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It. Jake Accola,
77th Bombardment Squadron,
A.P.O. 942,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Lieutenant Accola:

Answering your inquiry of the 14th instant regarding rebounds, wish to say that I emphasize very definitely offensive and defensive rebounds. We have rebound drill. We chart the basket into three areas, the two lateral areas and the area in front of the basket. We divide the basket into halves. If the ball comes off the left side of the basket we play to the left after tipping it slightly to aid the rebounder in catching it, and then drive off to the side and toward the corner at an angle. Then we pass out.

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Likewise, if the ball is recovered on the other side, we follow the same directions. The man in front of the basket may tip or catch the ball as the opportunity presents. But we always attempt to have three rebounders on all plays.

On the offense, when a player drives down the floor and there are no rebounders there, the lone player does not attempt his shot unless there is a drive-in lay-up. He will pivot and pass off and the other players on the team will swing into favorable offensive rebound areas.

I have always been of the definite opinion that unless a team is a good rebound team they will not win a championship. You do not win the game at the center of the floor on tip-offs, but you beat your opponents under the offensive or the defensive area by rebounds. There is not much data written on this but I suspect that all coaches have their own formula and method in teaching rebounds. I have written a book, published by McGraw-Hill and Company, entitled "Better Basketball", in which I place a great deal of emphasis upon fundamental play and rebounds. I am sending you some material on the book in case any of the officers should be interested. I have these texts here at the office and would be glad to autograph a book if you care to send a check for \$4.00. I will pay the postage. On pages 162-3 we have photographs and exposition describing the proper recovery of the ball off the backboard.

We spend quite a bit of time during the year for several consecutive practice sessions on this very important offensive and defensive rebound work.

Answering your other question in regard to the time expended after recovery of the ball from the defensive backboard, we use both the slow and the fast break. The fast break when we have our men outnumbered, and the set plays or slow break when the defense has an equal number to our offensive team. We call this "dummy" scrimmage, and rather than to have the actual scrimmage I will throw the ball against the backboard and let the two teams fight for the rebound. Then we apply either the slow or the fast break, as the situation demands.

Of course, we use more of our time on individual offense and individual defense. In other words, individual fundamentals, until each man knows how to handle himself on the court. Then we build a team like a builder builds a house, block upon block. But I do not use team play until I have developed individual play, and the type of system that will mesh together with full understanding. I use mass drill in teaching individual fundamentals.

I can work on 32 men on individual fundamentals, both offensive and defensive, and then when it comes to team fundamentals I use no more than ten, five on each side. By that time I have selected ten of the best players and I supplement this group by shifting in the better players of the other fellows on the sidelines.

I never cut a squad. I haver have through all the years eliminated any of the players because they were not as skilfully proficient, but I do place great emphasiz upon team training and morale and the players eliminate themselves by breaking training or showing lack of interest. Those fellows never get much of a chance and they soon drop out. If a fellow is a trouble-maker I have an individual conference with him and put it up to him in such a way that he will just check in his suit. Of course, if a man drank liquor or created a bad situation that would warrant his dismissal from the squad then I would have a talk with him and just tell him that the squad didn't want him. Or sometimes I leave it up to the boys and they dismiss him. I generally try to make it a squad proposition when it comes to discipline. But I have already created the proper esprit de corps and morale that finds any disciplinary measure a popular one with the group.

I trust this answers your questions. It is always a pleasure for me to give priority to any men in the service, and I have answered your letter ahead of much correspondence that I have on my desk.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

77th Bombardment Squadron A.P.O. 942 Seattle, Wash. April 14, 1942

Coech Phog Allen University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Deer Coach Allen:

In a discussion of defensive rebound work in which several of the basketballminded officers of this post engaged, the question arose as to the percentage of rebounds recovered by the offensive and defensive teams. Without any data to substantiate any of our opinions, we were unable to come to anything like a definite conclusion, and therefore decided to write to someone who might have some factual data or figures on the subject. We would appreciate any material that you might be able to give us.

Also we are desirous of securing some data on the amount of time a team expends from the time it secures the ball from its defensive bankboard until it loses. the ball to the opposition in the forecourt.

Thanking you for any material you might be able to give us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jake Accola

Lt. R. R. Amerine, 1048 Encino Row, Coronado Island, California.

Dear Dick:

I appreciated the fine wire from you and Denny after the Missouri game, and also the one you sent us in Mansas City when we were to play Colorado. Your loyalty to us meant a great deal, particularly when we were playing against your fraternity brother.

By the way, I sent a note to Frosty the other night extending our sympathies to him on the occasion of his mother's death.

Our kindest regards to you and Denny.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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EM AMERINE.

