

March 24, 1943.

Professor K. W. Dayidson,
Department of Journalism,
University of Kansas.

Dear Wayne:

Let me say this for Ray Evans. I have never had a finer athlete mechnaically, emotionally or mentally than Ray Evans. He is chain lightning, plus perfect coordination when driving for a shot. He will not average one bad pass per game, and when two men go after a ball the odds are 8 to 2 that with all things being equal between the two combatants, Ray Evans will emerge with the ball. And he plays the ball.

He is viciously clean, magnificently aggressive and a perfect coordinating member of a group. He never projects his personality into any situation, but he always projects his body ahead of everybody else after that ball. He has the quickest pick-up when starting on the offense or covering back quickly on defense - of most any man that I have ever seen. He is all-American in basketball on any of my teams. He certainly is all-American in football because he had few, if any, peers, and he is just as fine a basketball player, comparatively speaking, in this sport as he has been in football.

He is one of the easiest fellows to coach that I have ever met. He is really shy. When he is complimented on a fine play he actually blushes. And in the winning moments of a game when some of the other team members' energies are fagging, Ray Evans seems to put on double poundage of energy.

He won the Fordham game in New York in the last ten seconds of play with a Gargantuan out for the basket that seemed to leave all of the Fordham players standing still. It was a short dribble drive of 35 feet into the basket where he evaded two Fordhams to lay the shot cleanly up for a field goal that decided the issue. He guarded Senesky of St. Joseph's in Philadelphia and scored 16 points himself from a guard position. Senesky, in my opinion, is as fine a player as Chuck Hyatt of Pittsburgh, and he ranks so close to Hank Luisetti that one would have difficulty in making a choice.

When I think of Paul Endacott, of the ever-victorious team of '23, I would rate them both (Endacott and Evans) co-equals in intelligence, coordination and great offensive and defensive play, as well as having the finest natural leadership which means social contacts on and off

the field with their fellows.

I nearly exhaust my vocabulary in trying to describe these two superlative and outstanding Kansas men.

Davy, don't you think it would be well to mention to Helm's that Paul Endacott is now executive vice president of the Phillips Petroleum Company? You can run any quotes on Endacott, using my name, that you wish. In my opinion, Evans is destined to make a place for himself in the business and professional world of the future.

Now, for Charlie Black. Tony Hinkle, the Great Lakes coach, picked Charlie Black on his all-opponent team, and you know Tony played some good boys. "Pic" also picked Charlie on their all-American. He was undoubtedly the best man in our western part of the country. That even takes in the Big Ten and runs to the coast. I do not believe that we saw a better man than Charlie Black from the standpoint of coordination, offensive and defensive rebound play, and ability to score in the clutches.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 15, 1943.

Mr. Bert H. Davis,
Box 236,
Utica, New York.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your communication addressed to the Chancellor of the University of Kansas has been handed to me for reply.

Ray Evans was inducted into the United States Army on March 6th. He is now at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was in the ERC and was able to finish the basketball season, going over to Leavenworth after the game. I am answering the questions that you perhaps desire regarding Ray Evans.

You are exactly right when you presume that Ray personally abstains from all forms of alcoholic beverages, narcotics and the like. He does not use tobacco in any form, nor any type of alcoholic beverage. He is a perfect trainer, a very modest chap and a man of exceptional mental and physical powers. He is by far the most popular man on the campus at the University of Kansas and has made both the all-American football and basketball selections. I have had the pleasure of coaching him for two years and have never had a finer boy on any athletic team.

It is a great pleasure for me to make this testimonial for Ray.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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BERT H. DAVIS

BOX 236

UTICA, N. Y.

