home.

Iwant to tell you that John Buescher is one of the best boys I have ever had the pleasure to coach and he thinks the world of you.

I am very sorry we could not come down the 22nd and 23rd of Dec. but if you can find any two dates later on, I expect the crowds would be better anyway, don't you think.

Very truly yours

Everett F. Shelton Basketball Coach hir. Druge Dreite, Desketball Cosch. University of Chlehoma. Hormon, Chlehoma.

Dear Inrude

there, - lower Sechantics vs. Oklahoma on December 16. Why don't you take it up with the Arkanses couch and see if he can case to Manses City on the 15th or 16th? Then we could arrange a foursome on the 15th - Wyoning vs. Oklahoma, Iowa Sechants vs. Arkanses, and if Iowa Sechants can make only a one-game trip, then we will get someone else to fit in for the Iowa Sechants. Then on the 16th, Iowa Sechants vs. Oklahoma, and Nyoning vs. the other tesm that we will obtain.

For December 22 and 25, Missouri, Komman State and Kammas, and maybe Colorado for one game only as they have a Navy outfit. Them for the other night we will get someone else.

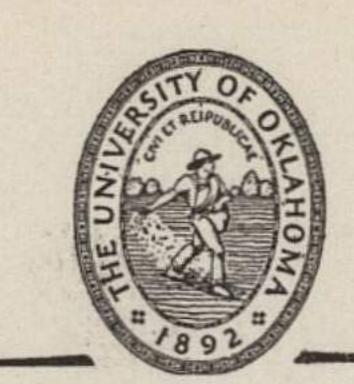
two sets of dates as it would look as if Nausas might be trying to hog the show. The dates have been held by me for the hall and I will be glad to help you in any way possible, but why don't you take the initiative and arrange the foursome? If you can only play the one game on the 16th, then I will go shead and arrange the others and we will try to get an opponent for Nyoming, but what I would like to do would be to have you call arkansas and see if you can't get them in for the 18th and 16th, and we will work with you in arranging this set-up.

I am convinced that we are not as a conference using our heads by passing up these fine opportunities, and it is only my desire in working these things out to establish a future set-up for our big six teems whereby our six teems can play with two outside teems and pack the hall for 1945 and years thereafter.

Let no hear from you at your ourliest convenience.

Simoerely yours.

Director of Physical Education, Versity Basketball Couch.



#### THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

NORMAN · OKLAHOMA

October 5, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen Basketball Coach University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

In my previous letter to you, I stated that I was only interested in December 16. However, if we could get Everett Shelton to come in on the 15th, we might be able to get the Seahawks to change this date for us.

I had rather go ahead and take my licking from the Seahawks and let you schedule any team you like rather than try to schedule a game on the 16th myself. It is possible that Oklahoma University could play on the 15th and 16th providing we follow the double-header idea on both nights. I don't know who you have in mind on the 15th if Wyoming and Kansas get together. If you have some other Big Six school already engaged, you can count Oklahoma out on December 15. I received a letter from Reaves Peters saying that Arkansas would be a drawing card, due to the publicity received in their unfortunate accident prior to the N.C.A.A play-off.

I am leaving your opponent to be selected, as it should be, by you, and if Shelton will not come in on the 16th and you have no other team in mind, I will be glad to come in and schedule some team other than the ones that would be in on the 16th.

I am sorry I was unable to reach you by telephone yesterday, and understand that you left for Tulsa for your game with the professionals. Let me hear from you at your convenience, and whatever you decide will be perfectly satisfactory to me.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Drake

Basketball Coach

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Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma,

Dear Bruce:

Thanks for your good letter of the 27th instant. Great Lakes is not permitted to play in this territory because it is out of their domain. We had a game scheduled with them last year and they were forced to cancel it.

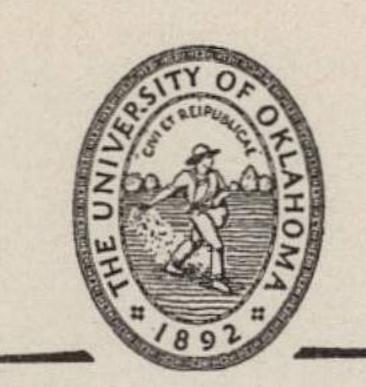
Go ahead and get Ohio State or anyone else to play you. I think it would be a fine thing, only the item of expense would doubtless take most of the profit, but I believe the drawing card would perhaps justify the long trip. You will understand we do not guarantee an outfit's expenses. Each fellow is allowed his traveling expenses based on the equitable travel of all four teams, but perhaps Ohio State might want a guarantee when we play in Kansas City. As you know, each team is allowed their pro rata share of expenses in accordance with the distance traveled. And the hotel rates are, of course, equalized for all. We have never underwritten any expenses, so Ohio State might not desire to come.

I would be glad if you would turn promoter inasmuch as I have run out of possibilities. Ev Shelton wants to come in on the 15th. He might be persuaded to come the 15th and 16th, and if we could get the Seahawks in for a couple of games then the only difficulty would be in getting your team for both nights. If you do not like this, Bruce, why don't you go ahead and arrange an opponent for Oklahoma on the 16th, and we will play the Seahawks. That will close up the 16th to your satisfaction as we previously agreed upon, and then if you do not like the idea of playing two games we will try to fill in for the 15th with some other foursome, as the hall is engaged for the 15th and 16th, and the 22nd and 23rd.

Let me know at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.



#### THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

NORMAN · OKLAHOMA

September 27, 1944

Doctor Forrest C. Allen Basketball Coach University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I am sorry that Hank Iba has a billing in Philadelphia on December 16. I know that this game would have been a wonderful drawing card after the four man trouble in Lawrence.

The only game I am interested in is the one game on December 16 as we planned in Kansas City.

I am at a loss to recommend any team with drawing-power to a man who has been in the game as long as you have; however, I would be more than glad to try to get Ohio State to come in and play me, provided you want the Seahawks. Personally I don't particularly care who Oklahoma plays on that particular night. I would just as soon play Great Lakes as the Seahawks or any other team that we might get to come in. You advise me which way you want me to go and I am sure that it will work out satisfactorily for Nordly. In short, if you are having trouble getting a reputable team and want me to see what I can do, it will be necessary for me to contact the team with the idea of playing them. If such is agreed, I would want it understood between you and I that the team scheduled would meet your satisfaction 100%.

December 16 is the only possible date that I can play. I am sorry that Ev Shelton will be in the East at that time. Please let me know what you want me to do on the matter, and I will be glad to cooperate in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Drake

Basketball Coach

BD:ds

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

Once I heard of a Dutchman. He was not named Hoff, but his name was Kloppf. He was to serve on the jury. He got so excited and mixed up, and he said, "Good-by, wifey, good-by. I got to leave my home in the country and go to Kansas City and serve on the jury. I know I am going to run over the car and kill somebody."

It is queer, when these Dutch have things explained to them sometimes fairly clearly that they cannot get it. I went in to talk to Ralph Baker, and Hoff dropped in. I was going down to see Mr. Hoff later and explain to him, but I wanted the dates held.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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