Mr. Warren R. Anderson, Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 359th Inf., Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Dear Deacons

It was mighty swell of you to write as you did on the 22nd instant. Mrs. Allen and I of course were very happy at Bob's success. The Phi Psi's very thoughtfully sent him a wire, which I know pleased him very much. I will tell Mrs. Allen that you wrote and I know she will be immensely pleased.

Yes, I agree with you that when you get into Military Intelligence that is a most difficult and dangerous task. But I know that you have got the stuff to put it over, Deacon, and we are cheering for you all the way.

I was happy indeed to hear from Captain Elliott. Please give him my kindest regards. And tell him I wish for him and for you the very best of success that can come your way. Yes, it is a small world and when we get into the service we find that it is a smaller world than we quite imagine. It is a great opportunity for a young man and I know that you will seize that opportunity with all your heart.

When this fuss is over and you return to us much more matured as a result of this great cataclysm we will cherish an opportunity to chew the fat with you as in days of old.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Den "Phog, yes, Doc, this is one of those bull letters from on ex-student and fraternity brother. it is a small world. The other evening I was talking with a Captain. The conversation got around to bosketball, U of Kan., and Dr. allen. It seems that this contain chliatt is on arbanson mon, a cooch, or follower of Dr. allen and his books. this all hoppened way down in Derson. Just on interesting note I thought of would pass on to you. word also has come of Bob's selection as honor man. Congratulations to him, you, and mrs. allen. your truly is in military Intelligence, which I is one of the most dangerous tooks in the army. It is great stuff and we here one doing our best to get this thing over with. Froternelly, Deacon Hadquater Detochment 1st Bottolion 359 Anfontry Comp Borbeley, Deros

Mr. James M. Arnold, 1050 Bast Avenue, Rochester, New York.

Dear Jim:

It was a pleasure to read your fine letter of the 8th instant. Congratulations on your fine basketball playing, as well as your fine business career.

I can't say that I sympathize with you in the nation's call, and of course it is unfortunate, but this war is dislocating a lot of lives. But I know that you accept it as your responsibility.

Jim, I am more than happy to write a letter of recommendation in your behalf to the Naval Recruiting Station at Buffalo. I am enclosing a copy for you.

Thank you for your good wishes for our basketball season. We played Creighton last night, and the boys looked much better then they did against the Great Lakes team in Kansas City last Thursday night.

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

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Naval Recruiting Station, 515 Post Office Building, Buffalo, New York,

Dear Sire:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Mr. James M. Arnold, who has enclisted in the V-7 of the Maval Reserve.

basketball team during the time he was an undergraduate at the University of Mansas, and I had opportunity to know him very well. He has a fine physique, does not dissipate in any form, and is clean in all his habits. He is most dependable and knows the meaning of the word loyalty. He has high regard and respect for his superiors and knows how to take orders. His character is of the very finest.

I am glad to recommend Jim Armold to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Who makes Good!

1050 East Avenue Rochester, N. Y. February 8, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am certainly glad to extend my congratulations to you for having built up and interwoven five fellows into another great K. U. championship basketball machine. As I hear of each of the consecutive successes of the team, I feel more proud that I had my basketball, and possibly a little philosophical tutelage under you.

As you undoubtedly expect but probably cannot visualize, I have been enjoying more than moderate success in the Rochester Industrial League. From my pivot post on the Modak Office team, I have been able to score 194 points in 14 games. Best of all I have capitalized on 37 of 41 charity tosses. I have at least created the impression that Dr. Allen teaches his boys to make freethrows, and I can certainly testify to the absolute truth of that impression.

I am certainly enjoying my work with Eastman Kodak Co. and have been advanced up through the stages of second and first bookkeeper, and accountant, until I now have the complete responsibility of the accounting involving all our outlets in one geographical section of the U. S. which includes 14 eastern states. I certainly hate to give up this position but one my age can never hope to stay in a position long with the international situation at such a crisis. Granted that we Americans have held the Japanese in suspicion for a long time, but whoever expected the machinations which these men of the Rising Sun have sprung upon us.

Last Saturday I enlisted in the V 7 of the Naval Reserve. After serving a three months period at

the Great Lakes Naval Station, I will secure a
Deck Officer's rating with a commission of Ensign.
The commanding officer has requested three letters
of recommendation pertaining to my character and
has suggested that one come from a University official.
I fully realize how terribly busy you are at this
time of year, but I fell that perhaps you know my
character and qualifications better than any other
person at the University.

Therefore, if it is at all possible, please send your letter of recommendation, either to me at the enclosed address or to the Naval Recruiting Station, 515 Post Office Building, Buffalo, New York.

I will certainly appreciate your fulfillment of this request. Please give Mrs. Allen and Eleanor my regards. Best of luck on your current basket-ball season.

