

February 21, 1946

Lt. Robert A. Cook
Ground Training Unit, O-T
Second Air Force Headquarters
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Bob:

We are getting ready to leave for the University of Missouri today at noon and so I will not have much time to give you the benefit of my reactions concerning "how to enjoy basketball".

The first thing I would say is that naturally the individual spectator watches the ball too much. To enjoy the finer points of the game he should watch the pattern of play of the offense and of the defense. I think that is the common fault of even the officials who work the game. The umpire naturally should watch the back court and also the feet of the too often travelling players, but both officials, generally speaking, together with 95 percent of the spectators, watch the progress of the ball. This is perfectly natural, however. It is difficult to do otherwise.

Naturally, my next statement is going to be a criticism of the Rules Committee in eliminating the center jump. I have just finished an article for an eastern magazine pointing out this fault. Jim Barry of U.S.C., John Bunn of Stanford, Bob Koegon of Notre Dame, Harold Olson of Ohio State, and a lot of other false prophets stated, "Eliminate the center jump and you will run the taller goons out of basketball." I maintained then and I still maintain that games are won or lost on the rebounds of the offensive and the defensive basket. Therefore, when the Rules Committee eliminated the tip-off, or the center jump, they inaugurated an hysterical, hockeyed-shuttle basketball imbroglio.

The game now is too fast and desperate for coordinative play. The spectators now become so excited with the harem-scarem milling of the players and it is too fast for two officials to work the game. Basketball is now much after the manner of a ballyhooed fake wrestling bout. Please do not misunderstand me that I think basketball is a fake as is wrestling, but the result is the same. The wrestling promoters know that if the spectators were left to their sane judgment during an orderly wrestling bout, they would go once or twice and soon the attendance would fall off. However, the wise promoter knows the thing to do is to make the public excited; therefore, they have put in some eye gouging, strangling, fisticuffed rough house tactics, and many other things that they think the public will get excited about. The promoters even have policemen rush into the ring at times when the wrestlers have slugged the referee. All of this, of course, is a fake but it gets the crowd.

Now basketball has this common attraction, namely, that the game is so fast and furious and the fundamentals are so poor in this fast moving circus that the ball flies hither and yon, going out of bounds many times in the consequent changing of hands. Coaches, most of them, do not teach good fundamentals of defense. Everything is all out on the offense and patterns of play which once existed are now practically extinct.

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Of course, the people who are at fault in this thing are the people who eliminated the center tap. In this article that I wrote for this magazine I suggested a rotation of the center jump comparable to the batting order in baseball. Every man on the team would jump for the tip--off exactly the same number of times. It would be just as easy to administer the rotating center jump as it would be to enforce the batting order in baseball. Each coach would give the line-up to the score keeper with the jumping order of the players. Should any player jump out of order a technical foul would be assessed against the offending players. The coaches, of course, would teach the players to jump in order and the game officials would not be hampered unduly by this rule any more than any other rule in the book.

The game is in need of a breathing spell for both players and spectators. This proposed new rotating center jump tip-off play would supply the necessary interlude so important to the jaded nerves of both spectators and players under the present fire wagon game. Time, of course, would be out while the ball is being brought to the center circle for the tap.

Philosophically speaking, this wild game will run its course and then new rules of some sort and a new pattern of play will follow. Change is eternal and we will have it, but now we have nobody on the Research Committee, that I know of, who is researching unselfishly for the good of the game. Most of the coaches, that I know of, who are on the Rules Committee are searching and researching for that seven-foot basketball player, rather than to find the answers to many of the game's perplexing problems.

I wish that I could write more and give you more data on the subject about which you expect to write, but I personally believe that the Rules Committee are responsible for a barnacle on the game. Remember this, the Rules Committee did not make the popularity of the game, the originator, Dr. Naismith, is responsible for this because his brain child incorporated all the finer points of the game. The Rules Committee members in their confusion to do something about a low ten-foot basket have groped aimlessly in the dark and they have come up with some poor suggestions. I would not be surprised if they do not stumble repeatedly. They are still like the Mayor of Norway during the war--they are confused.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

18 February 1946

Mr. Forrest T. Allen,
Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Coach:

Your penalty for always being so generous and quick with your responses to requests for basketball information is another request.

While sitting around here waiting for separation and my return to Indiana University as director of sports publicity, I'm trying to help Branch McCracken get together a story on "How to Enjoy Basketball" for one of the magazines.