March 6, 1943

University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Office of the President
(Public Relations)

Gentlemen:

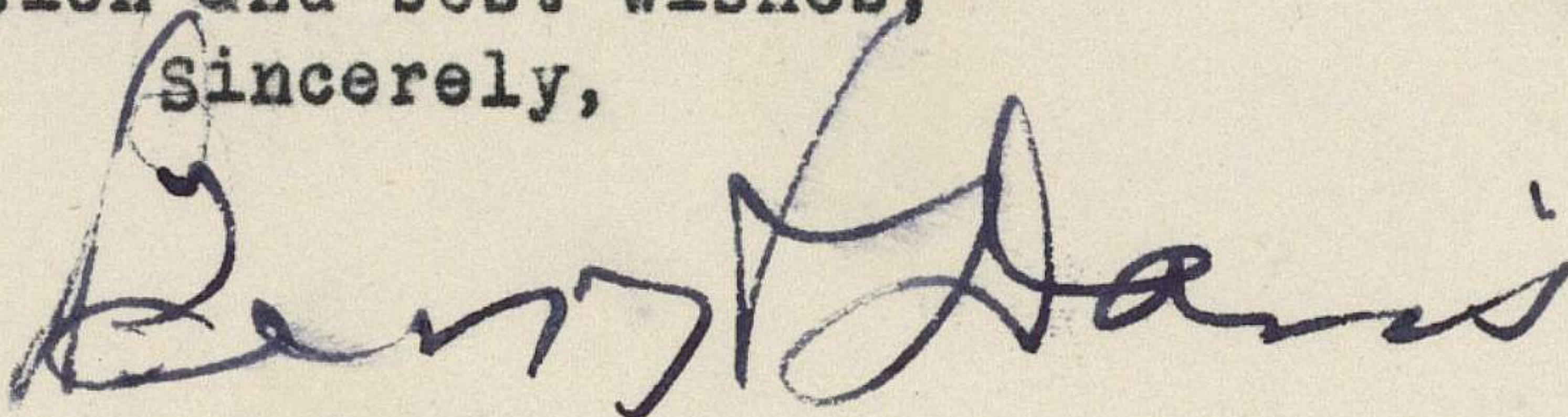
I have been interested in the deserved publicity recently given to Ray Evans, in a release through Associated Press.

I presume this star in many sports is personally abstaining from all forms of alcoholic beverages, and would be willing to state briefly that this is his practice, giving his reasons if he desires to do so.

This is not an idle inquiry - for I would be glad to use a statement by Ray Evans, and a picture of him in sports attire, in The Allied Youth, Washington, D. C., which I am editing for a few months and in the Gannett Newspapers, which with The Allied Youth are giving publicity to outstanding athletes and other Americans who choose to be alcohol-free.

If Evans is in the process of going into the armed forces at this time, I would be glad to know which arm of the service is enrolling him.

With appreciation and best wishes,
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bert H. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

February 8, 1943.

Mr. W. A. Dewell,
226 East 9th St.,
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Dewell:

I acknowledge with thanks your favor of the 2nd instant regarding your son, John.

It is for the purpose only of clearing up some matters to our mutual satisfaction that I am writing this letter. The only conversation or connection that I have had with you, Mr. Dewell, has been at the time of our phone conversation of last week. I had had no contact with John previous to his enrolling at the University, nor did I know of any arrangements pro or con that he might have had concerning his attendance at the University. No promises were made by me to him or to anyone else regarding his enrollment at the University of Kansas.

However, since he has been here I have been impressed with his fine personality and bearing. He is a most likable chap and I have often asked him how he was getting along and if he were happy here. He always stated that he was getting along fine and that he was very happy regarding all things. I, of course, took it that he was.

Last Monday morning early Charles Elliott of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity called me at home stating that John was leaving for his home and was expecting to enroll the second semester at Southern Methodist University. He further asked if I would meet Johnny and talk with him. I told Elliott that I would see him at 11:30 after my classes were over for the morning. When John failed to show up I called the Phi Delta house and learned that he had left for home. I learned from some of John's fraternity brothers that John had stated to them that he very much desired to stay in Lawrence and remain in the University but there were other influences taking him to S.M.U. Some of the boys at the house stated that certain promises had not been kept and it was only for the purpose to straighten out any misunderstanding that I called you. I stated to you over the phone that none of my basketball players were receiving any subsidies and it was not my purpose to bid for a boy, but if any promises had been made I was sure the people here at the University would see that they were kept.

For your information, Mr. Dewell, every individual who enters the University is forced by law to pay all fees in to the state. No student can be exempt from any fee payment and if the fee is paid it is paid from someone's pocket. Likewise, when fraternity initiation fees are paid they are paid from someone's pocket.

