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COACH; PHOG ALLEN=

:UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS LAWRENCE KANS=

:UNDERSTAND THAT GENE LONG AND GEORGE DICK ARE NOT IN
ARMY AND AVAILABLE FOR PRO FOOTBALL PLEASE ADVISE NIGHT
LETTER COLLECT WESTERN UNION YOUR OPINION OF THEIR
ABILITY MANY THANKS BEST PERSONAL WISHES=

=PETE W CAWTHORN DODGER COACH

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WESTERN UNION

April 9, 1944

Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

Understand that Gene Long and George Dick are not in Army and available for pro football. Please advise night letter collect Western Union your opinion of their ability. Many thanks. Best personal Wishes.

P. W. Cawthorn, Dodger Coach.

Reply:

George Dick teaching in K.U. physical education department. Gene Long plans to play football at K.U. next fall. Neither would be available for pro football. Kindest regards.

Forrest C. Allen.

April 25, 1944.

Mr. W. R. Lord,
Basketball Yearbook Editor,
Converse Rubber Company,
Malden 48, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lord:

I have been so busy with war work that I have seen so few teams in action that frankly I think I am no judge of basketball talent this year.

I am at present serving as secretary of our county Selective Service Board, and have just finished our county Red Cross War Fund drive, together with serving the University as chairman of the Third and Fourth War Loan, and Infantile Paralysis drives. This, together with my work as chairman of the Department of Physical Education where we are conditioning V-5, V-12 and ASTP units, added to my basketball coaching this past winter, have kept me busy.

We trust this fads will be over in the not too distant future so that we can resume normalcy.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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CONVERSE RUBBER COMPANY

Manufacturers of Rubber Products

MALDEN, 48, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

April 21, 1944

Dear Coach:

Once again we are asking your valuable assistance in helping determine the lineup for the All American College Basketball Teams covering the 1943-1944 season. The final selections will be published in the 22nd annual edition of the CONVERSE BASKETBALL YEARBOOK.

Chuck Taylor is now serving as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. However, Chuck has kindly offered to devote his spare time in reviewing and selecting the final teams and the help you give him in this task will be greatly appreciated.

As we must go to press earlier than usual this year, will you please fill out the attached form promptly, indicating the players from your own squad, or any other college that you feel deserve All American consideration.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, we are

Sincerely yours,

CONVERSE RUBBER COMPANY

W R Lord
Basketball Yearbook Editor

The enclosed business reply envelope requires no postage.



December 15, 1943.

Mr. Ralph Cannon,
Esquire Magazine,
919 No. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Ralph:

Happens
I was interested in your Sports Poll, and there are some things that I would like to say about it. First, I have never recommended a 12 foot goal for high school players. This is always the way when you do recommend something for college players - there is always an erroneous impression that carries over in some other field of activity. But for college players, men of maturity, when they reach such heights as the tall player now possesses, then I can see nothing sacred about the height of a 10 foot basket. There is no reason in the world why it should not be changed.

I was rather interested in the AP article out of New York last night in which Henry Iba, the coach of Oklahoma A. & M., with his 7 foot Bob Kurland, and Joe Lapshick, coach of St. John's College, with his 6 foot nine inch Harry Boykoff, came out against the goal-tending type of defense. Sure, both coaches used this style of play because it is profitable. But the goal-tending is only half of the story; the goal-dunking is the other half of the story, and that is where the rule-makers have made an unconstitutional rule according to any law in the land. It is discriminatory and therefore could not hold in a court of law nor should it hold in a court of fair reasoning.

The discrimination I speak of is discrimination in favor of the offense. If the ball is on the rim of the basket the offensive man may push it in, strike the ball, bat it in, or strike the rim when he dunks his arm about eight inches through the rim with the ball, and the goal counts in all of these situations.

But a defensive man guarding the goal may not tap the ball or reach over the perpendicular plane of the basket in knocking the ball away from the hoop. Again, if the ball should be on the edge of the basket and the defensive man should knock it off or touch the goal two points are scored for the offensive side.

Do you not agree with me that that is discrimination for - in the one case, and against in the other?

