

THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Echo Lake, Calif.
Aug. 13, 1941.

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

Dear Phog:

In running thru my badly stuffed file of unanswered correspondance I am embarrassed to find your kind letter of June 18th. While perhaps it didnt call for a reply the fact that I have had quite a lengthy visit with Burt recently is reason enough for passing along a little news.

Of course I was glad to learn that Burt left in "good graces", since one can never be sure just how such changes will be accepted by those left behind. He seems to be very happy in his new work altho he says frankly that he is a green pea and knows nothing about it. In that respect he seems to be in the same boat with many others who are attempting similar jobs in this new army development. Certainly it is a great opportunity, a virgin field and one from which he should emerge with greatly increased knowledge and experience in physical education and recreation. Judging from the morale I have observed in the few camps visited he is confronted with a colossal job.

While my family has been here at the lake enjoying a fine Calif. summer I have been down at Stanford preparing for and taking my final written and oral exams for the doctorate. Wound them up last week and I guess the examiners decided to pass me and get me out of the way for they put the final stamp on me and its now officially "Dr. DeGroot". Of course my children are giving me quite a ribbing - after all these years of still being a student, to their embarrassment, but its OK with me!

We are closing up the place this week end and leaving for home via southern California where we will visit my folks and Burt and Ruth and their new papoose. We are all looking forward to our first peek at the pride and joy with great interest. Burt says he's quite a kid already but he is probably prejudiced.

Planning to work out with the Washington Redskin football team at San Diego for a week thence on back to Chicago for the All-star game the 28th. Dont know our route for sure at this writing but if we are anywhere near Lawrence will stop by and say hello.

Trusting you have enjoyed a fine summer and with kind personal regards to Mrs Allen and the children from the DeGroots, I am

Sincerely,

And DeGroot

Lawrence Public Schools

CLIFFORD D. DEAN, SUPERINTENDENT

Lawrence, Kansas

March 10, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I do appreciate your kind offer of a locker and the privilege of playing with the faculty members on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 4:30 to 6:00. I have been unable to take advantage of this offer, but hope to begin next Wednesday.

I was surely sorry we couldn't win the Oklahoma game last week. I thought for a time in the second half when we went ahead that the game was won, but the boys just didn't have enough endurance to see it through. I am sure we are all looking forward to another year and are not disappointed with the present team, but feel as you do that they have gone much farther than we had any right to expect.

I am looking forward to playing golf with you as soon as the weather permits.

With the best of personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Clifford D. Dean.
Clifford D. Dean

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Mar. 6, 1941

Dr. Allen:

I talked to Tom Harris last night. I saw his watch Friday when I was checking out equipment to the baseball players. It was on Dean's desk in the freshman basketball room.

I check out equipment Monday, and I also noticed the watch. Tom came in shortly after the 3:30 whistle blew, and the first thing he asked about was his watch. He told me last night that he noticed it was still there from Friday. He even remembered the exact time that it had stopped on, so this eliminates any one from getting into the room over the week-end and getting the watch.

Don Blair came to work shortly after three-thirty, and I spent the rest of the afternoon working with the baseball players. When we came in from practice Don told me about the watch.

The swimming team, the Freshman basketball boys, and the baseball team used the room that afternoon.

The watch disappeared between 3:30 and 6:30.

I am sorry that it happened, and I am doing all that I can to find it.

Ralph Dugan

February 12, 1941

Mr. K.W. Davidson
Director of Information and Instruction
8 Journalism
University of Kansas

Dear KW:

I have written Joe Wilkins and Professor Wiley a short note the same as I am writing you, and enclosed a copy of my letter to Chancellor Malott.

In my letter to Joe Wilkins I suggested that you and he get together and plan for this patriotic song fest. Of course, I could do it, but since you have been appointed by the Chancellor on this patriotic public speaking service, I thought it well to tie you in with this plan.

