

COLGATE UNIVERSITY VACANCY -

Ray Parkins

Andy McDonald

March 22, 1939.

Mr. Andrew Kerr,
Football Coach,
Colgate University,
Hamilton, New York.

Dear Andy:

I have at last been able to secure a little more information on the coaching record of Andy McDonald, about whom I wrote you, and am sending it along for you to add to his file.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

COLGATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

HUNTINGTON GYMNASIUM

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March 6, 1939.

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

Dear "Phog":

Again accept my sincere thanks for the additional information concerning Parkins and McDonald which you have sent to me.

I know that when Mr. Reid comes to the selection of a basketball coach that these men will be given very careful consideration.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Andrew Kerr
Football Coach

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COACHING RECORD OF ANDREW McDONALD AT
 SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

(Basketball)

	W.	L.	Conf.
1925	9	6	2nd
1926	11	3	2nd
1927	10	9	3rd
1928	18	4	M.I.A.A. championship
1929	14	6	2nd
1930	10	11	4th
1931	7	6	M.I.A.A. championship
1932	8	7	3rd
1933	10	5	2nd
1934	16	3	M.I.A.A. championship
1935	10	2	" "
1936	7	7	4th
1937	11	3	2nd (2nd in the conference in track
1938	11	7	4th two years - 1929 & 1936)
1939	21	6	2nd

(Have worked with football every year.)

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
SPRINGFIELD

ROY ELLIS, PRESIDENT

Mar 8th 1939

Dear Doc:

It was mighty good to see you a few weeks ago & equally as tickled were my boys who had the pleasure of meeting you.

Your boys certainly went great against Okla & I am sorry they couldn't repeat at Columbia, but you can hardly expect such performance from such a young team.

Ours was a disaffairing ^{conference} season for us, after winning our first season we couldn't break through in the last three. We had a ten point lead with seven minutes to go in our eighth game with Wash. here & then they fired from every where and made them. In our last game with Wash. they showed us too much manpower. I have never seen a team improve as fast as they have ~~seen~~ beginning with the Okla city tournament.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that

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ROY ELLIS, PRESIDENT

You had suggested my name along with Roy Parkins for consideration at Colgate and Miami. Thank you very kindly.

I am especially proud of my teams here since I have had to work with them and I feel bring them a long ways before they are ready to meet our opponents. With most of my boys it takes two years of work & seasoning before they are ready as I don't have all state H.S. boys to start with.

Below is my record of games won and lost since

1925	W	L	Conference	
1925	9	6	2nd	
1926	11	3	2nd.	
1927	10	9	3rd	
1928	18	4	M.I.A.A. Championship.	(Offd. 45 H. of Ark. 31) The only game ever lost that season.
1929	14	6	2nd	TOM Pickell - Glen Rose + the Gray.
1930	10	11	4 th	
1931	7	6	M.I.A.A. Championship.	
1932	8	7	3rd	
1933	10	5	2nd	
1934	16	3	M.I.A.A. Championship.	(Finals of 5 state tournament at Springfield)
1935	10	2	M.I.A.A.	(Finals again in 1935.)
1936	7	7	4 th	Note
1937	11	8	2nd	2nd in the conference in track
1938	11	7	4 th	two years I handled it 1929 & 1936.
1939	21	6	2nd.	Have worked with football every year.

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SPRINGFIELD

ROY ELLIS, PRESIDENT

I am sorry I don't have this typed for you. I had to search among some of the old records to get this information which is the reason for some of the delay.

It looks as if we will have a real try here that will be hard to beat when the new Health & Recreation building is finished. Quite a number of my boys are doing a good job in the field. One of them last year with his Houston team won the State H.S. Championship. For the first time any team in the district had won it.

Well doc, thanks again for all past favors & hope to find time this spring to have a good visit with you. I have wanted you to know my family & we might surprise you some day on the way to Joplin.

With kindest personal regards, remaining
Sincerely yours
Andy Mc Donald

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL
LOUIS G. COOK, PRINCIPAL
EDDIS E. JANES,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

March 14, 1939.

Dear Doc:

As yet I haven't heard from Andy Kerr or any one connected with the situation.

Sorry to learn that your crew was not able to pull through to the leading spot again. The law of averages will just naturally give some one else a chance to ride on top some of the time - but I noticed you were in there with a chance all the way.