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A higher basket that could not be touched by either player would be just for all concerned. Just because Dr. Naismith tacked the peach hamper on the running track of the gymnasium at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., and that running track happened to be 10 feet from the floor is the only reason why we have a 10 foot basket at the present time. Why should not the basket be raised with the increasing height of the players? And players in basketball are getting constantly taller all the time.

We played Oklahoma A. & M. two games last year with 7 foot Bob Kurland, and we won both games, so I am not one of those coaches who are crying because we can't beat mezzanine peeping basketball hurdlers, but rather I am thinking of the game. I call these big boys "mezzanine hurdlers" because they are tall enough to touch the mezzanine floor.

It made me laugh audibly to see what some of these coaches said in their objections to a 12 foot basket. One, that it would make a little man shoot further than the taller man. A player shooting for a higher goal accommodates the muscles of his eyes to height the same as a player accommodates his eyes to distance. A player standing 20 feet out on the court and shooting for a 12 foot basket would arch the ball a little higher and further than he would for a 10 foot basket. The same parallel argument is always good when a player is standing 20 feet out on the floor and shooting for a 10 foot basket he will arch the ball a little higher and further than if he were standing out on the floor 15 feet from the basket. A player arching his shot for a 10 foot basket 15 feet out would not arch it as high as he would for a 12 foot basket at the same distance.

Some coaches have raised the objection that a short man going in for a lay-up would be forced to jump two feet higher, which would be a disadvantage to a small man. This shows one thing, Ralph, that none of these coaches have tried a 12 foot basket. There would be no lay-ins on these shots because each player would be required to shoot at a 12 foot basket and none of them could accomplish a lay-in on account of the height. The poorest place to shoot at a 12 foot basket would be directly underneath the goal. That is emphatically the strong point of the 12 foot basket - in that they may not dunk it in the basket nor bat it away.

A hard drive toward the basket which produces 80 per cent of all the fouls by the defense in basketball are made for this very obvious reason -- because a player driving in for the basket is fouled or draws a pair of fouls and the official awards the offended player two free throws. If you could cut out 80 per cent of the fouls and practically all of the double shots caused from players throwing these fouls, then you would have a much cleaner, open game where field goal shooting would be the dominant point rather than foul shooting which seems now to be the case. A field goal would count 3 points and a free throw would count 1, which was Dr. Naismith's idea as to the evaluation of a field goal and a free throw. The whistle blowing of the officials would be cut down immeasurably because there would be fewer fouls on account of the

fact that it would be to the advantage of a player to shoot at the basket from a distance of 8, 10 or 12 feet rather than have the big boys camp under the basket and jab or dunk them in.

The added height of the basket would measurably clear up the congestion that always exists under the 10 foot basket. The big, rugged guard who sets himself to block out the incoming man and the tall mezzanine hurdler who camps near the basket would of necessity have to move back on account of the higher arc of dispersement of the bounding ball from a 12 foot basket. Therefore, it would clear up that congested area, and it would give the shorter man a decided advantage because, when a ball is arched for the goal, if by striking the basket the arc of dispersement would cause a further rebounding of the ball, the big man moves back away from the basket. Then the small man, should the ball miss the basket and drop down to the floor, could dart in and quickly steal the ball before the big man could cover this added space that he now protects and reserves for himself under this lower basket. By forcing the defensive man further back and away from the basket it would naturally give the shorter and speedier man more area to operate in without molestation. I believe that you can easily visualize this point. It would also strike a blow at the zone defense.

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Many of these proponents of the 10 foot basket who are opponents of the 12 foot basket remind me of a young short-sighted farmer east of Kansas City who complained that his father was the most short-sighted business man that he had ever seen. He left him five hundred acres of the finest farming land in Jackson County that was worth a thousand dollars an acre. But the son complained that the father did not leave him one darned thing to farm it with! That reminds me of these basketball coaches who would much rather inherit a tall player after their annual intensive search for mezzanine hurdlers than they would actually go to the trouble to install a 12 foot basket and try the game out under these conditions.

I believe that I can say without fear of contradiction that not ten per cent of all the coaches of the United States have seen a 12 foot basket in operation and not one per cent have ever put up a 12 foot basket. Therefore, some of these coaches who have derived their life income from the game have never put anything in to it but have been constantly taking out. They sit around and complain about their players going out on four personal fouls, and yet they do no more about improving the game or correcting the difficulty than this Jackson County farmer.