I had the feeling the story could be embellished richly by having a brief statement from some of you basketball veterans. In other words, where do you think the average fan misses the boat? What should he look for that he doesn't to get more for his money?

With that ball club of yours rolling like it is, it doesn't need any work. So sit down and knock out a paragraph for us--that's what you get for leading all these polls as the country's leading basketball coach. Seriously, I will appreciate it immensely. It doesn't have to be long or involved. Just a couple of pertinent tips on how the fan can increase his enjoyment of the game.

I hope you will say hello to Ray Evans for me, too. We all certainly thought highly of him around here. You once listed him on your all-time All-America list for me, and after seeing him I can understand why.

Best wishes for a bangup finish and thanks kindly.

Very sincerely yours

Robert A. Cook

Lt. Robert A. Cook
Ground Training Unit, O-T,
Second Air Force Hq.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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December 1, 1945.

Mr. Ed Condon,
4133-27 Ave. So.,
Minneapolis 6, Minn.

Dear Mr. Condon:

I am very happy to receive your letter of November 25. Very often we are misquoted. I always remember what I say, and frankly, I was told by Knute Rockne in a friendly conversation that he had everything fairly comfortable for himself at Notre Dame. He said that he had forty big Catholics in the United States each of whom endowed four scholarships a year at \$100.00 a month for twelve months. The paper quoted me as saying four hundred, which was erroneous. Conrad Mann, of Kansas City, was one of the outstanding Catholics in Kansas. I knew of his activities in supplying these boys scholarships.

Rockne was a very good friend of mine and I had many coaching schools with him and was at Camp Sheridan with him in 1917 and 1918 when the athletic directors were in the Army at the Army Student Training Program at Camp Sheridan. I have been with Mr. Rockne upon a number of occasions and he and I were very good friends. I was not attacking Mr. Rockne, and am sorry that you took it that way.

The point that I was making was that where boys were subsidized with scholarships it is perfectly all right if they are openly arrived at. Then the athletic situation would be a lot better off. Mr. Faurot and I did not agree on our viewpoints at all. And I did not say that there were players on the Kansas football team which were not subsidized. I do not know of any, but doubtless there are some.

I have constantly asked for a czar of intercollegiate sports comparable to Judge Landis's position in organized baseball before he passed away. I have no idea of quarrelling with you and I am sorry that you have taken the position that you have. All I have ever asked for is that every conference have rules that are enforced, which is not being done in any collegiate conference in the United States. I am sure that you are appraised of that fact. I am sure I would have made a very poor preacher, but I do know what goes on in intercollegiate athletics.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 25, 1945

Mr. Allen,

I have before me a newspaper clipping of a report of yours criticizing the late Knute Rockne & Notre Dame university. It seems to me you are taking unfair advantage of a great man, especially one that can't fight back your accusations now that he is gone.

Your report is vague, however, I doubt personally that you have ever talked to Rockne.

Another statement which you made & which I can prove is untrue, is that Kansas has not hired players for college athletics. Are you sure that there are no players on the Kansas football team which are not being made quite comfortable?

I firmly believe if you and your sidekick Don Faust would relinquish your athletic positions, & take up preaching the gospel, the university of Kansas & Missouri would be a lot better off.

Respectfully yours,

Ed Condore

4133-27-Ave. So.

Mpls 6, Minn.

P.S. I wonder what induced Bob Steuber to enroll at Missouri?

August 17, 1946

Mr. E. M. Chestnut, Principal
High School
Beloit, Kansas

Dear Earl:

I have contacted the Athletic Office and they are sending you the football schedules and posters that you requested. Kansas has a very attractive schedule and prospects for a very good team and I think they will be interesting to watch.

We are going to be bursting at the seams down here next fall having between 7,000 and 8,000 students. It should be an interesting year.

I am leaving today for two weeks in Colorado in search of the allusive trout.

I hope to see you sometime this fall.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry A. Shenk
Chairman of the
Department of Physical Education

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TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 26, 1946

University of Kansas
Physical Education
Lawrence, Kansas

SUBJECT: Your POV#346

Gentlemen:

We thank you for the subject purchase order and regret to advise that the trimer that we had in stock on July 15th was sold before your order arrived. We are making an effort to secure an additional supply and we hope to be in a position to make shipment to you.

