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



Topeka, Kansas

Dec. 12 1938

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January 12, 1939.

Patty and Mickey Conger,  
745 Missouri Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Patty and Mickey:

It was nice of you to write me a letter. We are glad that you have used some of the show tickets.

My favorite pictures are Ferdinand the Bull, Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. I don't know which are your favorites, but I like them all, and I am glad that you enjoyed the tickets.

I don't know whether Patty or Mickey wrote this nice letter to me, but it is mighty well written for a little youngster.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

DIVISION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND  
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dear Dr. Allen:-  
We thank you very much  
for the show tickets. We  
have already used some  
of them.

your friends.  
Patty and  
Mickey Conger.



January 19, 1939.

Mr. George Cierney,  
University of Kansas.

Dear George:

Mrs. Allen and I thank you most sincerely for your kind invitation to attend the dance for the football players. We both regret that it will be impossible for us to attend as we plan to be in Topeka Saturday evening for a dinner engagement.

With best wishes for the success of your party,  
I am

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

P.S. I am returning the ticket which you kindly enclosed with your invitation.

F.C.A.



Kansas University

Dear Coach;

You are cordially invited to attend the dance being sponsored in honor of the 1938 Footballers, by the K U Relay Club. The dance is to take place in the Hotel Eldridge this coming Saturday- January 21, '39. The affair will be a semi-formal one and the entrance at nine o'clock that evening.

Please add to the success of this dance by attending with Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely yours,

Committee\*

Geo.  
Clemens



January 21, 1939.

Mr. John E. Carlson,  
Union Station Terminal Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear John:

Up to date I have failed to acknowledge receipt of your carbon copy addressed to Mr. Gwinn Henry, director of athletics at the University, concerning your pleasure in the sensible football schedule for next year.

We missed you at the basketball game the other night with Missouri. Governor Payne Ratner and his family were here, and the legislators. The Kansas team surprised me and won the game. I was happy that they did so because all the legislators had a perfect day here, and of course winning the game made them very happy - especially when Missouri was turned back to the state line with nothing but regret.

Lacey Haynes called me just before the Missouri game and had me lay some tickets aside for him. I do not know whether any special arrangements were made to ask Governor Ratner down or not. I, of course, did not feel that it was in my jurisdiction to do that. I am sure that Gwinn took care of it in good shape.

I trust that you and Mrs. Carlson are well, and that we may see you at some of our games here real soon.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

December 22, 1938.

Mr. Gwinn Henry,  
Athletic Director and  
Head Football Coach,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Gwinn:

May I congratulate you on the very sensible football schedule for the coming year. I was one who thought that getting a big team early in the season would be very valuable experience for our boys but since the last Notre Dame game I feel sure that the sacrifice far outweighs any possible gain. I think we should keep in our class. We have plenty of nearby universities that would command a worthwhile attendance for after all at the end of the season it seems the public looks at the games won and lost regardless of who the competitors might be.

I have been trying to get a young man by the name of Jimmy York, a graduate of Wyandotte High School, to come to K.U. but to date his financial condition would not permit it. He is a tackle, weighs 210 pounds and is 6'1". He has been playing with some former K. U. boys in the strictly amateur league. I now believe that he is a very fine prospect. His I.Q. is 105. He probably would do well in the school of education. If you will let me know a few days in advance of your next trip to Kansas City, I will try to arrange to have him come to the office and you might have a talk with him.

Gov. Payne Ratner is a very enthusiastic basket ball fan. When he and I were in the Senate a number of years ago we attended all the basket ball games. I think it would be wise to make an extra effort to see that he has a special invitation to the basket ball games. Later in the season we may arrange an appointment with him to see how many boys we can get in the highway department during the summer. I am sure that he will cooperate.

