

August 26, 1941.

Mr. Dell Davidson,
1112 Illinois St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I wonder if it will be possible for you to roll the women's hockey field while the ground is fairly damp. Miss Hoover was in the office this morning and suggested that if you could do it now the field would be in much better shape than if we wait until after school starts. Of course, I do not know how much help you have at the present time, but we shall appreciate your taking care of the hockey field at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

August 13, 1941.

Mr. John T. Doyle,
c/o American Sports Publishing Co.,
19 Beekman Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Doyle:

Doubtless you will receive a tear sheet from Clyde McBride's Sporting Comment as of yesterday, August 12th. But I clipped this out more as a memorandum so it would recall to my mind the necessity of writing you to congratulate you on the most outstanding work perhaps of any man in sports. I say this without fear of flattery or contradiction.

Through the long years you have been a sportsman, a high grade gentleman, and an indefatigable worker. It must be a source of great pride and joy to a man when in his mature years he can look back over a wonderful record of accomplishment and friends by the legion.

It was perfectly fitting that Walter R. Okeson should give you the entire credit by saying "the only editor was John T. Doyle. . . . Hats off to John T. Doyle."

My sincerest wishes to you for many happy and durably joyous days.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



A. G. Spalding & Bros. Inc.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
19 BEEKMAN STREET, NEW YORK

August 15, 1941

My dear Dr Allen

Thank you so much for sending the cutting from the Star. Do you suppose that there Mr McBride would send a copy? I should say not. So you see how much I am indebted to you, as I should not have known of it otherwise.

Anyway, it is a nice tribute, even if it does take a shot at the new book. And I am especially grateful to you for your comment, which, believe me, Dr Allen, I appreciate most highly. While apparently laborious, the guide work was really a labor of love from the beginning, so that at no time has any of it been tiresome. While I could never be paid materially for the time I have spent, the associations it has brought, not to mention memories, have amply repaid me. And in this devotion, my long suffering wife is entitled to a meed of praise for her patience and forbearance.

I am still going on with the Spalding firm--in fact, I am a "vice president"--in a sort of contact capacity; so maybe some day I shall stretch the itinerary and show up in Lawrence to thank you in person for your encomiums.

In the meantime, my dear Dr Allen, please accept my renewed thanks, and all all good wishes for Mrs Allen and yourself.

Sincerely yours

John T. Doyle

August 14, 1941.

Dr. Anne Schley Duggan,
Director of Physical Education,
Texas State College for Women,
Denton, Texas.

Dear Dr. Duggan:

I will be happy to accept appointment as a member of your Committee on Student Section of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation for the year 1941-42.

May I assure you of my full cooperation, and may I offer my congratulations to you for the honor that our organization has conferred upon you. May your administration be highly successful.

Your short note written on the back of your letter revives a very lovely visit when you and your fine troupe came to Lawrence. They still talk about it here.

So you read that article in the Saturday Evening Post, did you? Well, you know what they say --- that anything will lie on paper.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

cc-Dr. W. P. Neilson

TEACHERS COLLEGE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

August 9, 1941

Dear Dr. Allen:

This is to invite you to serve as a member of the Committee on Student Section of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation for the year 1941-42. You have been recommended as particularly well qualified to contribute to the work to be undertaken by this Committee of our National Association. I do hope, therefore, that you will find it possible to serve.

You will be acquainted with the specific functions of the Committee as soon as the appointments have been accepted.

The personnel of the Committee on Student Section includes: Miss Virginia Bourquardex, Chairman

Miss Mary Ethel Ball	Mrs. Mary G. Hutchinson
Dr. F. C. Allen	Mr. Ralph Leighton
Miss Gwendolyn Drew	Mr. Gene Garbee
Dr. F. W. Maroney	Mr. Carl Bredt
Miss Katherine Cronin	Dr. W. R. LaPorte
Dr. C. D. Giaque	Miss Alice O. Bronson

May I have your acceptance of this appointment at your earliest convenience? After August 15, please communicate with me at Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas. Will you send a copy of your letter to Dr. N. P. Neilson, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

These are crucial times for our profession but they afford unique and significant opportunities for our National Association to extend its services and to contribute richly to the growth of our profession.

May I say again that I hope that you will find it possible to serve on the Committee on Student Section during the year 1941-42? The Association needs your help.

Most cordially,

Anne Schley Duggan

Anne Schley Duggan, President
American Association for Health,
Physical Education and Recreation

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

(Enclosure)

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you in a
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Salter Day Evening
Jean D. Dugay

CELESTE LEADERSHIP

March 13, 1941

Mr. Virgil M. Downey
3901 Broadway
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Virgil:

I am very happy to have your good letter of recent date.