Yours very truly,

CRANE AND COMPANY, INC.

BY:

Bert G Cobb

Bert G. Cobb
Sales Manager

BGC:br

July 20, 1946

Mr. Maurice Cannady
5525 Santa Monica Boulevard
Hollywood, California

Dear Maurice:

The Recreation Commission is wondering whether or not you have made up your mind as to what you want to do next year. You are still our first choice for Recreation Director. The job would begin January 1 and be on a twelve-months' basis. While the commission did not authorize me to offer you any particular salary, I am sure it will be over \$3,000.00. If you are interested, for what would you come?

I think there is a real opportunity here for someone. We have an over-all budget of \$13,000.00 on which to operate. In addition to that, the City Council has a \$75,000.00 bond issue to use for additional parks, equipment, etc.

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible as to whether or not you are interested. We will have to start looking elsewhere if you are not interested, but we certainly hope that you will be.

We are having a rather hot summer but we have a pretty good recreation program going on downtown and another one on the hill. The university is expecting more than 7,000 students next fall. I expect that they will be hanging from the rafters.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry A. Shenk,
Chairman of the
Recreation Commission.

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July 1, 1946

Mr. Dayton Cashman
Rural Route #3
Sabetha, Kansas

Dear Mr. Cashman:

In answer to your letter of June 20 I wish to advise that we are unable to send you an up-to-date Softball Rule Book.

We have not been able to obtain a new book ourselves and have no mimeographed sheets on the new softball rules. There have been several changes this year.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Shenk
Director of Physical Education.

HS:MF

June 20, 1946

Dear Sir:

I sure wish you would
send me a up to date Soft
Ball. Rule Book.

Yours truly:

P S you can send C.O.D to

Dayton Cashman.

Sabetha Kansas

RR # 3

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507-517 NORTH MONTGALL AVE. (AT GUINOTTE)

KANSAS CITY 1, Mo.

P. O. STATION F

June 26, 1946

University of Kansas
Lawrence,
Kansas

Gentlemen:

We are now able to supply requirements of LIQUID CHLORINE intended for use of Swimming Pools in 150-lb. cylinders for account John Wiley Jones Company, Caledonia, New York, for direct shipment from their Indianapolis, Indiana Plant.

PRICE, subject to market change:

To Kansas State destinations, freight prepaid - 8-1/2¢ lb.

Plus a deposit of \$20.00 for the cylinders, on which 60-days free rental is allowed from date of shipment. Cylinders retained after 60 days are subject to a rental charge of 50¢ per month until returned to destination, from which shipment has been made.

For the time being, we are offering Liquid Chlorine for Swimming Pools only, but at a later date, hope to be in position to supply requirements for other industrial uses.

Your orders will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

FH/psc

ABNER HOOD CHEMICAL COMPANY.

June 21, 1946

Mr. Orlis Cox
Rural Route #1
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Orlis:

I appreciate your invitation to appear in the Men's Health and Physical Education section at the State Teachers' Meeting, but I feel like it would be overdoing things as Chalmer Woodard has already asked me to talk at the joint meeting, which will precede yours.

I would suggest that you might possibly get Dr. Elbel, Ray Kanehl, or Red Strait, who could make a very good talk on some subject you might assign them.

Thanks a lot for the invitation but under the circumstances I do not believe I had better accept.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Shenk
Director of Physical Education

HS:MF

June 19, 1946

Cresler

Miss Norma Bentley
University of Michigan
Department of Physical Education
and Athletics
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Miss Bentley:

Thank you for your good letter of June 17 enclosing application blanks.

I am filling out the blank for four tickets for the Army game at Ann Arbor and I am enclosing my personal check for \$16.20.

Please tell Fritz I will consider this a personal favor. I will thank you to call this to his attention upon his return.