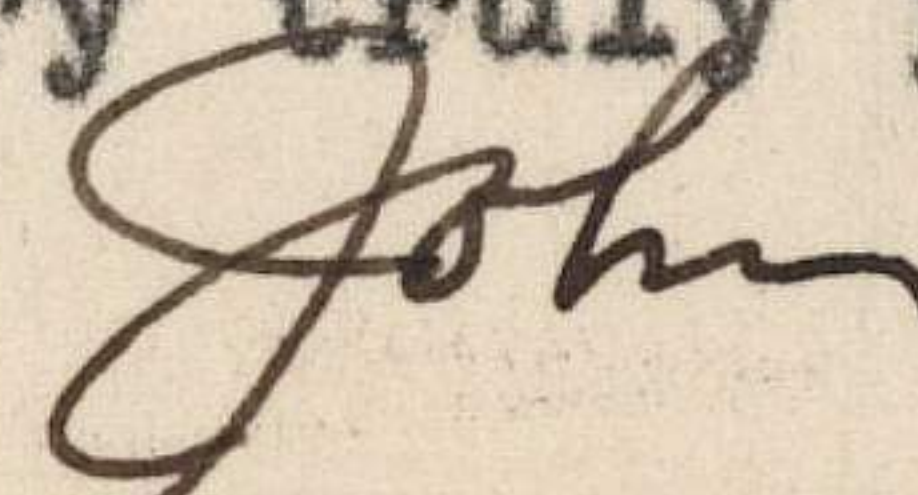
I know that under your fine management and your valued experience in handling boys, we can look forward to many fine years in athletics at the University.

May you have a Very Happy Christmas and a Fine New Year,

As always,

Very truly yours,

JEC/s





December 24, 1938.

Miss Pat Conger,  
745 Missouri St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Pat:

I trust that you will enjoy your Christmas  
and all the joys that screen-land shows to little  
children.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



December 19, 1938.

Mr. Joe Creed,  
Athletic Director, Y.M.C.A.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Joe:

A few days ago I spoke to you about bringing some of our badminton players over for an exhibition. If you would care to have us come we would be glad to come over sometime during this week or next week and give you a badminton exhibition.

If you have any outstanding badminton players who would like to compete against our players as a team we would be glad to play you.

One of our boys in a badminton class is a former runner-up of the California State Championship, and without a doubt I believe he would beat Ken Shedd who recently gave a badminton exhibition at the Muehlebach. I would not want you to publicize this fact, however, without the boy's consent. He is definitely one of the best badminton players in the United States, and it might be interesting for your people to see him play.

I shall be glad to hear from you if you are interested in arranging such an exhibition.

Sincerely yours,

Instructor in Physical Education.



December 13, 1938.

Mrs. Barbee Overfield,  
1145 Louisiana St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Overfield:

I want you to know what a pleasure it was to have the visit with you this morning to talk over matters regarding Dick and his welfare. I am taking up the matter with Mr. Gwinn Henry, Director of Athletics, and you may count on my one hundred per cent cooperation.

I have just learned from the Athletic Office that they have paid Dick an average of approximately \$25.00 a month from September 9 to November 28.

I am enclosing the article which I wrote for the Rotarian magazine, which I mentioned to you this morning. Some time when Dick is coming by the office he might return this article and the one from Collier's when you have finished with them.

Assuring you of my interest and hearty cooperation, I  
am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



November 4, 1938.

Mr. R. W. Cates,  
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Cates:

I humbly beg your pardon for not answering your kind letter of the 18th ultimo sooner. It seems as if my administrative work in the Department of Physical Education is keeping me extremely busy. We are endeavoring to make our major in physical education outstanding, and this is always a tough job when you are blazing a new trail. But I am happy over the success that we have attained thus far, and feel rather optimistic regarding our future in this field.

Richard Overfield is one of our physical education majors, and I think he is a fine boy. I am very fond of him.

Now, Mr. Cates, what I say to you is my own opinion, and no one else's, and I never try to foist it upon anybody. In our family we have had three boys and three girls, and we now have four grandchildren, and I am more convinced of the attitude that I would maintain in regard to my own children than I am about anybody else's children. So what I say applies to my own and to me.

Before going into this, I want to state that I know nothing of what the boy was led to expect that he would get or what he would expect at the University. I merely want to tell you what my attitude is in dealing with all boys who expect to get an education at the University of Kansas. Since I am not now athletic director I can say these things with a better grace than I could when I was supposed to head up the department for all coaches. Now my job is to develop physical education, and I have but one competitive sport, and that is the teaching of varsity basketball and freshman basketball.