We have two 12 foot baskets in our gymnasium, and have had them installed for fifteen years. We use them for the purpose of teaching our players correct arching of the ball. And as for the cost of raising a goal two feet - that is a rare joke. Most goals are suspended from the ceiling and all you would have to do is shorten the pipe two feet. The bill for basketballs each year doubly exceeds the cost of raising the basket to 12 feet, so this plea for economy is rare. These coaches speak as if the cost of raising the baskets would come out of their own pockets, and just try to get it from them.

Now, again, may I emphasize that I would not suggest the 12 foot basket for high school players, because many of the gymnasiums in the East do have low ceilings, but this is not true in the West, and there is not a college gymnasium in America or a large auditorium in the big cities that holds any sizeable crowd but what could stand a 12 foot goal elevation without any difficulty. And by asking a raise to 12 feet this even keeps the 7 foot 6 inch player shooting for a goal and not dunking a goal. This height basket would for all time seal the fate of the gangling, inept players but for the good, big, tall man - he would still be in the game and he could pass and shoot along with the rest of them. The premium on height would not amount to the great advantage that it does at the present time under the 10 foot basket.

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There are some conferences so unprogressive that they are still using the "horse-and-buggy" four by six backboard rather than the new stream-lined board. Maybe some of those fellows couldn't hit a stream-lined board and they need that large area to stop the ball from going out of bounds. And the joke of it is that the board was never put up for a rebound board by Dr. Naismith, but rather it was to keep the spectators away from the basket. They would reach over the balcony and kick or knock the ball away from the basket, so they built a wooden barrier large enough to keep the crowd away, which proved to be the four by six backboard. Anyhow, the Big Ten and some of the unprogressive conferences still need that backboard to keep their players from throwing the ball out of bounds.

One coach

Much of this backboard is unfertile banking area and it obstructs the view of more than fifty per cent of the people who sit behind it. Olson says, "The worth of the 12 foot basket has not been demonstrated in connection with the tall 'goon' problem, and such a change would have many disadvantages -- chiefly the expense of changing the height of baskets all over the country at a terrific total cost." As if this large backboard is not obstructing the view of many people in many of the high schools who pay their good money to see the game and yet sit behind this large obstructing surface without anything being done about it. Certainly the expenditure of the people who pay to see a game and fail to see it far surmounts the so-called terrific total cost that Mr. Olson speaks about of raising *mentioned in* the basket; and yet we are not asking that they raise the basket for high school boys but for college mezzanine hurdlers. I do not call these boys "goons". I think it is an unfair misnomer. Some of the finest athletes that I have seen have been boys over six feet six inches tall. "Mezzanine Hurlers" seems to me a more polite appellation.

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Facetiously I might ^{ask} suggest that in your questionnaire you ask the public, the sportscasters and the sports editors how many 12 foot baskets they have ever seen. There are none in the Smithsonian Institute, but we have two here in Robinson Gymnasium. Then if you want to get a thousand per cent negative answer ask how many coaches have actually put up a 12 foot basket and played a game under those conditions.

It is interesting to note that in your questionnaire 52.14 per cent of the public voted for a higher basket. Doubtless the sportscasters and

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the sports editors were tinctured by the opinion of many of the coaches who doubtless had expressed their opinion on the 12 foot basket to the sportscasters and the sports editors. I ask how otherwise would the sportscasters and the sports editors know, unless they were just guessing it wouldn't be a good thing, because I am sure they haven't seen any 12 foot baskets.

Maybe Mark Cox has seen a pair. If he hasn't his guess on the baskets would be as good as the fact when he said the Eastern Intercollegiate play-offs were played in Independence Hall in Philadelphia in his article in Esquire.

You mentioned several of the coaches who were against the raising of the 12 foot basket. Wouldn't it have been fair to have mentioned more than Ward Lambert as favoring the idea - say Henry Iba, Bruce Drake, and a score of others?

The elevated basket will come as sure as death and taxes. There is no way that these administrators can frame a rule that will not be discriminatory and I am going to get a great chuckle out of watching these boys that oppose a 12 foot basket view these 7 foot boys like Kurland. In their confusion they wouldn't know what to do, and they get licked. However, there is a way to beat a team with a 7 foot player but you have to spend many weeks in preparing for just that one team and one player. We will beat many teams with tall players and we have had very few tall centers. So I am not kicking on my own personal account, but I am endeavoring to improve the game. And please remember that there is no 12 foot basket suggestion for high school players, - just for college and independent teams.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 29, 1944.