It is not much of a job but I thought perhaps you would want to get some publicity out on it and play it up so that the students and patrons will know what is coming. As I wrote to the Chancellor, we felt that so much of this red stuff has been talked in the Legislature, that it would not hurt a bit if the students went patriotic one night.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Enc.

February 20, 1941

Mr. Clifford Dean
Superintendent of Schools
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Clifford:

I have checked with the Powers That Be, and find that all and everyone of them would be delighted to have you at the Faculty Jam Session.

Not only that, but we have a locker room with two vacant lockers, and one of them ought to be tagged as yours. We have a separate shower in this room and fine dressing quarters. All the tax to you will be twenty-five cents for your key. This is merely a deposit because, if you will return the key to my office at the end of the school year, my secretary will give you your "quarter back"--if you are a football player. What a pun!!

Miss Lauretta Gerstenberger will give you the information when you come into the office for the key. The Faculty Jam Session is on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00. They play volley ball, badminton, handball, and other games. You can choose your game.

I spoke to Mr. Burt DeGroot about the matter, and he is looking forward to seeing you. It would be a pleasure to have you with us.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

FCA:lg:mln

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

February 25, 1941

Mr. H. G. Douley
Perry, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Douley:

I want to thank you very much for your kindness and hospitality to our basketball team while we were in your city enroute to Stillwater, where we played the Oklahoma Aggies on February 17.

It was very generous of you to do all the nice things for us and we are very grateful to you.

Thank you very very much.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

February 27, 1941

Mr. Harry Downs
1625 Alabama
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Downs:

I have just written a short thank you note acknowledging receipt of a letter from Mr. Cliff Higby.

When you come in for a talk we will follow this matter up.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:lg:mln

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

Mar. 6-1941.

Dr. Allen.

Harry

I talked to Tom Kittle last night. I saw his watch Friday when I was checking out equipment to the baseball players. It was on Deans desk in the freshmen basketball room.

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Ralph Dugan.

West Hatch
the Metal Box

June 5 1941
Morning
H. Dugan

February 1, 1941

Mr. Lane Davis
706 W. 12th Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Lane:

I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your fine cooperation on behalf of Charles Black. I am very certain that, had you not shown this boy the sources and the method of getting information, he would have failed. The fact that you had already established yourself as an outstanding student also impressed Charles to the point that he says never again will he make a low grade such as he received in this course.

Personally I deeply appreciate the time that you took in showing Charles the way. Believe me, if at any time there is any way that I can extend a kindness to you, I trust that you will not hesitate to call on me.

I believe that in future years you and I will be pleased that we had faith in this boy's ability, because somehow I feel that, not only will he be a fine athlete for the University of Kansas, but he will be a fine citizen. He has marked qualities that give us every hope to believe that he will definitely establish himself here at the University of Kansas.

Again thanking you, and with kindest personal regards,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

February 7, 1941

Mr. Dudley DeGroot
College of Arts and Science
University of Rochester
Rochester, New York

Dear Did:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I
have just received from Asa S. Bushnell.

I wanted you to have this because you can
see he is willing to use you if and when he has an
opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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The University of Rochester
College of Arts & Science
Rochester, New York

Jan. 25, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your two recent letters were deeply appreciated but frankly they hurt my conscience just a bit because I know how desperately busy you are at this time of the year and you have no time to be spending writing letters to fellows like me--much as they may inspire us.

Alice and I were so happy to have had those few minutes with you and Mrs. Allen and the family (two of them, at least) at the time of your New York debut. Alice fell in love with Mrs. Allen, as I knew she would. You were both so kind to find time to talk with us in the midst of your many friendships and precious time.

I don't know when a basketball game has hurt me more than the one your sick kids played that night; certainly I couldn't have felt worse had I been coaching them myself. Coming right on top of that justly deserved article it was a shame that they weren't in shape to show that critical crowd just how an Allen coached team can really play the game of basketball.