We've finished our season here, in the St. Paul series - our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners play the corresponding positions there each year, or

rather it has been a regular series
save for a few lapses. Our Edison
teams have yet to lose one of these
games — won this year, again.

Our city champ, ^(Mackell) represents Dept. in
the regionals; they got us when we played
a really bad game. I feel there are
two or perhaps three teams that would
represent us better — but our single round
robin doesn't leave much lee-way. We
have lost one game only but have no
chance at further conquests.

As I have not heard from the
inquiry I'm wondering if it would be
sensible to write him relative the position.
Osborne Cowles at Dartmouth (Balltownship)
can give him information as to my ability.
Dad was at River Falls, Wis. Teacher before
going east, and knows me — also my
officiating and coaching record.

Sorry we both lost out Doc
and best of luck ahead
Perk

March 21, 1939.

Mr. Ray Parkins, Coach,
Edison High School,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Ray:

I have your note of the 14th instant, and don't believe you should become discouraged yet. Here is what Andy Kerr says:

"Our director of athletics, William A. Reid, is at present in Florida. When he returns he will take up the matter of our basketball coaching proposition, and will get in touch with the men in whom he thinks he is interested. I am very much impressed with the recommendation of Ray Parkins. He must be a very fine basketball coach. I have had a recommendation concerning him from a source in Minneapolis which I consider quite reliable. I believe I have met the boy because I think he was in one of my coaching schools at St. Paul in 1932. . . ."

I am sending on the additional information which you have given me, and I am sure that when Mr. Reid returns to his office that you will be given every consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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EDISON HIGH SCHOOL
LOUIS G. COOK, PRINCIPAL
RUTH F. COLE,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Feb. 25, 1939.

Dear Doc:
Your kind letter received and surely appreciate your recommending me. Haven't heard anything as yet from either.

Had started this season without a single veteran regular from last season — breezed along in fine style until last night's game for the championship and — got dumped 40-35 by Marshall for our first and only loss. It meant a lost championship tho.

It was our fourth loss in ^{the} five years just passed in league play.

Considering we started with a green team I suppose I should feel pretty well over second place. I still hate to lose 'em Doc and with the goal in sight I had the usual night's sleep for a coach. Have a high strung group of Polish boys and the "jitters" played

quite a part. Was in hopes I might
tell you we had another championship.

My all time record at Edison for all
games played is 177 wins ^{212 games} 35 losses
(15 years) to date. In league games,
and its a tough league of 9 major high
schools in Npls. (averaging around 2500 enrollment)
we have won 114 - lost 28 (for the 15 yrs) to date

Our percentage for all games is .835 & for
league games only it is a shade over .800.
We've played a number of practice games that
were too weak to include in the list of
all games (all wins) & that list included
schools of the northwest with an established
record.

This year's team has been a high scoring
team and one of my boys, a junior, is
really a great scorer, averaging 23+ pts
per game - until last night when he slumped
to 17. ^{for that game} Our average 46.4 pts per game
offensively & 36.6 defensively - the latter not so good.

Until 2 years ago our defensive record was a shade under
20 pts per game scored against us. Have been going higher
under the new rules playing on the same a fast break.

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LOUIS G. COOK, PRINCIPAL

RUTH F. COLE,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As you know Doc I have a B.S.
from Minnesota and have been teaching
physical education at Edison the past
15 years. At present am coaching
basketball and baseball. We won the
baseball championship last spring with
a 100% team but lost the Twin-City
title to the St. Paul winner. Our trend
here is for a coach to handle but
one sport only - but two of us are still
doubling. I have had football, basket-
ball, baseball, and one season track, at the
illness of the regular track coach. I had
coached track at Duluth Central the
and was lucky enough to get the state
championships.

I don't know whether this is inform-
tion enough for you - feel like the

Dickens today is not being able to report a
basketball title for this year. Had high
hopes of going through a bunch of veteran
teams with this new team but no go.

Hope you're still able to pull out
on top there again and ^{more important,} that all your
family is in the best of health.

Roch has lost considerable strength
but keeps the old chin up altho prac-
tically bedfast. John is now ten -
has gone to art school - regular Sat-
urday class at the Art Institute. This
quite a little student - B grade now.

Best of luck and everything to
all of you.

Sincerely
Turk

4344 Bryant Ave South
Minneapolis.

March 3, 1939.

Mr. Andrew Kerr,
Football Coach,
Colgate University,
Hamilton, New York.

