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Mr. Clifton Cornwell
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Dear Mr. Cornwell:

I regret exceedingly that I have not answered your good letter before this. My secretary, Miss Gerstenberger, wrote you as of September 26 and sent you the gloss as soon as one came from the photographer, but the hectic rush of school opening here kept me so busily engaged that I have come up to my office here Saturday night to see that you get this information as soon as possible.

I do not know what you desire in the way of publicity, but I am sending you an excerpt from Who's Who in American Sports. I trust that you can pick out of this enough information that will be sufficient unto the day.

Allen, Ferrest C., Director of Physical Education and head basketball coach, University of Kansas. Born Jamesport, Missouri, November 18, 1885. Son of William T. and Alexine (Perry) Allen. Education: Independence (Missouri) High School; University of Kansas; Central College.

Record: 1901-4, member of Independence High School football, basketball and baseball teams. 1905, Manager and member of Kansas City Athletic Club national championship basketball team. (At that time, this was called the world's championship basketball team because the K.C.A.C. beat the Buffalo German Y.M.C.A. team which had won the Olympic title at both the Pan American and the St. Louis World's Fairs). 1906-7, member of University of Kansas Varsity basketball and baseball teams (captain of basketball team, 1907). 1908-9, Coach of the University of Kansas basketball team (winning Missouri Valley championship) both years; also coached Haskell Indians in 1908-9. Both schools are located in the same town. 1912-19, Athletic Director and Coach of all sports at Central Missouri State Teachers College (Warrensburg, Missouri) basketball, baseball and football teams. Football team not scored upon. All teams undefeated. 1920, Coach Varsity basketball from 1920 to the present time, University of Kansas, also coach Varsity football team year of '20. 1922-27 won six consecutive basketball championships in Missouri Valley Conference; 1931-34 four consecutive championships in Big Six Conference. He has won