Mr. J. Alan Coogan,
United Press Associations,
Avenida Rio Branco 110-4^o,
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, S.A.

Dear Alan:

I enjoyed your epistle very much. I took it home and let Mit read it, and then Bobby came for his wedding to Jean McFarland, which occurred on April 26, and I made it a point to let him read it. He seemed to enjoy it very much.

Yes, Jean is a sister of Betty. Betty married Lieut. (j.g.) Penfield Kendall. Lieut. Kendall has been in the Southwest Pacific but is now docked with his flattop at San Francisco for repairs after having met some of the Jap hate which they threw at him. Betty and Lieut. Kendall have been living in Chicago where he was in business until the call of service came. I believe he is a southerner but I do not know where he met Betty. They have one little girl about five or six months of age.

Dick Edelblute did have quite a case but things never materialized. Dick is in the service. I saw him two years ago at a basketball game and he had just married a girl, I think, from Topeka. I believe they have one child, I am not sure.

Mit sends his greetings and best wishes. He is practicing law here in Lawrence, Kansas. After he came back from Ellinwood where he went from Russell with the Stanolind, he entered school and attended summers as well as the regular term and got his degree here a year ago. He finished in August and three days after that he went to work as assistant to the chief investigator of personnel at Hercules. He did very well there, indeed, financially and otherwise. But he being of the age - 29 - was terminated and was offered a commission both in the marines and in the navy, but was color blind to the spectrum test. So he has been practicing law here a couple of months waiting for his call, which may come not before July 1st now on account of the preferential emphasis upon the 26 and under age group.

He gets a big laugh out of the fact that I am secretary of the Selective Service board here. He said he knew when I got that job that he was surely in. It was a tough break that he was color blind, but just too bad.

Isabel and Mit have but the one child, Judy, who is six years of age and quite a golden-haired gal. She has all the coordination of Mit and Isabel so you know they are both kept pretty busy endeavoring to

keep track of her. Mit bought a home at 2022 Vermont Street, a very pretty cottage and they seem to take a lot of pride in it.

Mit, Isabel and Judy were over at the house last night and we had quite a conversation about Alan Coogan and his family when your mother and your brother were in Lawrence.

Please accept my congratulations on the new arrival and the fine family that you now have. Mit discussed your family and paid a very wonderful compliment on the beauty of Helen Townsley and what a fine girl she was. Please extend the Allen's best wishes to your good wife.

Bob had but a five-day furlough from Philadelphia. He graduates in late August or early September and then goes to his internship at Behl Memorial Hospital, so we will get a chance to see them before long.

I am enclosing several Jayhawk Rebounds which will provide you reading for quite some few months. This will give the dope on the Allen family better than I can write it in a letter. This Rebounds was conceived because I desired to keep each one of the boys in service who were old Jayhawkers informed as to the addresses of the other chaps on the seven seas and the many world battle fronts. This is one of the services that I thought I could render the boys and they seem to appreciate it very much. I know you will get a bang out of reading about some of the boys who have done a swell job, although you came from another generation. There may be mention of some of your old cronies or Jayhawkers whom you have known.

Some day I may get at this idea of picking a couple of first and second all-great teams, but I am afraid this morning I am not up to it. I trust you will forgive me, and I assure you when you return to the States some time I will sit down and pick a couple for you. But not for publication at the present time.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Lieut ^{Navy} E. G. Pennington
~~Mr~~ Pennington Kendall

~~Southwest Pacific~~
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With Greeting

Bob

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DR. F. C. ALLEN,
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT,
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS,
LAWRENCE, KANSAS, U.S.A.

DEAR PHOG:

LOOKING THROUGH A QUITE ANCIENT COPY OF A SUNDAY KANSAS CITY STAR, I NOTED BOBBY'S ENGAGEMENT TO MISS JEAN MCFARLAND, AND WAS ASTOUNDED TO NOTICE THAT THE KID I USED TO SEE AROUND LAWRENCE ALL THE TIME WHEN HE WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL AND THEN IN HIGH SCHOOL, NOT ONLY WAS A FINE BASKETBALL PLAYER BUT A PHI BETA KAPPA TO BOOT.