Dear Andy:

Thanks for your kind letter of the 23rd ultimo.

Both Parkins and McDonald come from Protestant families, Parkins being a member of the Christian Church and McDonald a member of the Methodist Church.

Parkins, who has been at Edison High in Minneapolis for 15 years, has a very fine record there. His all-time record in basketball is 177 wins and 35 losses to date. In league games (a league of 9 major high schools, with enrollment averaging around 2500) his record is 114 wins and 28 losses in the 15 years.

I am attempting to secure a little more information on McDonald's record, and shall send it along to you before long.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 23, 1939.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear "Phog":

I can assure you that it was a real pleasure to receive your fine letter. I appreciate very much the recommendations you sent to me. You have given me just the type of information that I desire.

Our Director of Athletics, William A. Reid, is at present in Florida. When he returns he will take up the matter of our basketball coaching proposition, and will get in touch with the men in whom he thinks he is interested.

I am very much impressed with the recommendation of Ray Parkins. He must be a very fine basketball coach. I have had a recommendation concerning him from a source in Minneapolis which I consider quite reliable. I believe I have met the boy because I think he was in one of my coaching schools in St. Paul in 1932. We are also interested in Andrew McDonald. If you can furnish me any further information concerning McDonald I shall be glad to have it. Confidentially will you please furnish me his religious affiliations?

With kind personal regards and with many thanks for your good letter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Andy
Andrew Kerr
Football Coach

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Parkins - Christian Church

McDonald - Methodist "

February 20, 1939.

Mr. Andrew Kerr,
Football Coach,
Colgate University,
Hamilton, New York.

Dear Andy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of the 15th instant. As usual, I am always happy to hear from you, Andy, and I trust that your health is as good as ever.

I am sorry to see that it was necessary for John Galloway to resign from his coaching position on account of ill health.

I have two young men in mind, Andy, that I think have made unusual reputations in coaching basketball especially, and in the allied sports. The first young man that I have for your consideration is Ray F. Parkins, the coach of the Edison High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Parkins has graduated a fine group of boys at Edison High who are the back bone and main stem of Dave McMillan's University of Minnesota basketball teams - not this year, but two years before, and he has others coming on that seem to work into Dave's system better than any group that Dave has had heretofore.

Last April I attended the sectional division of the National Health and Physical Education Association at Minneapolis. While there I had a good chance to visit with Ray Parkins and also to watch the Minnesota basketball team in their spring practice after an invitation from Dave McMillan.

Now, let me tell you about this Parkins boy. He played quarterback for me at Central Missouri State Teachers College in 1914 and 1915; he played forward on the basketball team, was first baseman on the baseball team, and ran the quarter mile on the track team. He graduated there and then entered the service and went overseas as a lieutenant. After returning he coached the Duluth High School team at Duluth, Minn. The superintendent at Duluth at that time was Raymond F. Kent, who is now president of the University of Louisville. I recommended Parkins to Dr. Kent without reservation.

He made a fine record at Duluth and then moved on to Minneapolis where he graduated from the University of Minnesota. He has been at Minneapolis I think about ten or eleven years, and he has

made a wonderful record there. As I stated to you, I visited a day with him there and found that he was very active in the Shrine Band and seems to have a tremendous following in the City of Minneapolis. He is an artist of no mean reputation and does all of the caricaturing for the Shrine Band and Shrine activities. He is married and has one child.

Ray Parkins was a teammate of Louis Menze at the Teachers College. Louis Menze, after the war, took his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. I recommended Louis Menze eleven years ago to T. Nelson Metcalf, who was the athletic director at Iowa State College. Menze succeeded Bill Chandler, who was then coaching at Iowa State. Bill seemed to have tough luck and could not make the grade there in a basketball coaching way. You know Bill is now at Marquette and going great guns. But Menze took the Iowa State team and built it up until Iowa State is one of the feared teams in the conference at present. In 1935 Iowa State won the Big Six championship. I only mention this because Parkins is the same type of boy as Menze is. He is as clean as a hound's tooth, has a wonderful personality, and would fit into anybody's organization in wonderful shape. A couple of years ago, just before Dave McMillan won his first Big Ten basketball championship, Parkins was seriously considered as cage coach for Minnesota.