But to your great credit, although few realized the situation, no alibies appeared in any columns even mentioning the fact that your kids, including yourself were really quite sick with the flu. What greater tribute can be paid any team and any coach? None, to my mind in this day and age of commercialized, phoney intercollegiate athletics when alibies are the commonest stock in trade of far too many so-called coaches. Your sportsmanship in this instance is one which I shall never forget and one which I am using every time I have the opportunity, in making talks to groups of people in this region.

Thanks so much for your most generous letter to Bushnell. If that doesn't secure me an opportunity to officiate a few games under his direction nothing will, and I only hope I shall be able to live up to the many kind things you said. I'm working many high school games and have one at Colgate in two weeks. Saw Notre Dame play Syracuse Monday in the roughest, dirtiest game I have ever seen two college teams play - and it was all the fault of two lax officials. Three boys seriously hurt and seven expelled before it was over!!!

Thanks again and kindest personal regards to Mrs. Allen and the family from the DeGroots.

Sincerely,

(signed) Dud DeGroot

January 28, 1941

Mr. Dick Dunkel
Dunkel Sports Research Service
Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Dunkel:

We have passed on your statement of \$2.00 to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, our Financial Secretary of the Athletic Association. I am sure you will receive payment for your services in the very near future.

I am of the opinion that your rating service will stimulate the interest of the boys and basketball to a high degree.

However, some of the boys have just come into the office carrying your rating sheet and they said, "If this fellow Dunkel figures this way we figure his ideas are screwey."

They cite that your rating on Kansas on January 10 was 61.6, then we lost to Oklahoma at Norman and you rate us 61.2 on January 17. After that Kansas defeated Iowa State, the leader who defeated Minnesota, Bradley Tech. and other good teams, and in addition Kansas went ahead to whip Missouri and Kansas State and you rate us 58.1 on January 24, after we have won these three games. And the interesting part is that on January 24 you still rate Iowa State 62.1.

How come?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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January 24, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

We were very pleased to receive your letter of January 21st ordering our basketball rating and forecast service.

We are enclosing as you requested the first three issues of the season as well as a copy of the current one for the week ending January 31st.

All future issues will be mailed to you on successive Fridays.

Enclosed is our bill for the season's service.

Thanking you again, I am,

Very truly yours,

Dick Dunkel

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Dick Dunkel

Statement (A2) given to Mr. T. Alkenstien

September 13, 1940

Mr. Art Dufelmeier
Beardstown, Illinois

Dear Art:

I had a letter from John Buescher yesterday. When I think of Beardstown I think of John Glenn, Art Dufelmeier and John Glenn. It occurred to me that you might like to read some yarns in my book, Better Basketball; there are seven stories, the "Tales of the Yesteryears" in the last part of the book, so I am mailing a copy to John Glenn and John will see that you get it. I trust that you will enjoy some of the reading in the text.

I assure you it was a pleasure to have a visit with you and I am hoping that John Buescher will make such a fine record at the University that you will want to play on the same team with the willowy, illusive, jumping, John Buescher.

With all good wishes for your outstanding success this fall in football and basketball, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

October 10, 1940

Mr. Art Dufelmeier
Beardstown, Illinois

Dear Art:

Congratulations on your versatile and successful sortie in your game against Macomb. Evidently you saw the Rockne picture and got an idea from that bunch of chorus girls on rhythm and comph! You must have both, Art.

I am glad to see you doing so well in football. Keep it up, my boy. I am hoping someday that you and John Buescher will be teammates. I would like to see you two dutchmen scampering over our hardwood maple for the glory of dear old Kansas. I know that you would like it here very much and I know that we would like you.

How have you been getting along with those yarns in the back of my book, Better Basketball? They are true stories and not made-up yarns.

I sincerely believe that John is going to make a great player, if he can make the grades on his correspondence examination, which I am hopeful he will.