I'LL JUST WAGER THE OLD DOCTOR'S BUTTONS BURST ALL OVER THE VALLEY IN PRIDE AND JOY, AND I SURELY DON'T BLAME YOU A BIT. MY GOSH, WHAT A KID. AND TO THINK I USED TO LITERALLY PAT HIM ON THE HEAD A COUPLE OF TIMES A WEEK WHEN I USED TO WALK BY YOUR HOME ON MY WAY UP THE HILL.

BOBBY SURELY WENT TO TOWN, DIDN'T HE? I AM WONDERING IF MISS JEAN IS A SISTER OF THE GLAMOROUS BETTY, WHO WAS A RELAYS QUEEN ONE YEAR AFTER I WAS OUT OF SCHOOL? WHO DID BETTY EVER MARRY; I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT DICK EDELBLUTE BUT NEVER FOR SURE.

I SURELY HOPE BOBBY GETS A CHANCE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE, BECAUSE I THINK HE PROBABLY WOULD BE A FINE ONE, AND I IMAGINE LAWRENCE COULD USE HIM.

WHERE IS THE REST OF THE ALLEN FAMILY NOW? JANE WENT ON THE HILL JUST AS I WENT OFF IT AND I AM WONDERING WHERE SHE IS AND WHAT SHE IS DOING AND IF SHE IS MARRIED AND TO WHOM? MIT, I UNDERSTAND, IS IN LAWRENCE, BUT MAJOR BILL CLEMONS, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FROM PITTSBURG, KANSAS, WHO TOLD ME, DIDN'T KNOW WHAT MIT IS DOING. I HAD A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH HIM IN 1940 WHEN I WAS IN GREAT BEND AND HE IN ELLINWOOD. HOW MANY CHILDREN HAS HE NOW?

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT ONE OF THE DAMNDEST JOBS YOU WOULD EVER HAVE WOULD BE TO NAME NOW YOUR ALL-TIME K.U. ALL-STAR BKB. TEAM. BOY, WHAT A TASK! YOU HAVE MADE SO DAMN MANY STARS THEY WOULDN'T FIT ON FOUR TEAMS, WOULD THEY, DOING EVERYONE JUSTICE? JUST FOR FUN, HOW WOULD YOU OFFHAND LINE UP TWO ALL-STAR, ALLTIME, K.U. BASKETBALL TEAMS AS OF THE PRESENT TIME? I'LL KEEP IT UNDER MY HAT, OF COURSE BUT I WAS JUST CURIOUS. IT WAS HARD ENOUGH IN 1931 BUT WHAT MUST IT BE NOW?

HOW ARE THINGS GOING FOR YOU THERE NOW, PHOG? I GUESS THE WAR HAS JUST ABOUT WRECKED YOUR TEAM, HASN'T IT? OR DO YOU HAVE PROSPECTS?

I IMAGINE THE CAMPUS IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME BUT I IMAGINE THE STUDENTS ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN WHEN I WAS THERE. DO THE FRATERNITIES STILL USE THEIR HOUSES, OR ARE THEY ALL TAKEN OVER?

I HOPE THAT YOU AND MRS. ALLEN AND ALL OF THE ALLEN CLAN, INCLUDING INLAWS AND GRANDCHILDREN, ARE IN FINEHEALTH AND DOING WELL.

MRS. COOGAN (NÉE HELEN TOWNSLEY, GREAT BEND) HAD A BABY GIRL MARCH 27 IN SÃO PAULO, BRASIL, AND OUR BOY WAS³ LAST JANUARY 31. ALL GOES VERY WELL WITH US UNTIL NOW--RAPPING ON WOOD. LET ME HEAR FROM YOU--ALL THE BEST. *Allen*



27 July
(at sea)

Dear Boetie -

I have intended to write you
now for sometime but a usual
there is so very little to write out
here I have put it off but now I
feel I have some dope you might
be interested in hearing -