Thank you for your assurance and kindness in taking care of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 17, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

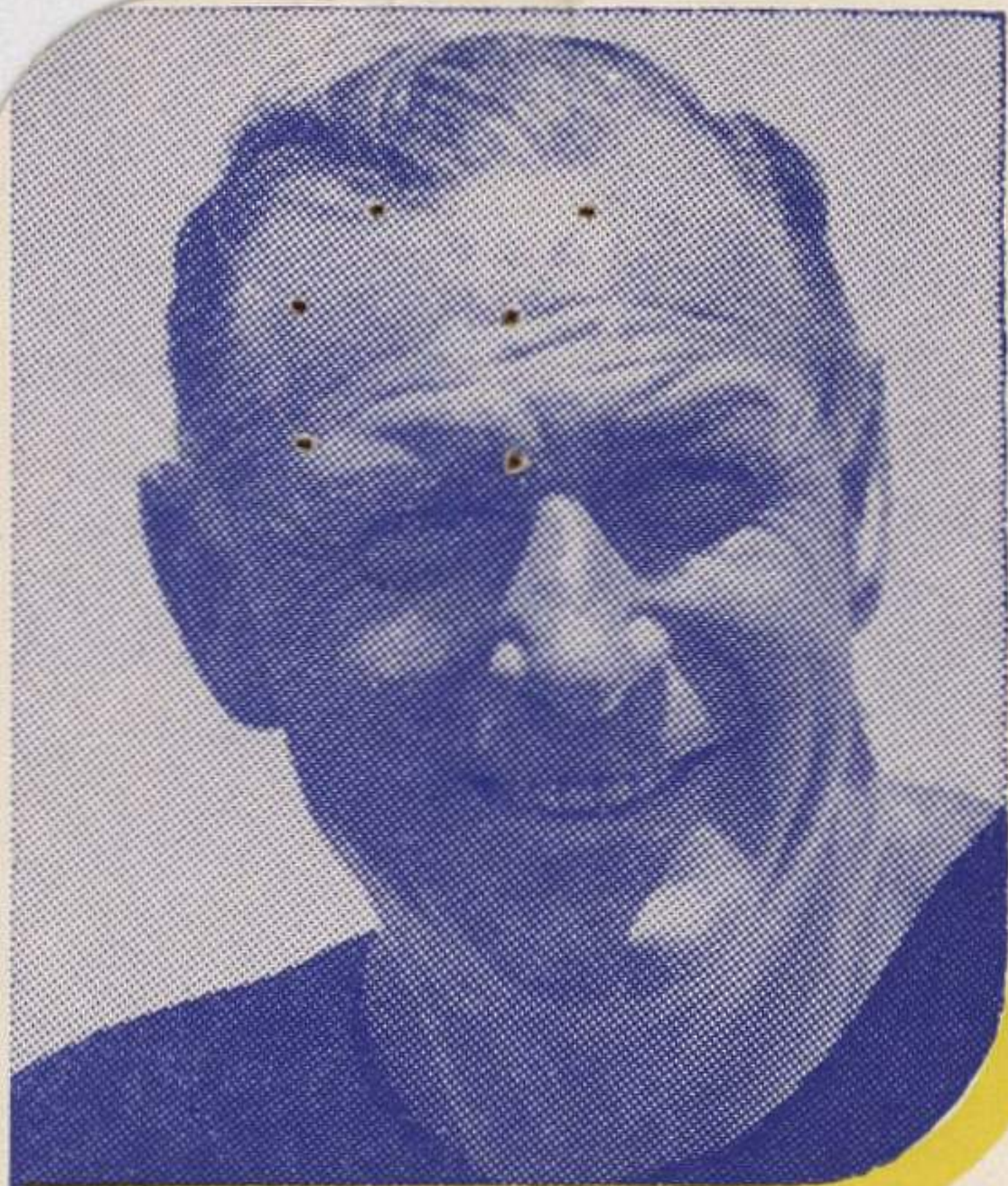
In reply to your letter of June 14, Mr. Crisler is out of town and will not return until about July 10.

Enclosed herewith are application blanks which you may fill out and return to Mr. Crisler. I am sure that he will be glad to take care of your request.

Sincerely yours

Norma Bentley

Norma Bentley
Secretary to Mr. Crisler



COACH FRITZ CRISLER

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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**Captain
ART RENNER**



FOOTBALL SCHEDULE CARD

HOME GAMES

		<i>Reserved Seats</i>	<i>Box Seats</i>
Sept. 28	Indiana	\$3.00	4.00
Oct. 5	Iowa	3.00	4.00
Oct. 12	Army	4.00	5.00
Oct. 19	Northwestern	3.00	4.00
Oct. 26	Illinois	3.00	4.00
Nov. 9	Michigan State	3.00	4.00
Nov. 16	Wisconsin	3.00	4.00

Season Tickets (7 Home Games)\$18.00

Orders for Season Tickets received by August 1 will be given priority over applications for tickets to individual games.