Now, harking back to Parkins' football ability, might I make this one recitation of a situation that happened down at Fort Sill during the World War. Parkins was with the 35th Division, and the 35th Fort Sill was playing the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Pete Heil, a Kansas graduate and the quarterback for Pitt somewhere along in 1913 or '14, was doing the quarterbacking for the 35th Division. The 35th had not scored and the game was going along with Oklahoma a touchdown out in front. They substituted Parkins for Heil, and Parkins ran through the Oklahoma team for three touchdowns.

Andy, I am not trying to build this boy up a bit more than he deserves, but he was one of my greatest athletes, one of my cleanest and finest boys on the squad, and a perfect trainer. He had brains, ingenuity and a will to win. I used Menze, this boy who is now at Iowa State, as my left quarterback and Parkins my right quarterback. Menze pitched on the baseball team and was forward on my basketball team. Both boys, Parkins and Menze, were the same type athletes and they are the same type coaches.

I'll bet you a dollar if you will check with the Minneapolis people you will find that Parkins is tops. There are a lot of people in Minneapolis that you can get the dope from regarding Parkins, and I would not be afraid for you to ask anyone in that town, because I will recommend him without reservation or evasion whatsoever. He is about 43 years of age and would make you a great person. He is the kind of a fellow that Andy Kerr would say was just about the right kind of a fellow to coach college men. He has won the state championship with his Edison High School team about three or four times in the past six years.

Last summer Parkins was selected as the high school coach to teach at Lake Okoboji, which is the school of Saunderson, the football coach at Morningside. He has had Frank Lohy of Fordham, and I taught there with Mattie Bell. He had Piggie Lambert and the so-called outstanding basketball and football coaches in the country, and Parkins was picked as the outstanding high school coach to lead the high school discussions. So you see he rates as one of the outstanding high school coaches.

You doubtless know that we had John Bunn, who is now at Stanford, "Dutch" Lomborg, who is at Northwestern, "Frosty" Cox, who is at the University of Colorado, and Adolph Rupp, who is at the University of Kentucky. All of these are former players of mine, along with Louis Menze and some of the other boys in lesser important positions.

Now, Andy, there is one other chap that I have in mind, who played here for me when I coached football in 1920. He also played forward for me on the Kansas basketball varsity. That is Andrew W. McDonald, who was also a quarter miler in track. He is at present head coach of basketball at Springfield Missouri State Teachers College. He is leading the conference at the present time and he has won more conference championships down there than any other coach in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He coached football at the Teachers College for about six or seven years and had outstanding teams. His high school coaching was done here at Lawrence High School, where he made a great record in all sports. He is married, has a family, and I judge he is about 40 years of age.

Andy, I am not recommending any boy that does not have the prime requisites of coaching and that is, first, gentility, leadership, ability to inspire boys, and to impart his knowledge to his team. McDonald is clean, courageous and capable, and he is one of the finest young men that I know out in the coaching game at the present time.

Parkins and McDonald are my two top choices and I want you to investigate both of them. In addition, McDonald played on my ever-victorious 1923 championship basketball team, as well as my 1922 team which was also a champion.

I assure you that I will keep this information entirely confidential, and I trust that either one of these boys will receive your very careful and serious consideration. Either one of them can coach basketball in its best way and they can assist in any of the major sports with thorough cooperation and a fine understanding of the coach's part that an assistant should possess. They would also have an understanding loyalty that a director or a head coach would expect to find in this type of employment.

It was good to hear from you, Andy. I just dropped a note to Fred Swan today, wishing him the best of luck in his new job. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

COLGATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

HUNTINGTON GYMNASIUM

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February 15, 1939.

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

Dear "Phog":

Because of ill health our basketball coach, John Galloway has been obliged to resign his position. In addition to his duties as basketball coach Mr. Galloway was also a member of our football staff.