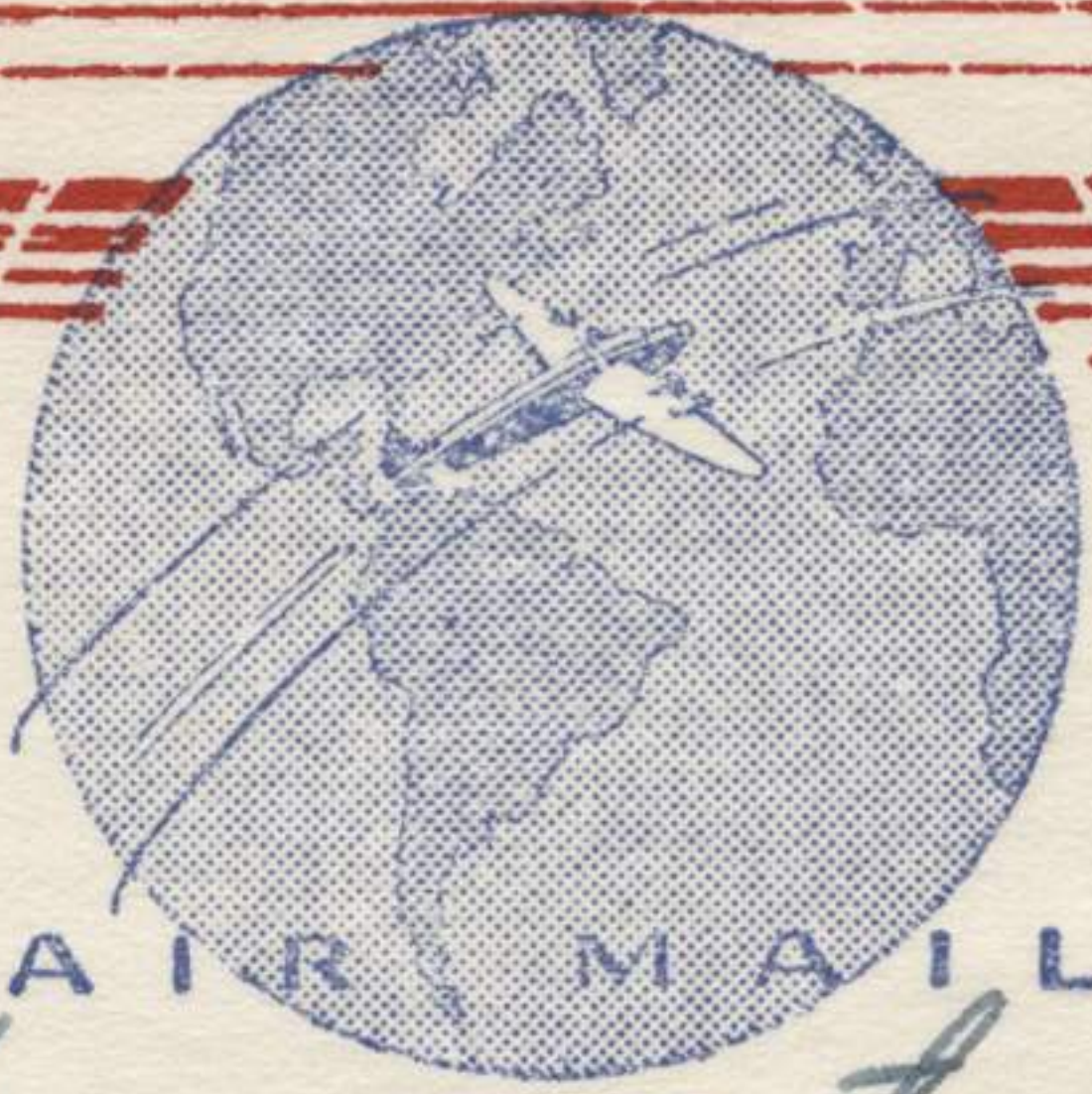
Again your ReBonds made
life pleasant out here for some
more Jayhawkers - About a month ago,
just before we started on the job
we just finished I noticed from
one of your very welcomed letters that
Ol. T. P. Hunter was in the 9th division
since we had part of that group
aboard I investigated & found he
was on a ship anchored less than
1,000 yds away - As you can