GAMES AWAY

Nov. 2	Minnesota at Minneapolis.....	\$3.00
Nov. 23	Ohio State at Columbus.....	3.50

(All prices include Tax)

Orders should be accompanied by remittance in full, including postage and insurance (20c for each individual game or 30c for season orders) payable to H. O. CRISLER, DIRECTOR. Mail orders to H. O. Crisler, Director, Ferry Field, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Tickets are not returnable and no refunds will be made

(Kick-off—all games—2:00 o'clock)

June 14, 1946

PERSONAL

Mr. Herbert O. Crisler
Director of Athletics
Football Coach
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Frit:

I am desirous of purchasing four tickets for the Michigan-Army football game at Ann Arbor on October 12.

Will you kindly let me know the amount and when the tickets will be available. I will appreciate your personal interest in this matter.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:MF

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

June 18, 1946

Mr. Wendell Clark
Victoria, Illinois

Dear Wendy:

I am sorry that I did not get to see you when you were in the office. It seemed as if I was always out when you were in and vice versa.

Bob Ingalls of the coaching staff came in just now and said that he could get the boys on the highway engineering group at \$180.00 a month and if they are single and out on their own, there is an expense item included in that for keep. I am wondering if you are interested in that kind of job, or if you have made definite plans for the summer. I thought that if you will, you might stop by Lawrence on your way out to Colorado to work into it.

Did you see Bob Allen when you were in St. Louis getting discharged? He was at Lambert Field.

Please give your parents my very best. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

June 4, 1946

Lt. John M. Cress - 0569514
Physical Training Instructors School
A.A.F. M.T.C.
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Johnny:

I am glad to get your letter bringing me up to date on your gymnastic prowess, and the progress of your family, Dorothy, Betty, and Cherry.

I think you were wise to buy a house-trailer because the living problem is something, so far as rentals are concerned.

I did not coach the baseball team this year. That Varsity was handled by Ralph Dugan, a freshman coach of mine when I was handling the Varsity. I am afraid that if I had handled the baseball we would not have done as well as we did in basketball. The baseball team finished in fourth place and in basketball we were fortunate enough not to lose any conference games.

You certainly have done yourself proud in winning all the honors that you have up to date.

I am not writing the Jayhawk Rebounds any more since so many of the boys have returned from the service.

I hope that you can get back before long with your family and see the beautiful campus here on Mount Oread. Give our love to Dorothy and the babies. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Cress Cops Top Honors in AAU Gymnastic Meet

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS, April 28.—Lt. John Cress, former national intercollegiate champion representing the San Antonio Y.M.C.A., romped off with major honors Saturday night in the Southwestern A.A.A. gymnastic championships, in which 65 entries competed here.

Cress won the all-round championship and the senior title on the horizontal bars and the flying rings.

Paul Chapman of the Dallas Athletic Club won the senior tumbling championship and Skippy Browning of the D.A.C. the trampoline crown.

Other champions crowned were Beverly Newby, D.A.C., junior girls' tumbling; Grace Buckley, Fort Worth recreation department, senior girls' tumbling; Frank Chapal, San Antonio Y, junior division horizontal bars; Bill Willis, D.A.C., junior flying rings, and Frank Stransky, Dallas Sokol Club, side horse open competition.

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Physical Training Instrs. School
A A F MTC San Antonio, Tex.
27 May 1946

Dear Doctor Allen:

Just a short note to keep you up to date with the Press family. At present, I'm on a five month temporary duty assignment as an instructor in this school. I'll be returning to Chanute Field in August.

Dorothy, Betty and Cherry are here with me. Because of the housing shortage, we bought a house trailer which solves many of our problems.

Most of the physical training

officers in the air corps are now flying personnel. Of 20 physical training officers at Chanute, I am the only man flying man. Every officer who has arrived here in the first 4 classes has been rated. Few of them are very proficient as Phys. Training officers and very few had college phy. ed. backgrounds.

Last month I won 4 first places 2 second places and a fourth in the Southwestern QAC Gymnastic meet at Dallas

I suppose that your baseball season is about over my new - Hope you had a good season - I haven't received a "Rebound"

for quite a while so I'm
not up to date on the latest
K. U. events.

