

March 20, 1944.

To Whom It May Concern:

I desire to commend for your consideration Murray Rex Arrowsmith, of Belleville, Kansas. I have known Rex Arrowsmith for two years and always found him to be an alert, aggressive and affable young man.

I had him in my class in Physical Education the past summer, 1943. He is an expert swimmer. He shows leadership on the campus, being a member of the All-Student Council and the president of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. He is clean and possesses a reputation for splendid traits of character. He is 19 years of age and a sophomore in the School of Engineering.

I am glad to recommend him without reservation. In my opinion he is splendid officer material.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FOA:AH

March 20, 1944.

Mr. Henry Ashley,
Kansas City Mantel Company,
1008 Oak Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Heinie:

You wrote me quite some time ago and I was sure that I had answered your letter. Anyhow, I still find it here on the desk and I am sure it was two months ago when you wrote it, although it is undated.

Longer than two months ago the Chancellor came over to get all of our drawings and specifications toward asking for a bid by the Board of Regents. Nothing has come out of it yet. I have written the Chancellor three different letters asking for more definite information but he has been away from the University three-fourths of his time on bigger problems, I imagine, than the one I have at hand. So, nothing has been done up to the present, Heinie, but I am expecting that when the Chancellor gets enough money he will want to do that thing plus the other improvements that go with it.

I think what he started out to do was to repair it, and then when he saw it cost so much money I think it stymied him. The concrete basin to hold the pool is something that I think he did not know all about.

If you ever come to Lawrence we would be delighted of course to see you. Bobby is a senior in the medical school at Pennsylvania and due to graduate in July or August. He is asking for a leave the latter part of April. He hopes to come home to Topeka and marry a Topeka girl there. We think she is pretty fine, and since this will make the last one of the youngsters to take the matrimonial step we will begin to rattle around in that big house like two loose peas in a pod. Bob will do his internship at Bell Memorial Hospital, so at least he will be close to us for a while. He is in the Army medical corps and he is taking work for a flight surgeon.

Milton is living here practicing law. He had both a Marine and a Navy commission offered him but was color blind to the

spectrum test. So he will perhaps be in the next call for induction or pre-induction physical examination. I am secretary of the draft board here and he claims I got on there just to see that he got in the army, which of course is only one way of his wisecracking.

I am glad that Eleanor was thoughtful enough to write you thanking you for your nice present. She is coming home for her first visit some time around April 12th and she will be here for Bobby's wedding - we hope, that is if she can stay away from her husband that long.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear "Phog":

I have been wondering what had become of the swimming pool job which we gave you a preliminary bid on last summer. Please let me know what the situation is as we like to keep a record on all jobs that we figure.

I received a nice letter from Elinore thanking me for my present. I thought it was mighty for the baby to remember me. It does not seem so long ago that I saw her and the rest of the children playing around the house. But that is the way it goes. I hate to think about how fast time goes by.

Give my regards to Bess and keep some for yourself. I will be up to visit you folks some of these days.

Sincerely.

"Heinie"

Capt. John F. Rudness

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ARMY AIR FORCES

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MATERIEL CENTER

WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO, *6*

1/9/44

Dear "Phog":

Thank you for the nice
Galaxy calendar and its personal re-
minder of you and the Lawrence
club. I assure you that it will be
a daily reminder of Galaxy and
all that it means.

Your five letters to the
boys have been a source of real
inspiration to me. I look forward
to each one, being ever anxious
to know where the different ones
are throughout the year.

One enclosing a beautiful
benediction that I came across
some weeks ago. I cut it out
to send you. Also the article on
football in smaller Ohio colleges. The

Lieutenant that wrote it has pre-
sented it so well. I think the
part I have circled is a gem-
like expression of the true essence
of sports and real sportsman.
Congratulations on the fine show-
ing your team has made to date.
This will be a tough year to
pick them. De Paul must be a
"now." "Pro" I have ^{received} ~~had~~ so many
nice things written about Rotary
this year under you. Take it from
me, one writer was laughing with
delight and he is ~~pleas~~ hard to
please. No one would have to
write me that Rotary would have
a grand year under you. That was
a pinch. By the way, Dayton is
a great basketball spot. Teams of

our town. All of the games are
scheduled on the hour for practice
most nights in the week. When
league games are not being played.
There is a Sunday league also.
I regret that time and
distance do not permit me to
attend ^{many} of the games. The field is about
11 miles out of town. I follow
their programs however and wish
all of the "big shots" that they have
it is noticeable that every once
in awhile they put on a pure
"slap stick" program. Pure hilarity.
A few weeks back they pre-
sented their annual "follies."
It must have been a riot to
follow club members, and why not?
I started this letter at home
last night and am now at the

field.