Regarding fraternities -- fraternities make their own rules and they are not supervised by the University so far as they are concerned with their own members. I do not know this authentically, but it is my understanding that the various fraternities and sororities are each feeding a football player throughout the year. I do not know that it applies to other sports, but I am sure that it does not apply to the sport that I have anything to do with. I would not want it.

Now, back to the main thought. If I had a boy and I as his father was unable to pay his expenses, I would be happy for a realization of the necessity of the boy to work for his own living. College life is the only existence that I know of. When a boy happens to be an athlete some organizations will feed him, clothe him, and provide some spending money for him. This is, of course,



on account of his athletic ability.

I do not want to write too lengthy a letter, but I am cognizant of the fact that the alumni of most schools have a very big slush fund. They take these boys and see them through college. Some turn out all right, but the majority of them are athletic tramps. They are coddled and petted on account of their athletic achievement, and when they get through most of them are glorified bums. They are not willing to work because they were never taught to work in college as everything was given them on account of their athletic ability. But their athletic ability does not carry them on after they get out of college unless the individual goes into professional athletics. And the best professional athletics are not good for over four to ten years. Then the fellow becomes more of a chiseler than ever because he has lost the glorification that once attracted people to him.

Here is what I would tell my boy or yours, if I would talk to him. I would tell him that the State of Kansas pays for each student an average of about \$240.00 per year in addition to what the individual pays for his tuition, matriculation and fees; that education is a real investment. If a boy doesn't look at it that way he is not getting out of college the thing that he should, namely, a real education.

Contacts and friendships are wonderful and they are worth much, and that is exactly what I tell a boy that he should get out of his varsity athletics - a favorable introduction to society or business. But he will not get that thing unless he goes to a university to get an education rather than to merely exhibit himself in athletics.

When I talk to a boy I tell him that it is the height of travesty to think that he as an athlete can bring much fame and honor to a university. I ask that boy to think back 20 years and see how many athletes the names of whom he can see enscribed on the walls of the university, or endeavor to ask a number of alumni the great athletes who have participated that are now known as athletes. And then I ask him if he has ever heard of Dr. Cady, the man who discovered helium gas during the World War. I ask him also if he has heard of Carruth, Marvin, Franklin, Weidlein, Slosson, and a great host of other scientists and literary men who worked a lifetime here at the University for a small salary doing a job that they were putting everything into for the rare privilege of doing a job well. So much for that.

You will pardon any justifiable pride that I might have in the basketball teams that I have coached, or in the football team that I coached here in 1920. I coached football ten years, and I have never yet had a team that amounted to a lot that had a lot of fellows eating at the back door of somebody else's house. You cannot build morale in a boy by giving him his food, clothing, and he knowing all the time when he is taking them that it is costing someone else some money. Not that he particularly cares at that age just how or when he gets it, so long as he gets it regularly. But you and I know that when a boy arrives at a certain age of conscious behavior, we know that you cannot pauperize a boy and make a great leader out of him.



I do not want boys on my basketball team who are getting all these gratuities who are not working for them. And while these college athletic people will tell you that the boys are working at a job, the subsidies in these larger schools are nothing but outright donations.

So you see, Mr. Cates, I do not have much patience with this type of so-called hypocrisy. If the hypocrisy affected only the people who were doing it, then that would be consistent and would not hurt those fellows, but to take young college boys just out of high school and have them parade under this sort of a false banner is doing injury to the young growing boy. That is why I am against it.

I am happy that I am in a position that I can speak out and show that the results of our championship teams are the requirements that every man shall have to work for everything he gets, and if he doesn't have enough money then he can obtain legitimate loans and work on the expenditure of that investment the same as any industrialist works on a loan. He expects to get something for it, and he expects to pay it back.

I am sending you a copy of the Rotarian magazine in which I wrote an article on subsidization. You can see that I am for the boy being recognized and having a scholarship, but the duplicity that is now going on in the name of education is astounding.

It was good to hear from you. I trust that you will feel that I am doing everything constructive that I can for Rick, because he is in our department and he is a fine chap, and I want to help him. I have not had an opportunity to talk with him regarding his finances, and of course will not because I had nothing to do with that side of it. However, he may be certain that if he ever needs my aid in helping him chart a course that I am sure will be more durable than the one based on getting something for nothing other than his athletics, I will be happy to help him.