Very truly yours,

Jim Arnold

James M. Arnold 1050 East Avenue Rochester, N. Y. Warden M. F. Amerine Kansas State Prison Lansing, Kansas

Dear Warden Amerine,

This will acknowledge receipt of your very good letter as of Oct. 1 enclosing blank check to be made out covering two tickets for the game on Oct. 4 on the Kansas side of the stadium.

I am taking your check and letter to Mr. Gwinn Henry, Director of Athletics and am asking his Mr. Earl Falkenstien, the financial secretary to mail you these two tickets on the K.U. side of the stadium.

I thought if I mailed them it would be more convenient as you will not be obliged to stop at the ticket office.

I am making this letter cover two purposes. We would greatly appreciate it if you would favor us with a talk to our Rotary Club on some Monday noon between the dates of Nov. 17 and Dec. 29. Won't you write me and give me the date most convenient to you among these open Mondays? We will be delighted to hear your informative and interesting discussion.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Dr. F.C. (Phog) Allen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Enclosed find check which please make out covering two tickets for the foot ball game Saturday, October 4th, on the KU side of the stadium.

You can forward them to me by mail, or write me where I can pick them up at the time of the game.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Ross L. Allen
American Camping Association, Inc.
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Allen,

I am sorry that financial matters made it imparative that you resign your position as Executive Director of the American Camping Association.

It will be a pleasure for me to notify you of any openings that I learn of which you might be interested in.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation

Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

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I have resigned my position as Executive Director of the American Camping Association to become effective November 30, 1941. We had hoped that we might continue the National Office in Ann Arbor with a paid staff by means of a possible grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. This financial help was not forthcoming. The functioning of the Association will be on a voluntary basis from October 31.

I sincerely trust that you will notify me at 1403 Iroquois Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan if you know or hear of any position for which I am qualified. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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Dear Bill:

I have the four page copy of your radio address, also copy of Congressional Record with your address, and also copy of the history of Appropriations Committee. I appreciate very much your courtesy in sending me these documents.

As to the correctness of your position on current war legislation, I don't know. Nobody knows. At this time I am sure it is impossible to say just what a majority of Kansas people endorse among the so-called war issues. However, I am quite sure that fundamentally an overwhelming majority of Kansas citizens feel that Hitler must be defeated. After that, diversity of opinion ranges widely. Also, I believe people generally have not determined when or how we are to get full force into this war. Neither can they decide how or when we can stay out full force. I think it is true the average citizen does not realize we are in the war, which, of course, we are. Probably it can be proven we have gotten in by stealth. Stealth seems to be the modern method of getting into a war. We are simply following the method. I sometimes feel the failure of leaders to formally declare war is not so much a strategy of surprising the enemy as it is strategy for avoiding a formal proposition of war to their own people. I am pretty thoroughly convinced the latter idea has prevailed with our leaders up to this time. All over the world national leaders may feel people generally are sick of war, do not want to go to war, do not believe in war.

This attitude on the part of nations may come from two causes. First, that the world has become topsy-turvy. Increase of wealth, higher standards of living tend to increase selfishness and decrease devotion of the higher ideals of life. Consequently,

people have less conviction and aggressiveness for what we call sacrifice for principle sake. Second, on the other hand the disinclination of people to go to war may come from the fact that civilization has advanced far enough that people consider war barbarous, needless waste and destruction and unchristian, all of which it is.

Certainly, in America at least, we are not yet aroused on either patriotic or spiritual ideals necessary to carry us into great sacrifice in a great war. I do not think it is fair to say a majority of the people are definitely opposed to our leaders who are going to war, but they are wishing and hoping that the leaders are wrong and can avoid war. I think very few are convinced war can now be avoided. If we go to war, we will go unconvinced as to a definite thing for which we fight so far as any patriotic or spiritual ideals are concerned. If this is true, our nation is facing a very great catastrophe because, win or lose, we lose anyhow.

I am sure a great many people are thinking along the lines that we are in a great trend of history. The great trends of history were never very clearly understood by the participants, not even by the leaders. It seems that men cannot in their generation know fully what is going on in times of great historic trends. If history teaches anything, it is that the fundamental philosophy of the Christian religion has successfully, though slowly and with some backsets, followed a dominant course. I am thinking that, too deep for any of us to grasp convincingly, there may be a trend now which the Christian philosophy is forcing. For years enough to make it somewhat definite within your life time and mine broader and more liberal rights of the common men have been established. In spite of all the evil excesses which lead us to question progress in our generation, I think progress has prevailed. Millions of human beings now have a higher standard of education, a higher grade of general intelligence, more personal comfort, more influence as citizens, broader mental and spiritual outlook than were enjoyed by comparable millions at any time in the past.