Wishing you an enjoyable
summer and best of luck,
remains -

Very sincerely yours
John Crest

May 10, 1946

Mr. Newton Campbell
637 West 59th Terrace
Kansas City 2, Missouri

Dear Newt:

I am doggone sorry that I waited so long in answering your fine letter. Gee! I was tickled pink that Carolyn is your daughter, who had been chosen queen of the Relays. She is a beautiful girl and I congratulate you and your good wife on having such a wonderful queen.

You know, Newt, these youngsters grow up so fast that we oldsters just can't keep up with them. Golly! I wish Carolyn had have told me of her ancestral ties. It would have given me a great pleasure to have told her how much I thought of her dad, and then, if she had told me that you were in the audience, I certainly would have looked you up, instead of driving through the audience up to the press stand to speak to some of the newspaper writers.

I was really looking for someone to have a visit with and, while I do not want to blame Carolyn or anyone for not informing me, I still regret that I could not have utilized that time of all times in spinning yarns with one of the old Phi Psis of whom I was most fond. While there were a lot of good Phi Psis in those days, I always remember the genial humor and friendliness you always had. You had a sense of balance that was most pleasing to me. The other fellow whom I remember with great affection is Charles Blackmor. I always held him in most friendly and high esteem.

Isn't it a darn shame, Newt, that live with all its complexities does not allow us time to sit down and visit about the things that meant so much to us in our early life?

It is good of you and most generous to say the fine things that you say regarding our work here at the University of Kansas. Of course, it pleases me to no end to have good friends like you say such things, for I am conscious at all times of the individuals who violently disagree with you regarding my merits. However, being so human we like to have fellows like you tell us those things.

Again with congratulations to you and your fine family and in the same breath expressing a hope that we do get time for a friendly visit over "ye olden days", I am

Yours in the Bond,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Dear Phog -

Kansas City, Mo.
April 29th 1946

When I first learned that our Carolyn had been chosen "Queen" of the Kansas Relays, I wrote to her and admonished her to be sure to make herself known to you - It seems that she disregarded her parental admonition, and excused herself on the grounds that to have told you of her on ces by would have been presumption -

However, hope you will excuse my parental pride, in calling attention to the fact that the daughter of one of your old Phi Phi Chums was chosen "Queen" of your Relays -

I attended the Kansas Relays - my first athletic event in 8 years - Tried to see you but failed due to my slow locomotion. The crowd, the enthusiasm, even the perfect ~~weather~~ were a tribute to the gt. expressed opinion of your Contemporaries that you have done a wonderful job for K.U. as a critical judge. I know - 637 West 59th St. Kansas City 2 Mo. -
Newton Paul Bee

April 10, 1946

Mr. E. M. Chestnut, Principal
Beloit High School
Beloit, Kansas

Dear Principal Chesnut:

Your letter of February 23 has had to remain unanswered until basketball season was over and I must apologize for this situation.

I appreciate very much your attitude toward the ticket situation for the Iowa State game. We are very disconcerted over that same situation on many of our games, particularly, as it later developed, the Oklahoma A & M game, to which so many people failed to secure tickets. It is my hope that we may have a field house here at Kansas in the near future to alleviate that situation.

I also want to thank you for your congratulations on our former victories. Your attitude and loyalty is one which deserves commendation.

I am not sure, but I think that Kansas did have a representative at the Beloit Regional Tournament.

Hoping to have the opportunity of seeing you personally soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 23, 1946

Mr. F. C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friend "Phog";

I received your letter and also the one from Mr. Falkenstein in answer to my inquiry and request for tickets to the Iowa State game. I greatly appreciate the consideration which my request received. Because of the regular duties, other matters which have arisen since that time, and the fact that only standing room was available, we will have to miss the game.

I wish on this occasion, as I have on many previous occasions, that the games could be put on the air and that K. F. K. U. had more power. We can't get that station here except with a very good receiver, and even then conditions must be just right.

Congratulations on your 50 to 34 victory over Missouri. I know that must have been a hard won victory on the Missouri court. Here's hoping that you can win both of the games next week and get into the N. C. A. A. tournament by taking care of the Oklahoma Aggies. I am presuming that would be the procedure. I am planning to be in Kansas City for that tournament.

We won't have too many good boys at the Beloit Regional Tournament, March 6, 7, 8, 9;—but I would be pleased if some representative of the K. U. Athletic Department would pay us a visit. We are expecting to have a good tournament.

Most sincerely yours,

E. M. Chestnut, Principal
Beloit High School

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