With all good wishes to you, and assuring you that I appreciated the kind words you expressed regarding the broadcast of the Kansas-Texas game, I am, with kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

10 - 18 - '38.

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

Dear Doctor:

I enjoyed your broadcast of the Kansas - Texas game; but I had hardly mentally expressed the wish that you would knock on wood or cross your fingers when you stated that Kansas had only to hold the ball two minutes and the game would be ours, when my fears were realised and we fumbled. That will be all for that.

My reason in writing you is that I learn from the father of Richard Overfield that the boy is not getting the financial assistance he was led to expect, or did expect, at the University.

When an eighteen year old high school boy has equalled collegiate records in the sprints, I think he is an asset that should be retained for the University. I know that he was called over long distance from Illinois before he went to Lawrence and pressure was exerted to get him to Southern California. I also know that friends of the University and of his parents used what influence we had to bring him to the University.

His father has no means to help him in getting this college training and neither can his mother assist much.

I understand from his father that he has to pay his University fees; that is, the boy or someone has to pay them, as well as his living expenses. I do not know what assistance he will receive from the fraternity to which he pledged - Sigma Chi, which is my own fraternity.

I do not know what the fraternity is permitted or expected to do, nor what help he can receive at the University; but I do feel that we should be able to make as generous arrangements as these other Universities have offered. His father feels that he can still go to California and receive this help.

This boy is young and inexperienced and will need coaching in his school work; but, I am convinced, he should be kept at K. U.

Sincerely yours,

*R. W. Cates*



December 13, 1938.

Hillyard Chemical Company,  
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am wondering if you would kindly send us a supply of your Hillyard Basketball Chart and Score Card booklets. One of these came into my possession, and I am so pleased with your set up that I should greatly appreciate receiving a few of them.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach,  
Director of Physical Education.



December 13, 1938.

Mr. R. W. Cates,  
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Cates:

Mrs. Overfield came in this morning and we had a very nice visit together. I am delighted with her splendid, wholesome attitude. I have promised to help her and I think we are going to make definite progress toward Dick's welfare. I will see that Director Henry knows more about the things that have been promised Dick.

I never believe in making any promises unless they are kept.

We are mighty pleased with Dick. He is a fine, high grade boy, and we are going to see him through to a happy graduation and a fine athletic achievement. I am glad that you wrote me as you did because many times I do not get the whole story of these promises, and while I do not make them myself, I do believe that they should be kept.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S. I have just learned from the Athletic Office that they have paid Dick an average of approximately \$25.00 a month from September 9 to November 28.

F.C.A.



December 3, 1938.

Mr. Francis J. Conway,  
1354 Touhy Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Conway:

This will acknowledge receipt of your note of the 29th ultimo.

There are two basketball films in which you might be interested. One is a silent film on teaching basketball fundamentals which was made by the Eastman Kodak Company, using some of my players. I do not believe this film is for sale, but I am sure it can be rented for a very small sum for the Extension Division of the University of Kansas. No doubt you could also get it at the University of Chicago, which would, of course, be much more convenient for you.

The other film is a movie talkie which was made for the Converse Rubber Company, using the Phillips "66" team, showing the coaching methods of six college coaches - McMillan of Minnesota, Carlson of Pittsburg, Keegan of Notre Dame, Bunn of Stanford, Bee of Long Island, and Allen of Kansas. This film is available from Films, Inc., of Chicago.

Both of these films are extremely valuable in teaching basketball to players, and I have used them a number of times. I trust that you will have no trouble in obtaining one or both of them. If I can be of any further service to you, I shall be glad to hear from you.

With best wishes for the success of your team, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



Tuesday November 29, 1938

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas

Dear Sir:

In your book Better Basketball, one of the footnotes states that there is available a two reel motion picture, showing basketball fundamentals in detail. I am very much interested in getting hold of that movie to show to my teams. Would you please send me the necessary information in the inclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope, telling me where I may buy, borrow or rent the movie. I will greatly appreciate this favor from you.