I am sure that you will agree with me that the function of an educational institution is to educate the individual. Athletics are an extracurricular activity and while they are very important to the physical and the emotional growth of the boy, they are not by far the most important. The only way that an athlete could hope to repay his University for his training would be by playing on her teams. When an athlete shops around and goes from place to place to get the better offer he places himself strictly in the professional class. The function of a University is to develop recreation and amateur athletics and not promote and carry on professional teams.

It is possible for the University to do a great deal for the boy. But it is very little that the boy can do for the University until he graduates and goes out into the world to serve humanity with the training that he received in the University.

I am sorry that you feel that John was being pushed around from time to time, and "for this, that and the other thing". It was my impression that Johnny was pretty well well-nursed here and I am sorry that he felt he should not stand for things which, in my opinion, showed he was being pretty well treated. Of course, there are schools that will do more for an athlete than other schools. That, of course, is on the basis of professional athletic contributions rather than amateur achievement.

Personally, I have chosen to take boys who desire to enter the University of Kansas for the training that they may get in the professional courses here rather than have boys who want to come for athletic scholarships. Those desiring athletic scholarships are generally discontented, regardless of the proposition that they are offered. They always want a little something better. When I think of Paul Endacott, the Executive Vice President of the Phillips Petroleum Company, of Waldo Bowman, Editor of the Engineering News-Record for McGraw-Hill and Company, of Balfour Jeffrey, an outstanding lawyer in Topeka, of Charles Black, of the Illinois Owen-Libby Glass Company of Toledo, of Dr. Paul Harrington of Kansas City, and scores and scores of other highly successful business and professionally trained men, then I am convinced that athletic financial contributions which distort the mind of the growing boy are all dead wrong.

We have a very much larger game on at the present time in this world conflict, and I am convinced that all of us will be so busy in this big game for several years that regardless of where a boy goes in the next few years his ultimate destination will be Tokyo, Rome and Berlin, and that this job will far outshine the promised glories of the athletic field.

I only write this letter because many parents feel that the University uses an athlete board, room, tuition, fraternity initiation, spending money, and so forth, for their athletic services. Very few universities are in the athletic business.

Thanking you very much for your kind letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Newton Ks. 2-2-43

Mr. F. C. Allen
Lawrence, Kans.
Dear Mr. Allen:

Mr. King called here this evening, and I explained to him John had completed arrangement to attend Southern Methodist University and that it was too late now to make any changes in his plans.

As you know doubt know John had offers from University all over the country and it was not at all necessary for him to be pushed around begging from time to time for this that and the other thing, he is just not the kind of a boy that will stand for things of that kind, and he ask me to make other arrangements for him, and I did so. These arrangements are final. Thank you very much for past favors,

Yours Truly
W. A. Druce

February 9, 1943.

Mr. Wade Pierce,
Kansas Electric Power Co.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Wade:

Since you were interested in the Johnny Dewell case I thought you might like to see a copy of the letter Mr. Dewell wrote me and my reply to him.

My purpose in sending this is to explain the misapprehension that many parents have regarding the responsibility of the University to educate their youngsters.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

February 9, 1943.

Mr. A. E. Woestemeyer,
Lawrence Journal World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Woeste:

Since you were interested in the case of Johnny Dewell, I thought you might like to see a copy of the letter Mr. Dewell wrote me and my reply to him.

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Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 9, 1943.

Mr. Karl Klooz,
University of Kansas.

Dear Karl:

Thank you for your communication informing me that John Dewell's fee money had been paid.

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter I have received from Mr. Dewell, and my reply to him. Evidently by this letter Johnny was dissatisfied, and it looks to me as if things had been gummed up considerably. He was supposed to get 50¢ an hour and got 35¢. If he were to be subsidized 15¢ an hour for work on Buildings and Grounds and instead worked in the check room and got 35¢, I can easily see how it would be difficult for a boy's mind to understand why he could not have a subsidy of 15¢ on his check room job. Since it was to be paid out as a subsidy I have difficulty in understanding that, too.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 9, 1943.

Mr. Clint Kanaga,
Jenkins Music Company,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Clint:

Thanks for your fine invitation to visit you,
and congratulations on Clint getting his first Jap.
Bill came in and told me and was as overjoyed as we
all are over his achievement.