With pains me in all good
wishes to you and Mrs. Ann and
the family for the best of New
years. Congratulations to Col. Read
of his approaching entry into the
ranks of double harness. He is
a grand boy and will be just
as successful as a husband and
father as he is in all other things
he has undertaken.

Ineverally in the bonds of
Rotary and old Phi Psi

John

Soldier's Mother, 1943

By Elva McAllaster

THE house is strangely quiet,
Since you proudly marched away,
But still a hundred voices
Echo to me every day.

Your tennis balls, your college books,
Your clothes and games and toys—
They show so plainly, laddie mine,
That they were once my boy's.

For liberty you're fighting now,
On fields far, far away;
You left your all at freedom's call,
And mother's proud today;
I'm proud, ah, yes! but lonely, too—
So lonely for my boy.

Just yesterday, in baby clothes
You were my greatest joy.

Dear boy, you learned in youth's brief day
To honor holy things,
To love your God, to know the peace
That consecration brings.

Keep faith in Him through soldier days;
To your best self be true.

If troubles press, remember, son,
Your mother prays for you.

It may be you will not come back
When war's long day shall cease,
But God is watching over you,
And He can give you peace.

Though life be hard and bitter, son,
Though death claim you at last,
Yet God still knows, and He alone
Can keep till war is past.

The REFEREE

By Bob Husted

The Lieutenant Speaks His Piece

Lt. T. E. Brady, USNR, and based in New York, drops us a line in which he writes: "Got quite a kick out of your article, building up the morale of Ohio State. One need go back only briefly to the era when prosperity was in O. S. U.'s corner, but one is inclined to smile a bit now that the big baron of Ohio college football is confronted with the same problems our smaller Buckeye schools have faced annually the last 10 years.

"The problems of the little fellow were brought about in no small way through the depredations of the larger institutions who raided the high schools for talent to the extent that boys who normally might have gone to the smaller colleges, played a lot of football and had great fun out of it, wasted away on the player benches of bigger universities.

"I happened to be in Otterbein during lean years when we were lucky to have a squad, let alone talent in either respectable numbers or quality. Yet we played through a schedule against stronger foes such as Case, Muskingum, Denison, Wooster, Mt. Union and the like, taking our shellackings, bumps and bruises in stride. And we were but one of many in the same boat. Yet no one sought to glorify the losing ways of such smaller schools or give passing thought to their problems or how they survived them if at all.

"But we did the best we could. Got the very most enjoyment out of traditional rivalries and carried on, come what may. Defeats may have overshadowed victories, but if we had to lose we got the very most out of being on the short end."

Little Fellows Had Tough Going

We appreciate Lt. Brady taking time out to write us and expressing his views on a subject that we feel sure he does not share alone. The football problems of the smaller college were rapidly approaching a crisis when the war came along. The going was getting tougher and tougher because the lack of material, lack of gate receipts, lack of most of the things needed to continue functioning.

Time was when schools like Oberlin, Case, Denison and Western Reserve were on par with Ohio State in football, but that era has long since passed. State left the ranks of the Ohio conference for that of the Western conference in 1913. It wasn't but a few years later that the immortal Chic Harley sparked the Buckeyes to the Big Ten championship. It was about this time that Henry Ford improved on the old G. O. P. slogan of "a chicken in every pot," to "an automobile in every garage." Interest in Ohio State football no longer was confined to Columbus alone. It became statewide. Then it was that a brand new concrete stadium blossomed out on the Ohio State campus, one with an actual seating capacity of 62,110. Henceforth Columbus not alone was to be known as the capital of the state, but the mecca for Ohio football as well.