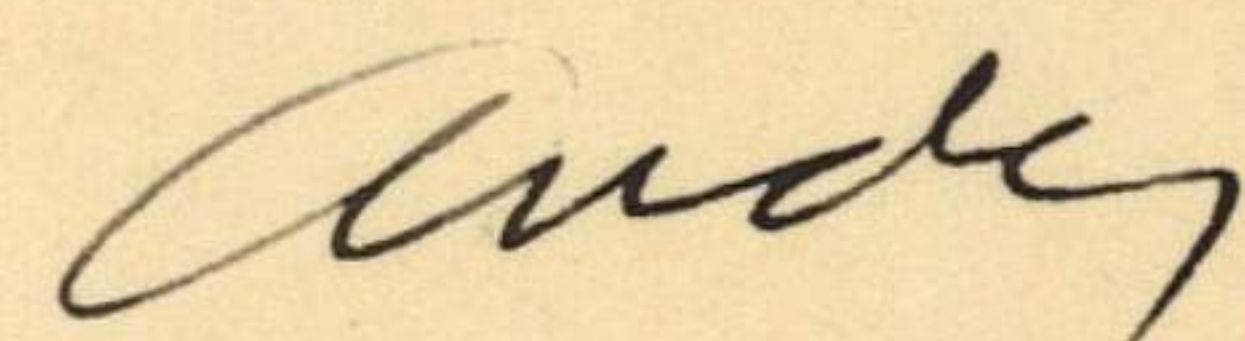
In the selection of a basketball coach we desire a man with an established basketball reputation. The candidate chosen must have shown outstanding ability in the basketball field. Our principal interest in this appointment is coaching basketball. The football duties can be adjusted in accord with the football experience of the candidate.

We will appreciate any recommendation that you may feel free to give us for this position. The man recommended may be one of your own former players or some other exceptionally good coach that you will recommend. This position can be made a very attractive one and the Colgate Director of Athletics, Mr. William A. Reid, as well as the Colgate Athletic Council are eager to select the best man available.

Any help that you can give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Because we do not desire to have a great flood of applicants for the position we prefer that you consider this letter confidential.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Andrew Kerr
Football Coach

AK:J

March 27, 1939.

Mr. Joe F. Creed, Director,
Physical Education, Y.M.C.A.,
404 East 10th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Joe:

I will be at the convention in Sioux City, Iowa on April 1, so I will not be able to attend your wrestling tournament on that date, much as I would like to be there.

As far as our wrestling entries are concerned, I have turned the blanks over to the athletic department, and if there are any boys interested the blanks will be filled in and sent to you by the Athletic Office. At this time I don't know of any one planning to enter, as most of the boys are out for spring football practice.

I am sure that you will have a fine tournament and am glad to see that you have such a large entry list. Sorry I haven't been able to help you any more.

Sincerely yours,

Instructor in Physical Education,
Varsity Swimming Coach.

J. A. CARPENTER, ACTING PRESIDENT

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March 24, 1939

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Mr. Jim Raport
Physical Education Dept.
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Jim:

From the correspondence that we have had with the wrestling coaches and representatives in the Missouri Valley Area it looks like we will have a good size Missouri Valley Wrestling Tournament here in Kansas City this Saturday, April 1.

As you know, the entries close Friday, March 31, at 6 P.M. Wichita has indicated that they will have a team here as also has Salina, Kansas, Kansas State College, the Y.M.H.A. of Kansas City, Missouri and the Kansas City, Kansas YMCA. Entries have been received from Warrensburg Teachers and other schools in this area.

We are hoping that you too will be with us here for our Wrestling Tournament this Saturday.

Yours sincerely,

Joe

Joe F. Creed, Director
Physical Education

JFC:hw

April 11, 1939.

Dr. Glenn Cunningham,
Peabody, Kansas.

Dear Glenn:

I have just returned from Frisco for the second time, and this morning when I started to clean up my desk I opened the University of Kansas Newsletter and on the front page I find your photograph.

I am sure that you have had many expressions similar to the one that I am expressing now, but I want to tell you that I consider it one of the classic. It looks as if old man Cunningham was one of the Greek heroes of the early era. He would have been had he been running in that time and as he is now.

Glenn, I want you to know that I enjoyed the visit very much with you and Mrs. Cunningham at the Banker's game in Chicago. It was generous of you to offer me a ticket to the meet and the added pleasure of sitting and visiting with your wife while the races were on was a great pleasure to me.

Of course we are sorry that things didn't go for you as we hoped in that mile, - but, shucks, you have run so many races -- and the fact that they point for you for every one of them makes it a very difficult situation to win every race on the card. And of course people never expect you to be beaten!

You ran a great race, Glenn, and it was a great pleasure to be with you and your good friends.

With continued best wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 13, 1939.

Central Scientific Co.,
1700 Irving Park Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

We are sending by express an Impulse Counter which was purchased from you last November. The counter frequently stops at 29 and for that reason we are returning it to you asking that it be properly repaired and returned to us as early as possible since we are in need of it for an experiment which we are conducting.