I am sending you a communication from Mr. Dewell,
of Newton, the father of Johnny, and my reply to him.
The boys at the Phi Delt house asked my help in trying
to keep him from going home, but they notified me too
late for me to do any good. I thought perhaps these
two letters might clear up some points.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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- ✓ Alvin King, ^{King} ~~Hesston~~ Motor Co., Hesston, Kansas
- ✓ A. E. Woestemeyer
- ✓ Karl Klooz
- ✓ Vic Hurt
- ✓ Chuck Elliott
- ✓ Lacy Haynes
- ✓ Chancellor Malott
- ✓ Winifred Ice
- Wade Pierce

✓ Dr. Peete

Ret. b. Pierce

February 9, 1943.

Mr. Lacy Haynes,
Kansas City Star Bureau,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Lacy:

I certainly appreciate all that you did in helping us on the Johnny Dewell case. Frankly, I think the thing was gummed up by some very inopportune handling of his case. Certainly Southern Methodist offered him more than he was getting at the University, and the father naturally wanted the boy to get all that he could get from the best bidder.

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Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 9, 1943.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

Since you were interested in the case of Johnny Dewell, I thought you might like to see a copy of the letter Mr. Dewell wrote me and my reply to him.

My purpose in sending this is to explain the misapprehension that many parents have regarding the responsibility of the University to educate their youngsters.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 9, 1943.

Mr. Alvin B. King,
King Motor Company,
Hesston, Kansas.

Dear Mr. King:

I thought you would be interested in seeing a copy of the letter Mr. Dewell sent me and my reply to him regarding Johnny.

My purpose in sending this is to try to explain the misapprehension that many parents have regarding the responsibility of the University to educate their youngsters. And too, many fellows think if they play on a team they do a lot for the university and somebody should pay their way through college. Most students have to work their way through college, or their parents pay their way. Many athletes want the other fellow to pay it.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 9, 1943.

Miss Winifred Ice,
1433 Tennessee St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Winifred:

You were so kind in calling me during the time that we were endeavoring to get Johnny to return to the University that I thought you might be interested in the letter that Mr. Dewell wrote me and in my reply to him.

I assure you I have a very high regard for Johnny as a real boy and a fellow that I think eventually will make a mark for himself if the proper advice and training are directed.

There is a very great misapprehension regarding the method a boy should employ to get through college. Too many fellows think if they play on a team they do a lot for the university and somebody should pay their way through college. Most students have to work their way through college, or their parents pay their way. Many athletes want the other fellow to pay it.

My only purpose in sending you this letter is to endeavor to explain the many misconceptions parents have regarding the University's obligation to educate their sons through the athletic route.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 9, 1943.

Mr. Victor Hurt,
Athletic Office.

Dear Vic:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I received from Mr. Dewell and my reply to him. You and I have already discussed the situation as applied to his work here.

Of course, any arrangement that you made with Dewell was perfectly all right as far as I was concerned because I had nothing to do with Dewell and his work, but Dean did hire him down in the varsity room and I am convinced in my own mind that the boy would have difficulty in differentiating between a subsidy of 15¢ an hour on work paid for by the Buildings and Grounds, and a subsidy of 15¢ an hour which was not paid for work done for the Athletic Association. It fact it would appear more reasonable to me that it would be easier to subsidize an athlete 15¢ an hour for work done in the Athletic Department than it would for work done outside of the Athletic Department.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 8, 1943.

Dr. Don Carlos Peete,
Medical Arts Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Peete:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter received from John Dewell's father, and my reply to him. I am also sending you a copy of the article I told you I had posted on the bulletin board for the basketball team.

I have just talked to Dr. Canuteson, and Charlie's temperature at 3 o'clock this afternoon is normal, so it looks as if we are winning the battle. Yesterday afternoon it bounded up to 102.8, or something like that, but today is normal.

Dr. Canuteson says the hospital has had more calls come in for Charlie than for any other patient.

We do not plan to use him in any games before February 26 when Oklahoma plays here. We will have to play the Oklahoma Aggies without him, but will be happy to have him back when he is completely well. I talked to Dr. Zimmer last night and he was afraid I had planned to use Charlie before that time.

I will keep you advised, either by phone or letter.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 3, 1943.