Big-time football is big business and is conducted as such through smoothly-knit organizations that operate with the same precision as its well-drilled grid elevens on a Saturday afternoon. But of course the piece de resistance of the show window is the football team, plus the 100-strong maneuvering band that takes over between halves. The result is a football extravaganza that draws from near and far, especially if the football team is in the thick of the championship race.

It is no longer a secret that excellent grid material just doesn't wander onto the practice fields of the major football universities. It is on hand because the necessary contacts and inducements were made to bring it there.

The smaller schools have no way to combat such methods. Jobs are scarce in the towns and villages that house most secondary colleges. So they take whatever material happens to be available and do the best they can while living in the shadow of the big fellows.

Some May Not Be Back At All

As Lt. Brady pointed out in his letter, the manpower shortage that fell to the lot of Ohio State this year, long has been an old story with the smaller schools even if such a state of affairs didn't create a ripple on the surface of public interest at large.

It also will be the same story after the war. In fact some of the smaller fry who had to suspend for the duration may not be back at all. Most of those who are still struggling to field some kind of a team, despite the inroads of war and age-old problems, are doing so because they fear if they abandon the game it will not be for the duration but for keeps.

What prompted Lt. Brady's missive was a recent column we wrote in which we commented on the unusualness of the football situation at Ohio State that found the Bucks short of both material and victories. We can assure the lieutenant that in doing so we were not trying to build up the morale of Ohio State. That is the task of Coach Paul Brown and it must be said for him that he has done nobly in this respect. It just so happens the football that Lt. Brady champions and with every justification, is a victim of the times, or was when the war leveled the college game for both the big and the small.

We wish we could see a brighter future for it when things get back to normalcy, but there is nothing in the wind to indicate the picture will be much different.

February 22, 1944.

Mr. Donald Allenburger,
415 East 1st St.,
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Donald:

I am sorry that we have no tickets here for the Big Six Indoor Track Meet to be held in Kansas City on February 26. Mr. Ray Kanehl, our track coach, has no information on tickets for the meet, but if you are planning to be in Kansas City on that date I suggest you look him up.

When you come to Lawrence on March 3rd we will be glad to have you go in with our basketball team to see the game with Iowa State. The boys dress about 6:30 and go over to the Auditorium between 6:30 and 6:45. If you will meet us at the side door of the Auditorium we will take you in with the team.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

415 East 1st.
Newton, Kansas
Feb. 12, 1944

Dear Sir

Well I am sorry I have not written any sooner. But I have been so busy with my basketball team that I have not had time to write. Well how is your team coming. Well I am going to the Big 6 Indoor Track meet in Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 24, 1944 and would like to have 3 passes or tickets to get in so I can root for Kansas. At least send 2 passes. I am coming up to Kansas U. to see Iowa State play on March 3, 1944. Send me the rebounds. I saw Gordon Gray the former Newton athlete the other night. Well don't forget and send me those 3 passes or tickets to get in the Track meet. Well answer as soon as possible.

answer soon
answer quick
answer soon
answer quick
Sincerely yours
Donald Allenburger

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THE DAYTON HERALD

Thursday, Oct. 28, 1943

Carried The Mail

February 11, 1944.

T/Sgt. H. W. Adams,
322nd Base Hq. Sq.,
Bainbridge Army Air Field,
Bainbridge, Georgia.

Dear Sergeant Adams:

I am afraid that you will not like our record in basketball this year. However, I am sending you the record of our games played to date.

We have but one old man from last year's team and he was a substitute. All the other boys are entirely new and it is difficult to get them to work together in a cohesive unit. There is not much systemization carried out in the games. Therefore, we are taking quite a few lickings. However, this is war year and the main job is to win the war. Last year we had an ever-victorious team and finished the conference race with a thousand per cent. But this year is just another year.

I am happy to know that you are a native Kansan and that some day you expect to go to the University. I assure you it will be a pleasure to have you with us.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

January 18, 1944

Coach "Phog" Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to request a favor from you. I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a list of the games played by K. U. so far this season and the scores of these games.

I am not a graduate of K. U., but probably will be some day, as I intend to go there after the war. I am a native of Kansas however (from Independence) and an ardent fan of yours.

I have had many discussions here on the current basketball season and would like this information in order to settle some arguments and prove some points.