Sincerely yours,

E. R. Elbel,
Asst. Professor,
Physical Education.

April 27, 1939.

Mr. Albert Crocker,
High School Basketball Coach,
Keosauqua, Iowa.

Dear Coach Crocker:

I am very happy to have your favor of the 21st instant.

I would recommend that the 1 5/8" maple (we call it 2" maple) be used in the longer lengths, if possible. The 4 ft. lengths are cheaper on account of the short lengths, but it does not make as good a floor. However, if you are forced to take that it would be satisfactory.

Yes, I would recommend that this new floor be laid over the old floor because it will give more spring and resiliency to the floor. The closer that you get to concrete with a floor the harder the floor will be on the legs of the players. You will develop shin splints and stiff muscles in the legs. Another thing, the closer the floor gets to concrete the more warped will be the floor on account of the dampness of the concrete.

As for the finish, you can get Seal-O-San, put out by the Huntington, Indiana, Laboratories, or the special gym floor finish put out by the Hillyard Chemical Company of St. Joseph, Missouri, either one of which is very good.

If there are any other questions that I can answer it will be a pleasure for me to do so.

May I state that "Better Basketball" is my newer book, and "My Basketball Bible" was published in 1924. So if you have read "Better Basketball" you have read my latest work, and, I think, much the better one of the two. It is very nice of you to say the things that you do about the book. I appreciate it very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Keosauqua, Iowa,
April 21, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing to you for information in regard to a new basketball floor that our school board is planning to lay this summer. I have a copy of your book Better Basketball and have enjoyed reading it many times and I noticed in it that you recommend a 2 inch white maple tongue and groove lumber for a floor.

Would you recommend this 2 inch maple in the short lengths of about four feet or would you recommend it in the longer lengths? Also would you recommend that it be laid over the old floor with the 2 x 4's laid flat or to take up the old floor and put the new one over the concrete base that our present floor rests on. I would also like to know what kind of a finish to use in finishing it and from what company you would recommend to obtain these products.

Our floor is about 70 feet in length and about 35 feet in width with seating capacity on just one side and along the other side the outside wall.

I have never had the chance to read your "My Basketball Bible" as yet but hope to read it sometime soon.

Thanking you for this information that I am asking, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Albert H. Crocker

Albert H. Crocker,
High School Basketball Coach.

April 24, 1939.

Mr. R. E. Canavan,
2512 Washington Road,
Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Canavan:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of the young boy for whom you were collecting trophies, photographs, etc. I know you personally must have felt terribly hurt at not being notified of his death.

Anything that was sent you from the University of Kansas you may keep if you so desire - including the picture of Dr. Allen.

I regret that Dr. Allen has not found time to write you, but since his return to the office from the various meetings he attended this spring he has been rushed with administrative details.

I trust the pleasure you received in doing things for the crippled lad, and the fine contacts you made, will in some way compensate for the ingratitude of his relatives. It is regrettable that he did not live to see the wonderful collection that you were assembling for him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

2512 Wash Rd

Kenosha, Wis.

3/29/39.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing now a letter I had - way down in my heart - hoped I'd never have to write - yet I knew I would sooner or later.

In a recent letter to your secretary, I informed her that a friend had said he'd get me tickets for the recent basketball final in Chicago, which I would be able to enjoy since I would be in Chicago that day. This he said he was unable to do - at least that's what he said - & I did not see the game.

But I did go to see the crippled lad that evening in a Chicago suburb - to discover that I would never see him again. Upon my arrival I was told that the youngster had passed away very unexpectedly - for it had been felt he would hang on at least several months.

Of course, this is a blessing - as he did suffer tremendously at times. If I had not gone there that evening I wonder when I would have found out. I know you will perhaps agree that I have more or less the right to feel incensed. I had taken a great interest in the boy ever since he was brought to my attention thro' an older sister of his who I had employed while managing a chair grocery in Chicago.

I have spent a great deal of money - which I did gladly, I interested some of the members of the

was in & they at times contributed much both financially
& in cheering him up.

I would feel a lot better about it all if they
had only let me know about it - not find it out for
myself. He passed away on the 19th & I would not
know it now if a sudden knock had not directed
me to his place. Even his family had left & gone
back to Chicago to stay with a relative. When I drove
back into Chicago & went to the relative I found out that
the body had been cremated & the family had gone back
to Pennsylvania where they originated.