Mr. John Dewell,
S.M.U., Box 174,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Johnny:

I was very happy to receive your nice letter of the 17th ultimo and would have answered it much sooner had it not been that I have been constantly on the rush with basketball and administrative duties. I have also been out of town a great deal.

We are leaving tonight for Omaha where we will have but one regular to play on the team and the other seven boys are scraped from the bottom of the barrel. Evans, Schnellbacher, Baker, Brill, Dixon, Short and Blair will not make the trip but we will take Johnny Buescher, Larry McSpadden, Paul Turner, Max Kissell, Jack Ballard, Bob Fitzpatrick, George Dick and Bill Forsyth. So you can see we will be murdered, but it is a token trip because all of our other boys have been called in the service and want to go home a few days rather than to play the game against Creighton. They are not particularly interested somehow, and I can't blame them.

I hear you have been playing some fine basketball. Good luck to you! And if and when this war is over I trust that you will want to come back to the campus where you first enrolled and get that necessary education here at the University of Kansas. You will understand that there is the "no transfer" rule here and even though you played at S.M.U. you could still come to the University of Kansas and participate but it would be necessary that you stay two semesters before you could play.

Anyhow, Johnny, I thank you for your nice letter and I hope you have lots of luck both in the class room and on the athletic field, and in this great field where so much is going to be required of us individually and collectively.

Wishing you well, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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2/17/43

Dear Mr. Allen

I have been meaning to write to you for some time. I want to thank you for the offer you extended me. I realize that you don't generally make any like that, and I felt complimented. If I could have had my way I would have returned to N. V. I know your word is as good as anyone's could be, but I had let Dad make the arrangements and he wouldn't let me back down.

I will take the blame for the whole thing, cause you did tell me once to come to you if any thing went wrong. When that happened, however, it sort of upset every thing and I didn't think much about what I was doing.

I guess I am the loser all the way around, cause first of all I lost my chance

To have you for a coach. Something I had
wanted for some time.

Did you lose any players to the Air
Corps? I hope not, cause you had a fine B. B.
team.

Well I guess I had better close. I just
want to thank you for every ~~thing~~ thing
from our first contact you have been very
nice to me and I do appreciate it. I wished
I had some way of showing it. All this
has been my fault and I regret it. Just
between you & me, I will always be sorry
that I didn't stay there.

Wishing you all the luck in the
world; I remain

Sincerely yours

John D. Hull

2/17/43

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have been meaning to write to you for some time. I want to thank you for the offer you extended me. I realize that you don't generally make any like that, and I felt complimented. If I could have had my way I would have returned to K. U. I know your word is as good as anyone's could be, but I had let Dad make the arrangements and he wouldn't let me back down.

I will take the blame for the whole thing, cause first of all I lost my chance to have you for a coach. Something I had wanted for some time.

Did you lose any players to the Air Corps? I hope not, cause you have a fine B. B. team.

Well, I guess I had better close. I just want to thank you for every thing. From our first contact you have been very nice to me and I do appreciate it. I wished I had some way of showing it. All this has been my fault and I regret it. Just between you and me, I will always be sorry that I didn't stay there.

Wishing you all the luck in the world, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(signed) JOHN DEWELL

March 12, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

Thank you very much for your very good letter of March 10 with its enclosure on your broadcast to the American soldiers and sailors overseas over your station WHAD. This is very interesting and we appreciate your many fine compliments to our team.

I am sorry to hear about Ug Roberts leaving school. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Granville Seanland, Assistant Municipal Counselor of the City of Oklahoma City, who was Chief of Police in 1940 when I rode back from Oklahoma City with him and with Jack Copeland. I remember distinctly that Chief Scandland mentioned the two boys' names and Jack Copeland said he remembered the discussion.

I certainly have no desire to carry this further and my only hope is that from now on we can definitely end any cheap talk that goes on between the players. Roberts got on Brill as soon as he came in the line-up, and when he continued it Bill Brill perhaps remembered what I had said to the boys. "If they keep after you with their taunts and mean insinuations, give them the works", meaning of course to call attention to some of the indiscriminations that they had practiced.