I hope you will be able to send me this list, and I thank you in advance for any consideration you give this letter.

Sincerely,

H. W. Adams

T/Sgt. H. W. Adams
322nd Base Hq. Sq.
Bainbridge Army Air Field
Bainbridge, Georgia.

December 31, 1943.

Professor Laurel E. Anderson,
School of Fine Arts,
University of Kansas.

Dear "G.P.":

I want you to know how much I appreciate your and Mrs. Anderson's thoughtfulness in presenting me with the golf balls. Nothing you could have given me would please me more because at the first break in this winter weather or the first sign of spring will find me enjoying the game to the fullest with your thoughtful remembrance.

Trusting that you will have no further difficulty, and that the New Year will be very kind to all of you, I am

Appreciatively yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

With best wishes

for lots of good galping
weather in the New

Year.

From your

G. P. —

(Galpful patient)

Sam Anderson

Dr. Allen.

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

January 4, 1943

K. S. ADAMS
PRESIDENT

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I am home for a few days with a light case of flu and will have an opportunity to review the copies of the Jayhawk Rebound. I know they will be interesting and I appreciate your sending me them.

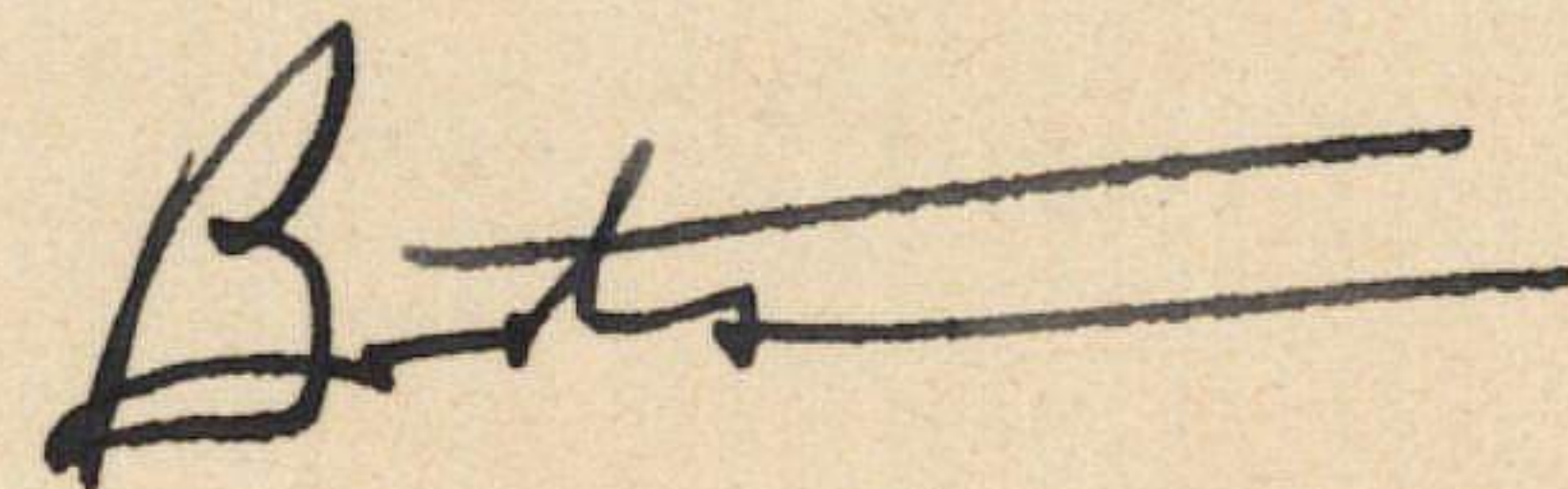
Things here were pretty quiet over the year end. For the first time, I had the opportunity of being in bed, which really wasn't so bad. I missed a lot of good parties, but no doubt profited by my inability to attend.

I hope your family are all well.

With best wishes for your continued happiness and success, I am

Sincerely yours,

KSA:JT



December 29, 1943.

Mr. Kenneth S. Adams, President,
Phillips Petroleum Company,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear "Boots":

It was most kind and thoughtful of you to extend the season's greetings, and I wish to reciprocate in hoping that the New Year brings you an abundance of good things.