imagine, I got the signalman hot
on the blinker & sure enough he was
over there so grabbed a boat & found
him lazily stretched out on a bench
sound asleep - We really pushed
over old times and spent all evening
firing questions and answers back
& forth. His well & supply as com-
be out here & is doing a good job -
He told me about his experiences on
Bougainville - Must have been quite a
sensational but as before his just the
man to get tough jobs done - The
next day he came over for lunch
& we started afresh on where & what
everyone was doing - To top it all off
we discovered that Kanaga was on
a ship about 1000 yards the other way



so we barged over to have dinner
& spend the evening with him -
Clint is fine and like myself thrives
on the luxuries of the Navy - Again
a rapid question & answer session
along with several reminders when
such & such happened period was held -
I haven't been able to find out
how T.P. come out but do know he
arrived safely on Guam & is doing
a big job - We all feel proud that
we at last have pryed loose the jaws
from a former U.S. possession - And
docter you don't realize what a
big help your Rebounds are - If it
hadn't been for you we would never
have been able to have our little
reunion - About 2 months ago while
we were in Guadalcanal had the luck



of running into Rope Engleman,
His home fine and likes the duty
on his D.E.

Doctor must close and
get some of that shut eye - Thinking
you again for Rebounds & good
luck in your good work at
Good ol' K.O. Hope we can all
be back before too much longer -
my regards to Mrs Allen & Mrs Katten.

Fraternally
Delbert Campbell

Sunday afternoon
May 21, 1944



U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
PATUXENT RIVER, MARYLAND

Hello (Coach) Mr. Allen:

I suppose you will be astonished at hearing from me, but I often think of you and your team, although the season is gone. Heris hoping this finds you + the family all, well. After leaving the University I went to Chicago for three weeks then to Washington, D.C. for two days, and now I'm at Patuxent River, Md. beginning my third month here. Patuxent is about sixty miles from D.C. and we have Navy buses available every night. So we don't suffer from staying on the base. Washington is really a beautiful place at this time of year. Everything is beautiful. I spent a whole day going through the Capital. We can't appreciate the U. S. A. until we've seen the old historic surroundings. It really makes your blood run fast. I suppose Mr. Allen, that the past year proves that College boys + the old timers of the Navy just don't turn out as good teams as the pre-war days. I certainly will be glad when we don our civilian clothes again. Then, and only then does the old College spirit surge through the athlete's veins. Mr. Allen I don't want you to take this too seriously but if I



U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
PATUXENT RIVER, MARYLAND

am eligible for a letter in basketball
I would certainly appreciate it. I know
if I were you would take care of it anyway
but I thought possibly you wouldn't
know where I was stationed. I received
my football letter from William Jewell
last week. If I am eligible, I think you
will find I played in 6 games. But
I do not know if that's enough for
the letter. of course only the letter award
is all I could use, being in the Navy.
eligible, or not I would be very glad to
hear from you or any of the boys. I
certainly appreciate the interest both
you & the University had in me
while in your activity. Here's
wishing you the best in everything.
and drop me a line with all the latest.

Arthur A. Casler, Arm^{2/c}
Radio Test
U.S.N.A.S.
Patuxent River, Md.

Always
a friend, Buddie
Arthur A. Casler

July 10, 1944.

Mr. A. B. Commons,
Robinson Gymnasium,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Commons:

Although I have spoken to you a couple of times about your splendid work in the equipment room, I want to take this means of thanking you for your energetic and loyal attitude in your work. You are doing such a job that it is practically possible for us to forget all the troubles that formerly multiplied in the basement. And when an administrator can forget such difficulties I want you to know it is a real burden off anyone's shoulders.

Your courteous treatment of the boys, your businesslike methods and your punctuality on the job are deeply appreciated. I am writing this testimonial to your high efficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.f.c. Miller Cameron,
CO. A ; A.S.T.U. 3871,
L.S.U., Baton Rouge, La.

April 16th, 1944.

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

Dear Dr. Allen,

Have enjoyed the newsletters. It is grand to hear again of the many boys that have left K.U. to do their job overseas - and do it blanded well. I appreciate having the military addresses of many friends at hand. Should like to be remembered to - Knute Kresie, Bob Johnson, T. P. Hunter, Fern Durand, Howard Engelman, Bob Allen, Chaim Healy, Don Pollom - as well as - Jack Floyd, Larry Hensley, Jack Sands, Bruce Reid, Max Replogle, David Shirk, Richard Amerine, Ed Hall, and all of the splendid young men that are so deserving of praise and respect. Wish I had the addresses of some of the fellows in the latter group mentioned.