Gratefully yours

Francis J. Conway





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



November 22, 1938

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your reply to our inquiry regarding the qualifications of Mr. Blaine E. Grimes as a candidate for the Rhodes Scholarships. Your letter will be treated by the Committee as strictly confidential.

Yours very truly,

Wm. D. P. Carey

SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.



October 22, 1938.

Mr. W. F. Coen, Jr.,  
Coen's Athletic & Sporting Goods Co.,  
925 Walnut Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Junior:

We will send through a requisition for payment for the one dozen tennis balls which we ordered last spring, but it may take some time to get this through. This item should have been charged directly to the Department of Physical Education and payment would have been made immediately.

If you will send me statement of this account, which I am sure the business office will insist on having, I believe we will have no difficulty in paying this bill.

I am sorry that this was not taken care of before.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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October 18, 1938

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

Dear Doc:

See by the papers that the basket ball squad has been out and along with the rest of your friends here in Kansas City I am again looking forward to the one sport on which I can always count on Kansas putting up a real showing. You don't always win (darn near it) but you at least get the most out of your material and that is more important.

You may recall that last spring I was trying out some new tennis balls and you had me send one dozen for the Physical Education Department. This was charged on the regular University account but was never taken care of. Perhaps I should have charged it direct to your department but I didn't and now Earl has advised me that I should write to you and explain the situation. If there is any difficulty about it just skip it but there is that small balance unpaid.

I'm ashamed to say that I have not been in Lawrence this fall but I hope to soon and will drop in to see you.

While I think of it I might be in a position to help on any new equipment you might need even though our store is closed to the public. I shouldn't think you would be needing anything in the way of uniforms or sweat suits but if you do I would be glad to work with you and save you what I can by purchasing direct from the factory. The latter is just a thought.

Yours very truly,

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October 20, 1938.

Mr. Delmar Curry,  
Kansas High School Activities Association,  
207 National Reserve Building,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Delmar:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of the 18th instant I turned over to Mr. Earl Falkenstien your K card and the money you enclosed for three tickets, and requested that he select some good seats for you. Doubtless Mr. Falkenstien will mail your K card and the tickets to you in a very short time.

After this, since Mr. Falkenstien knows where you are, I doubt if it will be necessary for you to mail your K card. Any time you want tickets just write Mr. Falkenstien and he will honor your K card without your sending it.

It was good to hear from you. I had heard that you were with Mr. Thomas, and trust that you are very pleasantly situated.

Please call upon me if I can be of service to you at any time.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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October 18, 1938

E. A. THOMAS  
COMMISSIONER



Dr. F. C. Allen  
Athletic Department  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am enclosing \$7.00 and my K card to cover the cost of three regular \$2.25 seats and the 25¢ tax on a K ticket to the Nebraska game. If possible I would like to have these seats on the west side of the stadium and fairly well up. I am hoping this will not inconvenience you too greatly.

I was selected for this job as assistant to Mr. Thomas last summer and came to work August 1. The work is right down my line and I am enjoying it immensely.

It was a pleasure to notice in the report of the Southwest Kansas league which we received yesterday that you are to conduct a basketball clinic out there on the opening day of their tournament. The event should prove quite popular with the coaches and players of that section.

If I may be of service to you at any time I shall be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

*Delmar Curry*  
Delmar Curry

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October 14, 1938.

Mr. Walter Chappell,  
The National Grange,  
1343 H. Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chappell;

I am no longer Athletic Director, and of course have nothing to do with the handling of tickets. It has not been our practice to send tickets out for games away from home because these tickets would have to be purchased from the home management at face value. I doubt very much if that practice can be indulged in.

I am passing your letter on to Mr. Ovim Henry, Director of Athletics, but I doubt very much if these tickets for the George Washington game can be sent.

I am also passing the clippings along to Coach Ad Lindsey for what benefit he can derive from them. Thank you for sending them.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Doc —

Attached is list of men  
 who did not take out their  
 gym suits — will you please see  
 them

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Klamm

M. Manderson - out.

W. Hooper

D. Kaul out

Davis out.

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Belshe out.

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Medland

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Allen out.

Colwell

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Hartman

Hahn out.