I am sending you a copy of our Jayhawk Rebounds, which we send to all our boys in the service. I thought you might find some interesting reading on some of the pages.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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K. S. ADAMS
PRESIDENT

December 20, 1943

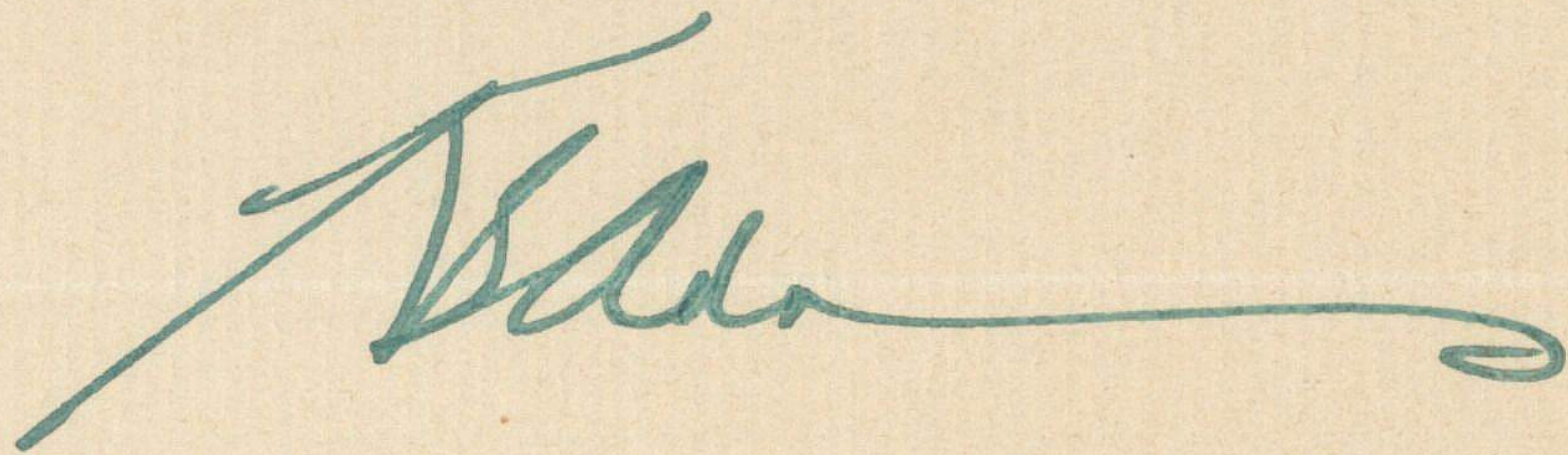
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Let us all hope by this time next year the war, if not won, will be reduced to one front and that we will be well on our way to final victory.

With best wishes to you and yours for an enjoyable Holiday Season and an abundance of good things for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,



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December 29, 1943.

Mr. W. P. Astle,
Peabody, Kansas.

Dear "Buck":

I would suggest that you write to Mr. Reaves Peters,
342 So. Chelsea, Kansas City, Missouri, Commissioner of the
Big Six Conference.

I will be glad to agree upon you as one of the
officials if your name comes up for consideration, but Peters
recommends most of them.

Very sincerely yours,

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11/15/43

Mr. T. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas.
Friend Mr. Allen

I would appreciate an opportunity
to officiate in the Big Six this coming season.
If my name should come up when officials
are selected and you can speak of my work I
would appreciate it.

Very truly yours,
W. P. Astle

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
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DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

December 8th, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Dept. of Physical Education & Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, K a n s a s

Dear Phog:

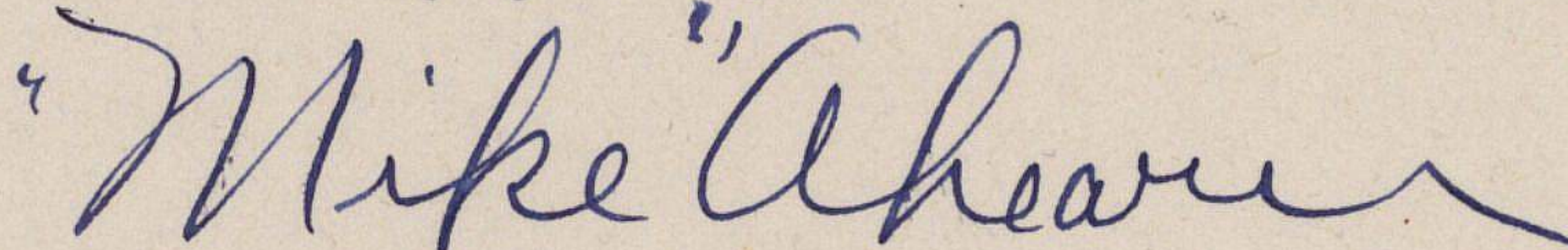
My private secretary answered the phone when you called this morning, and I believe that she gave you the facts concerning our attempts to secure deferment for teachers who are engaged in the Army physical training program.

In the test case of Micky Evans, we applied to his local draft board; to the head of the selective service commission in Topeka, and the matter was taken up with authorities at Washington, D. C. I found the officials obdurate in their decision that he was not eligible for deferment. We used Evans as a test case as we have other men who will soon be taken by the selective service program and we were very anxious to have a favorable ruling. We finally gave up all hopes of retaining Micky's services, but when he appeared for his physical it was discovered that he had a broken cartilage; a knee injury that he had received in football during his college days.

The decision is settled clear and definite that there will be no deferment of men simply because they are employed in the Army physical fitness program.

With all good wishes for the Christmas season, I am

Sincerely yours,



M. F. Ahearn, Director

MFA*M

P.S. - (Over)

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Dr. Allen -

I have just learned that a letter sent out from the 7th Corps Area Headquarters cites the modus operandi in cases of this nature is for the department vitally concerned to request that these men after reporting for induction be placed on the reserve list and be sent back to their former positions. A request should be made to the 7th Corps Area Headquarters for the men you desire to be deferred to be placed on the reserve list and report back to K.U. As I understand it, this may or may not occur, but rests on the decision made by those in power.

Mike

December 30, 1943.

Mr. Donald Allenburger,
415 East First St.,
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Donald:

Yes, indeed, I remember you, and I was happy to hear from you and to know about your basketball team. I wish you much success in your games this season.

I am sending you a copy of our Jayhawk Rebounds, which goes to all our boys in the service. I thought you might find the names of some of the boys you know.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

415 East 1 St.
Newton, Kansas
Nov. 21, 1943

Dear Sir

Well it has been sometime since since I have been up to
O. U. Don't you remember me the boy who all ways
come to you to get passes to get in track meets and football
game Last year I came to the Kansas Relays and you got me
and two other boys in and then you sat with at the ~~me~~ meet.
the year before you got us in the Kansas Relays.

We have a Basketball team of boys of 15 and 14 years old
we are all sophomores in high school. We play our home
games at the Y. M. C. A. We play our opening game
on Dec. 4 at Salina when we play St. John's Military School.
We are an independent team. We have suits worn up and are
sponsored by the A. O. U. W. Life Insurance at Newton. I read
your book on Better Basketball every night. All team
tries to abide by your rules. We have 12 games scheduled so far.
When is your first big conference game I mean home game.

If you have these men you should have a good team.
John Buscher, Charles Matbat, Dick Scott,
Shallambaker, the Soph. last year.

Answer soon
Answer quick
Answer soon
Answer quick
Sincerely yours
Donald Allenburger

December 10, 1943.

Mrs. A. J. Anderson,
66 W. Wilshire,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mrs. A. J.:

I am sending you one of the Jayhawk Rebounds for your perusal. I write these letters each month to the boys, but have not gotten around to the November letter so I am writing a combined letter for November and December. In the back of my mind somewhere I had a notion that I had promised to send you one of these. At least I was to send you something at Phoenix, because I took your address.

I was sorry that I was tied up when you stopped by the house the other day but I am glad that you got to say goodby to Mrs. Allen. She appreciated it very much.

This letter that I am enclosing will at least let Irma know the dope on the Allen gang and other things around K.U. Give her and the grandson my kindest regards. I imagine he is quite a boy by now.

Remember, if there is anything that you want us to do at any time it will be a great pleasure to do it. I hope that you enjoy the land of sunshine, light and air, and that you are able to have a good forgetter while you are there.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.