In my share in bringing happiness to the youngsters
I hold no regrets tho' I do feel his family treated
me a bit shabbily. They, however, did not treat the doves
to the museum shabbily because I probably only because
they were not informed of it. I kept all knowledge of
it from them - lest they let it leak out to the boy.

I now must follow my promise made to every
donor - write to ascertain their wishes regarding its
disposal - or at least their share of it. It will not be
necessary to write to some since their letters acquainting
me with the fact they were sending something also told
me to do with their gift whatever I saw fit. But to
the rest I must write.

I have a touch of neuritis in my arm
so will wait until that leaves - however, I wanted to
write you in order to forestall your sending the
pictures if you haven't already done so.

In all honesty may I say that if you have sent
them & they are on the way - that I would very much
like to keep them if I may. I feel that way about all
the pictures that have been sent & there are quite a number
all autographed. The more there are quite a number

here are because Ford Frick, many universities, baseball club,
hockey & pro football organizations sent their autographed
pictures along with jerseys etc. I have imagined at
times that some sent these pictures to prove that when they
said they were sending the jersey of Pete Zilech, Pete
Zilech would be wearing it in the picture.

Of course, I have no more use for jerseys & track
suits & baseball uniforms etc than a dog has for two tails.
Not that I don't appreciate them - but they would only be
accumulating moth holes here. Such things as those I
will write to each donor to find out if he wishes me to present
them to an organization or returned to the sender. But
pictures I would like to frame & keep as a remembrance
of my part in the proceedings.

If your pictures have already been sent, will
you kindly write me if I may keep them, present them
to some club or return them to you? Much as I would
like to retain them, I promise to abide by your wishes.

Thank you very kindly & with my best wishes,

Sincerely,

R. E. Caravan

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4-1-39.

Dear Miss Kuster:-

It is evident that we addressed letters to each other upon the same day - 3/29. Mine was to Dr. Allen, which you no doubt received, or his secretary.

By this time you know the unfortunate circumstances regarding the sudden - to me, at least - passing away of the boy. It will not be necessary for me to go further into that.

I wish to thank both you & Dr. Allen for the pictures, pamphlets, basketball records, & the letter to the boy. I do greatly appreciate your kindness.

As I previously stated I should like to retain the pictures if it should be Dr. Allen's wish that I do so. I will not be hypocritical & say I shall be glad to return them - but if he does want them back, his wish is, of course, law - & I will return them - let us say, "under protest".

As for the Ath. Dept.'s sending some trophy that is no longer to be expected - as a matter of fact, I had not at any time since Dr. Allen's first letter expected more than the pictures. However, if Kansas just doesn't know what to do with used equipment - my arms are open. By now you perhaps already think I've changed my name from either Sandy Mac Cann or Abe Kaxnowitz or something. But all kidding on the square, I do think a lot of Kansas & tho' I have not set foot in the state in 4 years, I always will. So don't think for a minute I've ever turned down any mementos from her university!

Frankly, I only have one bad impression of Kansas - the reason I suppose I only have one is that I never experienced one of her tornados etc. But in returning from a business trip to Texas in 1919 - before I ever lived in Kansas at all - I found

it necessary to charge trains & run out of cigarettes in
Wichita. - the latter being by far the greatest evil. I could not get
any in the station & looked for a cigar store on the street. No luck!
I approached a tall man who I was positive I'd seen somewhere
before & he told me of the state law regarding cigarette & advised
me to talk to a porter for results. I did - & the result was I
bought 2 packs of cigarette in an understudy parlor back by the
station at 50¢ each. That is the bad impression. I returned to
the station, got in conversation with the tall man again - &
discovered I'd seen him dozens of times before in the uniform of
the Washington Club. - for he was the one & only "Big Train" - Walter
Johnson of Coffeyville. It is one of my pleasantest memories -
for we traveled together all the way to Chicago - & baseball had
that I was in those days - I enjoyed his stories & every minute.
Just to bore you a little more, that trip also included listening
to a speech by Jim Reed of Mo. in the K.C. station - the day before
he was rotten - egged in Ardmore, Okla. - & listening to a
high pressure sales talk regarding uncut diamonds from
So. Africa in the same station a minute or two before the salesman
was arrested. - Bullshit me - I don't know why I didn't buy!