If you have any time free in your basketball schedule, after your football season is over, I would like to have you come over with John Glenn; that is, if he makes the trip, and see one of our games. I am sending you a basketball schedule, one of the early ones without the Jayhawk adornment, but it gives you the information. You keep this schedule and compare it with yours, when your basketball schedule is made out, and if there is a free date we would like to have you as our guest. I know you would have a good time visiting with the boys and seeing John scamper over the floor. He is right slick. If he could be as slick in his studies as he is in his basketball I would have nothing to worry about, so far as John is concerned.

If you have finished with the book just wrap it up, put a 6¢ postage stamp on it and mail it to me. I will be distributing these to the boys very shortly and if you have finished with it I would be glad to have it returned at your convenience.

Write me when you have time.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

FCA:lg
cc: John Glenn

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

October 19, 1940

Mr. Gerald M. Danskin, Coach
Bradshaw High School
Bradshaw, Nebraska

Dear Coach Danskin:

I am acknowledging receipt of your letter dated February 28, and which my secretary made a previous acknowledgement on March 11. You will recall that I had the National Collegiate Basketball Tournament to handle in Kansas City, both the Western and the Finals, and our team happened to be in it, so with the rush of things and the close of school, your letter became lost in the file. I owe you an apology, but the best way to face the situation is to be utterly frank.

I enjoyed hearing from you and always assure you that when friends and critics of the basketball rules write me I endeavor to present their thoughts and arguments to the Basketball Rules Committee. Of course, the Committee will not agree to adopt many of the suggestions, but some are very timely and strike their fancy.

Since the Basketball Rules Committee of the United States and Canada are presented with so many different suggestions, you can understand why all the suggestions are not accepted.

I quite agree with you in your argument.

With every good wish, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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BRADSHAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOHN T. LAMASON, SUPERINTENDENT
GERALD M. DANSKIN, PRINCIPAL

BRADSHAW, NEBRASKA

Feb 28, 1940

Rec'd

Coach "Phog" Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

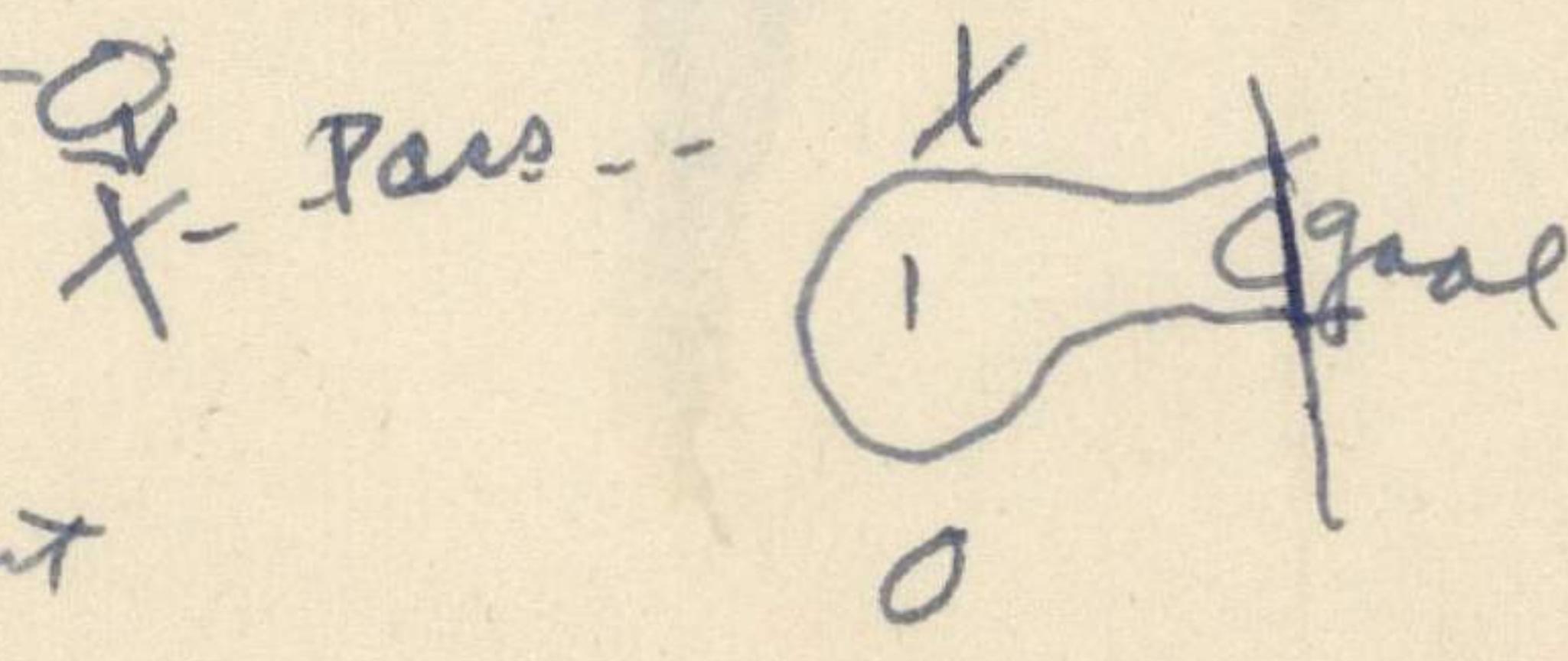
I believe you have the solution for the extremely tall center - restraining circle under goal & no tip in shots. The tall man still has a sporting advantage - but not an impossible advantage as now.