In checking with Ray Evans I find that the information regarding Tucker came from Sparky McSpadden who had a very close friend at Winfield, Kansas. It was while Gerald was a senior in Winfield that the difficulty arose. I understand that he was paroled either to the chief of police or to a physician. Certainly I do not want to mention this either, only when a fellow sticks his neck out he should be without blame. And without blame, I mean when a foul is called on one of our boys and your boys came up and ran their hands through our boys' hair and made remarks to them that we consider unsportsmanlike. I hope hereafter that we can be without those unpleasanties.

I assure you of my high respect for you as a gentleman and a coach and I know that if you definitely discourage this with your boys it will not happen. With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

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March 16, 1943

(Day after Federal Income Tax Ho-Hm)

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

Dear Phog:-

Thanks to you for your letter and all the contents that you promised me. I was hoping that you wouldn't come up with it so that I might have a chance to get that red tie to even the count.

I do hope that this incident was preformed in the spirit of a boyish prank, for far be it from me to think that I knowingly had a boy that would continue to live this sort of life. I only can hope that mistakes like this will serve as a warning of the red light ahead should they continue. At the time that this was brought to my attention by George Edwards, I was very up-set feeling that maby I had been asleep at the switch, for I felt that I was close enough to the boys that they would confide in me when they were in trouble as all basketball players should do if we do the right kind of a job. I haven't said anything to any of the boys concerning this since it came up last year, and after reading Scanland's letter think best that under the circumstances I'll let the matter drop. As for Tucker, I'm planning at the conclusion of our season find out what the trouble was.

As for the sportsmanship of my players, I can assure you that it not only looks bad for players to run their hands through a players hair when a foul is called, but dosen't help the conduct of the crowd. This will not occur again on the part of any of my players. I don't coach that kind of ball, but regardless of what happens in the heat of a battle, I don't think it ethical for a coach or player to throw up some mistake that any boy would make and who has in all probability tried to profit by this mistake. This shows preparation on the part of the coach to use this cheap means of combating chatter that is an outgrowth of enthusiasm rather than "cheap talk" that would reflect on a boys character.

Dr. I guess the action of my players in the past wouldn't convince you that my ideals as far as a basketball game is concerned is something that I hope I'll live to see. Wouldn't it be wonderful to sit thru a game that is hotly contested and hear the crowd cheer for the visiting team when play warrented it the same as the home team. And also agree on all fouls that were called by the "rabbit eared" boys ~~would call~~. I venture to say that some of these impersonators



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we have had there at Lawrence could call a pretty fair game if they had enough guts and were not "prodded" by the benches and crowd. I know that you yourself are not as active on the bench this year as you have been in the past, which could be the results of a fine season, but so long as we permit expression of disapproval from our bench, we can't expect the crowd to agree when men who are so close to the game as our staff get up and let out a howl. I'm not saying that our crowd here at Norman is any criterion to go by but, but so long as coaches raise cane in general with two men that are his guests, I'm afraid that the home court is going to be worth ten points instead of from 4 to 6. I'll admit that I did more screaming this year than usual, and as chairman of the "Ethics Committee" I probably set a terrible example, but I don't remember in the past 15 years that I have been out of school of officiating that was as sorry as it was this year. I know that the problem can be dealt with successfully if we take the initiative.

There was quite a bit of squaking from the Missouri Valley when the selection committee selected us as the "sub" for the 5th. District. And a third string sub at that. You were brought into the deal here in the Oklahoma papers of course from the Aggies. Four players and all that. That same boy that Hank wouldn't use in your game when he had only four boys on the floor, was the same boy that took no less than 15 of our shots from the basket before they had a chance. They used a tight zone on us with two men in front of Tucker and the "goon" under the basket. They let us shoot at will. He played over half of the game. Now this boy couldn't play in your game for some personal reason because the Aggies were behind, but a 7 foot boy can play if they are ahead, not because he's a basketball player, but because of his height. I have written Floyd A. Rowe a letter in relation to raising the basket as you suggested, and also to either do this or make it impossible for a defensive man to touch the ball on its downward flight to the basket by counting the basket if the violation occurs. Now if he could play basketball it would be different, but ~~never-the-less~~ the basket was placed at that height because the running track happened to be 10 feet from the floor.

Thanks to you for your information you sent me, and congratulations on a fine season.

Sincerely,

Bruce
Regards to Mrs. Allen & the boys.