I am now faced with the colossal task of writing all
knows as to their wishes regarding donations. Strangely enough,
each answer I have received as far as to told me to do with
it as I saw fit and I suppose that will be the general trend of
replies, unless, of course, there was something specially signifi-
cant about their gifts - such as intimate things of the "super-men"
like Lucretia - Baugh etc. I could hardly expect them to be of little
value to their Alma Mater. But I shall be governed by the
desires of all. Some I suppose, will go back - but a great mass,
if replies continue in the same vein, will go to boys' organization
C. Y. O.'s - Scouts, K. Y. F., etc. But those who have had time to reply
are only those within a short distance of here. I only hope I do
not get the packages all mixed & head the C. Y. O. - the So. Methodist
travel jersey - & the De Molayes - the Loyola basketball suit & Notre
Dame football. When better intentions are made, I'll make 'em.

Unfortunately, I never have seen Luirette in action - but I imagine there were two things that made him the star he was - an abnormal feeding of the ball to him & a great publicity dept. I talked to some fans who had been to Madison recently to see the state high school tournament & they tell me this phenomenal youngster, Kotz of Rheinfelden, was just an ordinary basket ball player - yet he gets such publicity that it is rumored he will matriculate at Alabama instead of Wis. where he belongs. They tell me that for every five minutes his team had the ball it was in Kotz' hands over 4 minutes - constant feeding. He averaged about 55 points per game during the meet & still he only connected on about 1/5 of his shots. He also made, in the regular season, over 400 points in less than 20 games.

I learned the value of publicity since the pro. football league began. The star whom I consider the greatest player fall time - & I've seen most of the big names - Grange, Nevers, Kipp, Berwanger, Kipke, Siedman etc. - received no publicity during his college days at Colorado College. That man is Dutch Clark, recently of the Detroit Club. I have a query man - or rather I did have - working with me who ballyhooed Dutch up before he ever went to Colorado. They were classmates in High School in Pueblo. I laughed at his praise even while Dutch went to college for I still had never heard of him. The answer to that was that I'd hear of him when he got to West Point where there was better press-agency. But he didn't go to West Point. But since Dutch went with the Detroit Club I've stopped laughing. I never missed a Det. game whether in Chicago, Green Bay or Milwaukee, and I've been repaid. The boy who praised him - just a modest Chap who has been living here since 1928. He has pitched as many as seven no-hit games in one softball season. Despite the fact that he did not pitch at all for four years, he has over 40 ~~not~~ no hit games to his credit. He spends his time praising other!

Other players have come into the pro. field with all-American publicity & reputation. I have seen decided flops. I have

absolutely no doubt that there are better basketball players in either Kansas or Indiana than Luquette ever will be.

As for this town, we haven't had a good basketball team here for a number of years - not since the Ke-Nash-a club stopped sponsoring a major outfit. I believe they went to the semi-finals at K.C. one year being met by the Hillyards or Henry Clothers or somebody. No Luquette would have gotten far with their heart-breaking, provoking defense - Barnes, Hoeger, Fisher, Diehl, - I imagine Dr. Allen has seen them. The high school has fairly well, but only 1 state championship - but always a center who is ^{the} high-scorer in the conference - Thompson, England, Peterson - & several conference championships.

In closing - which you thought I would never arrive at, may I suggest a plan which might simplify Dr. Allen's work? I wonder if perhaps the University only issued a pay-roll once a year instead of semi-monthly or monthly - then Dr. Allen would not have to return to the University so often & hence could see so much more of this great America. It must be disconcerting to have to return to Lawrence so often just for the sake of "the root of all evil" - which I too am rooting for.

Perhaps he has been spoilt in having too efficient a staff operating in his absence. I was not being critical in the foregoing reference to the root of all evil, maybe he likes Kansas more after seeing other places. As for the filthy lucre - well, he doesn't get paid! They used to say that cleanliness is next to Godliness. But I have learned that cleanliness is next to impossible - & that being so, we may as well pick up a little filth along the way. And he no doubt likes Kansas or he wouldn't keep coming back. They say, too, that absences make the heart grow fonder - if you like absences. Or perhaps the word is absences. I'm a little confused as I went to day school & it's right now. I hope that clothing I saw coming down the street in a car equipped with abridgment jackets!

Thank you for your very splendid co-operation. If you wish the pictures returned please let me know. Sincerely, W. C. Lawrence