I'd also like to see the rules revised in two other items: first all tie balls should be thrown from ^{one of} three circles - center or free throw circles. Secondly - the team throwing a free throw should not be penalized by losing the ball, but should be given the ball out of bounds near center. Otherwise a team 2 ahead can foul without being penalized during last 30 seconds - in fact can foul to advantage as it merely loses possession of ball (option assumed) where it may not have had possession to begin with.

To illustrate: Team A - 2 pts ahead
last 30 seconds

O = team A
X = team B

Deliberate foul
here by team A
(before pass to open man)
would not be penalized but
to advantage as team B now instead of set up
gets "possession" back at center.



BRADSHAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOHN T. LAMASON, SUPERINTENDENT
GERALD M. DANSKIN, PRINCIPAL

BRADSHAW, NEBRASKA

I write this to you, because I believe you are in position to improve the rules.

I disagree that team making ^{field} goal is penalized by losing ball because that is equalized in the course of the game if score is close - if not, it is immaterial. But in the case of free throws, it is an injustice to lose the ball after goal or have to take option of "possession" when one may already have possession in more advantageous position.

I compliment you on your success over a period of many years.

Sincerely,

Gerald M. Danskin
Coach, Bradshaw High

March 11, 1940.

Mr. Gerald M. Danskin,
Coach, Bradshaw High School,
Bradshaw, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Danskin:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 28th which has come in Dr. Allen's absence from the office. At the present time he is engrossed with details of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament, which takes him out of town much of the time. Your letter will be brought to his attention upon his return to the office.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

November 5, 1940

Mr. H. S. DeGroat
Faculty Manager
Springfield College
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. DeGroat:

Your letter of October 30 requesting sample
forms used by our department, has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time,
but upon his return your letter will be brought to
his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

FACULTY MANAGER
H. S. DEGROAT

October 30, 1940.

Dear Fellow Member:

Dr. Harry Scott, president of our College Physical Education Association has requested that I prepare a display of inter-collegiate athletic office forms for our coming meeting in New York. The display must have representation from all parts of the country.

Can you arrange with your department to send me samples of every form used by your institution? I am interested in every type of form--printed, mimeographed or otherwise--including instructions to managers, samples of passes, equipment room forms, budget forms, etc., in fact, everything that is used by your department.

I appreciate your effort in seeing that this is forwarded immediately so I can plan this display and do credit to your institution.

Very cordially yours,

H. S. DeGroat

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H. S. DeGroat

Mr. F. C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

November 12, 1940

Mr. Dale Deweese, President
Chamber of Commerce
Wellington, Kansas

Dear Dale:

I have been thinking very seriously since you called asking that I deliver the address at the Wellington Football Banquet in honor of your exceptional and victorious high school football team.