If the present situation can in the least be made concrete, it seems to me the trend of history now is just what it has been in the past in great crises of nations. Always there has been the question of value and worth of personality as against all other phases of advancing civilization. We say Hitler and his forces represent the idea that the state or something apart from personality is the prime object of all social effort. The democratic idea is that personality and not government and nothing else but the development of personality should be the chief concern of the state. Whatever hinders the fullest development of personality must be curbed. Whatever develops personality and expands human capacity for intelligence, accomplishment and happiness must be encouraged. A state is abstract; personality is concrete. It is an absurdity that a state can be something apart and above the individual units that compose it. We can define the limits of a state. No one yet short of the Great Teacher of all history has ever defined the limits of personality.

No one can deny that in all wars the entanglements of business, politics and selfishness have sway of leadership. These are temporary entanglements. Later the race emerges with definite gains.

I think I have always lined up with the latter view. I cannot see my way very clearly in any direction, but I cannot believe the great calamaties and devastation of this war have come upon the world to no plan or purpose. Always there has been plan and purpose. Always it has developed beneficence in the largest considerations. Regardless of all hindrances and devastating eras, the race has marched steadily from barbarism to more light, to the broader life and to greater understanding.

On the more practical side, perhaps, I am like yourself, I certainly cannot agree with what seems to be the fundamental purposes of the present administration, which have seemed to take the line of least resistance, yet we can be wrong. The confusion in all this is that many people are doubting their own doubts. The belief grows upon me that at the end of this world war some sort of new order will pre-

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vail. It may be worse for several generations and it may be better. I believe our leaders have visions of a new order. They themselves do not know whether it will be better or worse. At the end of this war Germany, Britain, Japan and America will be bankrupt financially. The challenge to statesmanship is to see that we are not bankrupt morally and spiritually.

Sincerely yours,

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M. F. AMRINE

Associátion. You can count on Mr. Falkenstien handling this natter to your entire satisfaction. I am sure you will hear from him in a very short while.

I am always glad to hear from our mutual friend, C.B. McB. I too am hoping for a sell-out crowd. Hobody would be more happy than I.

Most of the boys missed the point. I said subsidized football was on the wane for the next ten years and I still stick by my guns. But we will talk about that later, Billy.

With all good wishes to you and yours I am

Sincerely,

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My dear Phog:-

Glad you did not get hurt when you got excited last Saturday. New York just wired for me to make a local of the Missouri-Kansas game and I would like to have four(4) press passes that would allow me to shoot from the roof of the press stand as well as on the side lines, 2 cameras, 2 assistants.

You may also receive request from Chicago or St.Louis for a national release. Please honor same, it is far more important mine. Your boys certainly pulled one for the books last Saturday and I hope you do it again against Missouri.

Just talked to McBride and he hopes for a sell out crowd so he can kid you a little more - he is one fine fellow and a splendid booster.

Please do as your office has in the past, include a note for the gate-keeper on the West gate so I can get my car into the Stadium.

Thanks,

Billy Andlauer, Local Paramount News, 205 Ozark, K.C. Mo. Mrs. C. M. Arnold, Downs, Kansas.

Dear Hrs. Amnold:

I regret that we had no out of Jim to put in the little mimeographed booklet which we sent you. Horace Mason got all the cuts that he could find over at the Kansan office, but could not fine one of Jim.

I know that you will miss his picture and it is for that reason that I am explaining to you why it was not included in the group. However, I think his writings are very clever and I know that you and Mr. Arnold will enjoy reading what he had to say concerning the trip.

With best wishes for your happiness and prosperity in the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Mr. Warren R. Anderson, 1811 Belmont St., Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Andy:

Your letter was received this morning and we had Mr. Falkenstien put three good tickets back of the press desk for you.

We hope to see you, and we hope you enjoy the game.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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January 2, 1942

My dear "Phog":

It looks like I am one of those fellows upon graduation hounds a very busy man about tickets.

Would it be too much trouble if your secretary could go in and reserve three (3) seats for the basketball game Tuesday night with Oklahoma?

Enclosed is a check which I hope will cover the amount. I am writing Walter Jones to pick up these tickets.

Were Bob and Eleanor able to get home for Christmas?

Yours truly is working for the above frim in the Engineering office. The work is fine and there is of course tremendous amount of activity. I plan to make a flying trip up Tuesday after work, because I have to see one of "Phog's" great teams play before I leave for the Navy.

My best personal wishes to Mrs. Allen and thanks a million for the trouble.

I'll be there yelling my head off.

1811 Belmont
Parsons, Kansas

Fraternally yours,

Warren R. Anderson

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