Am in term V A.S.T. Mechanical Engineering here at L.S.U. This is my third such term. Mrs. Cameron is with me and we have a baby daughter, Joan Dwayne, four-and-a-half

months old, sir, she certainly has been and
is a joy to have; she's is doing very
well due to excellent care - Mrs. Cameron
was an army nurse from Boston.

Should like to commend your creating
and maintaining the newsletter, Dr. Allen.
It reflects L.V., you, and the whereabouts
of far flung friends to each young man "away".

Wish to be remembered to Miss Hultine
and Miss. Black.

Sincerely yours,
Miller Cameron

28 May 44
Hq to 13 REG.
CAMP FANNIN
TEXAS.

Dear Doc,

Well since I last wrote you I have been transferred from a rough and tough outfit at Ft. Stewart to a rougher and tougher outfit here at Ft. Fannin Via Ft. Benning Ga.

I have a platoon of men ^{most of whom are} ~~all who~~ ~~are~~ 32 or over, most of them 12 yrs. older than I. They have a tough time of it but they work hard as the dickens and really try. They remind me of a K.C. basketball team which ~~always~~ works hard and puts everything it has into the game.

In addition to that I have to lecture at least 24 hrs. a week. So things are sorta rugged here and I imagine I shall lose that extra weight you tried to get me to lose.

I saw Hodge just before I left Benning and he looked fine.

It doesn't look like I will get home for some time because everything is work here and not much chance of getting a leave.

Suppose Ray should just about a h.t. by now. And a good one at that.

We live in Zyley and it is not to bad. for a small town ^{about the size of} Emporia.

That's about all I know except I would like for you to add an address to your mailing list. This man was out for Fresh ball and I don't know whether

you remember him. He was fr.
Leavenworth and wore glasses.

PVT. E.K. CROWLEY 17083046

CO. K. 346TH Inf. DIVISION

FORT. JACKSON SO.

Thanks.

Yours
Dick.

Feb 16

Dear Mr Allen:

A short time ago I received 2 copies of rebounds, I can't tell you how much it helped to hear from the good ole school and what & where former friends are - you are certainly helping to make things easier.

At last we have planked our big feet on Jap soil this time with few casualties. I had the surprise of my life while rummaging around through some Jap zeroes and wreckage I heard someone let out a war whoop & believe it or not there was former fraternity brother Bill Hodge - He's a Capt in Marine Intelligence

We stopped operations right then
& there and among smouldering embers
had a red hot discussion about ole
K.U. & how we hoped to be back
with you all sometime soon.

Congratulations on your
basketball victories doctor - I believe
you could take a bunch of cripples
and inspire them to be champions -
Also glad to hear of another successful
Red cross drive - It's good to know
you are still carrying on with
flying colors - I must close now
but thanks again for Rebounds -

Gratefully

Albert Campbell

58th CAFFTD
Orangeburg, S.C.
March 16, 1944

Dear Dr. Allen:

Since I wrote to you last some changes have been made. After spending the month of February at Maxwell Field, I was sent off to this school. My job is Director of Physical Training, nothing else.

Your last issue of "Jayhawk Rebounds" was forwarded to me at Maxwell Field. I enjoyed hearing about all the former K.V. men very much.

Here, as at Camden, I have had Cadet Teams playing basketball teams representing towns or high schools. Most of the time the Cadets win without much trouble. Sometimes we have some rough-house games when the teams of Cadets play each other.

Dorothy is still teaching music and physical education at Camden. The schools there are short of teachers so

she may finish up the year before coming on over here.

Physically, I am in excellent condition and am getting a good start on a coat of tan. During the month I spent at Maxwell Field I did gymnastics every day and was almost up to my 1940 form when I had to leave.

Orangeburg is a high class little town with a population of 15000. The people are hospitable but are after your money at the same time. It costs a lot more to live here than it does in Arkansas.

I hope that you run up a nice string of wins & finish off the basketball season. Also that you are in good health and enjoying life at B. U.

Until next time, I remain

Sincerely yours
Johnny Cress