I assure you that I consider this an honor but I am torn between two decisions. A desire to have a good basketball team, especially since our football team has not been going very well. We are playing the University of Texas on December 9 and 10 here in Lawrence and we have not had opportunity to practice as much as we should. It will be necessary for me to miss basketball practice on the afternoon of December 3. In addition to that I have two classes that meet in the mornings which takes me up to noon and that would not permit me to catch the ten o'clock Santa Fe for Wellington. However, I could meet my classes in the morning if I drove down and left here about noon.

The State does not provide any traveling expenses for such occasions as this, and since I drive a Buick Roadmaster, it would take at least 5¢ per mile each way to pay my expenses. If you are willing to do this I will make special arrangements so that my basketball team can practice under supervision and I will forego the practice that day for the pleasure and honor of being with you and your boys in their championship celebration.

Congratulations to you and the boys over their splendid victory over Wichita. I looked up the score and found that all Wellington had reason to rejoice over their fine victory. Will you extend congratulations to the boys for me?

Will you please tell me what time the banquet is to start and what time you plan to have it terminate. I can get started back from Wellington that night and drive part of the way, and will plan to get off early the next morning so that I can get back to my classes; the first one of which meets at 9:30.

I have very many pleasant recollections of Wellington. I remember I spoke at the dedication ceremonies of your new memorial hall right after the World War. Mr. Ed. Hackney asked me down for that meeting. I remember then that Claude Scott was your secretary and I happened to be vice-president of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce. When the Lawrence directors were looking for a secretary I told them about a young man who led the singing, sold all the tickets, and took the cooks home after the meeting. Scott was elected up here and did a fine job for a number of years.

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Mr. Deweese

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Nov. 12, 1940

By the way, I stopped in Wellington this summer with Mrs. Allen, on our way down to the University of Texas where I was teaching. We had breakfast in Wellington and visited with a few of our friends. I am sorry that I did not have an opportunity to stop and say hello to you.

If these arrangements are satisfactory with you, will you please let me know at your early convenience.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

November 29, 1940

Post card?

Dakin Sporting Goods Co.
Bangor, Maine

Gentlemen:

I have your post card as of the 26th instance stating that you desire rules of the different forms of basketball to be used with this. The Hedart Manufacturing Company always sends a book of rules which I had written along with Goal-Hi. Will you not check up with the University of Maine people and see if a rule book was not shipped with the Goal-Hi.

I am writing to Mr. Roy Weinsettel and I am very sure that you will hear from him at once.

Thanking you for your inquiry, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lw

December 13, 1940

Mr. Elwyn Dees
Trainer, University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Elwyn:

In your letter of December 4 you asked for the addresses of some of the old boys. I am dictating this letter at night but when the letter is written I will have consulted Fred Ellsworth and I will endeavor to give you the information you desire.

We are not so hot in the basketball way. You have to beat better teams than Texas to get very far.

Lots of good luck to you and Maxine. I know that you will enjoy the trip west and you certainly deserve it.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Lincoln, Nebraska
December 4, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Well, as you know we have "up and done it" and are Rose Bowl bound after a pretty strenuous season, but which was well worth it. All of Lincoln talks of nothing else, and of course the whole Dees family is very elated over it.

I am wondering if you know of any of the "old boys" I was in school with who are now in California. I know there must be a good many out there, and since I will have a few days to my own diversion after the game, thought I might take the opportunity to look some of them up if you could send me their addresses. I would surely appreciate it.

We are leaving as soon as school is out for points west to work out before January first. Don't know just where we will be going as yet.

Wishing you the best of success on your trip to New York, (Maxine's brother was up ~~over~~ Thanksgiving and said your boys were looking pretty good to him),

Very sincerely yours,
Elwyn
Elwyn Dees,
Trainer, Uni. of Nebr.