Yes, I knew your father and thought that he was a grand gentleman. We visited many many times when he worked with us here in the gymnasium. He was friendly, had a fine philosophy toward life and was always on the right side of a question. You know there are three sides to a question--your side, my side and the right side--and he seemed always to be on the right side.

I am sorry that I could not attend his funeral; in fact, in my busy existence I did not know that he had passed on until I learned that the flag was at half mast.

He was my friend and I was his and I assure you that I enjoyed knowing him. May the example he set always be a source of inspiration to you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

FCA:lg

Dr. J. L. Allen
University of Kans.
Lawrence Kans.

Dear Dr. Allen;

I am writing you this
few lines in regards to a man
you along with many more
will miss very much, I'm sure.

You have been around him
enough to see the true golden
character he was.

Since he was called on
such a short notice to take a
position that we all have our
application in for, He was unable
to send in his resignation. I am

taking the liberty to do so for him. He has I know enjoyed working with such a fine bunch of people for so many years. But since his present contract was from the master of all and a for ever position. He no doubt feels he will be able to help us out more with our little troubles through life and the wasaph he enjoyed so much here on earth.

I want to express my
thanks to all of you who worked
with and around him for giving
him the enjoyment he has had
working with you for so many
years. Sincerely

Yours. Sincerely
Virginia M. D. Donnelly
3901 Brookside Dr., Re, Mo. U. M. Donnelly

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April 1, 1941

National Basketball Rules Committee
University of Kansas
Kansas City, Missouri

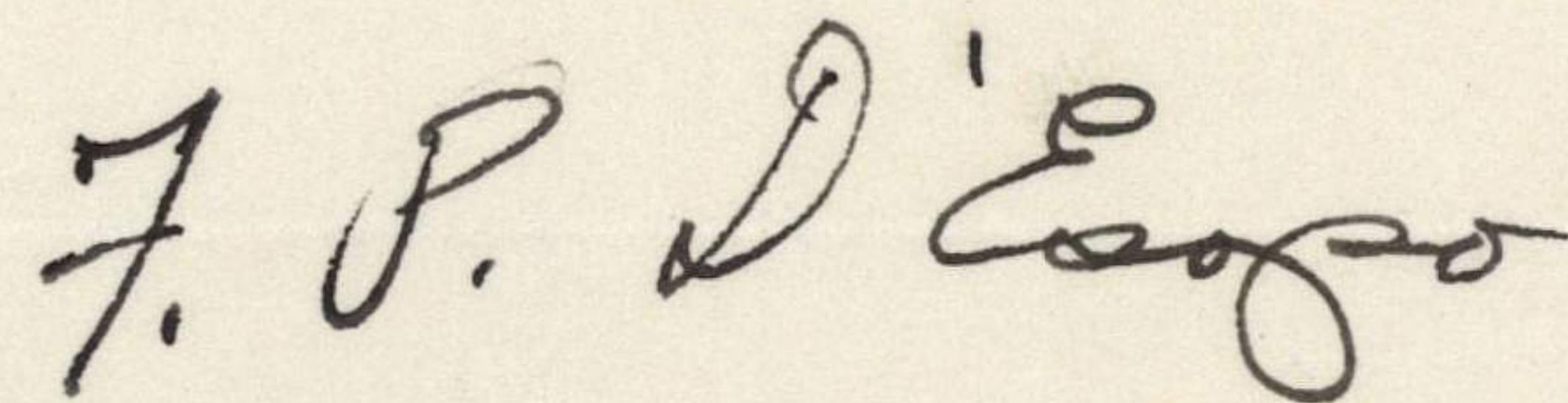
Attention of Mr. Allen

Gentlemen:

We read with interest an article appearing in the Hartford Courant which indicated that at a recent convention of the National Association of Basketball Coaches steps were taken to standardize the playing equipment and to eliminate one rule designed to slow up the offense in a basketball game.

In this connection we were pleased to read that the lighting of courts be made to conform to the specifications of the Rules Committee of which you are the chairman. It is hoped that in your study of the proper lighting system for courts that you will consider the use of Wiremold fluorescent lighting equipment.

Yours very truly,



FPD:GH

Electrical Engineer

April 14, 1941

Mr. Dudley S. DeGroot
Associate Professor
The University of Rochester
Rochester, New York

Dear Dud:

This is just following Easter Sunday and I am working here at my desk trying to catch up on my correspondence. In filing some of my old letters that I had saved for a special purpose, I ran across yours written February 8, so you see how long it takes me to clean up my desk.

However, I want you to know that the house is all cleaned up and the insurance company was kind enough to take care of the major part of the disaster.

Burt is getting along splendidly, and of course they have written you regarding the blessed event--ala Walter Winchell--which should take place sometime May; but if nothing has been said about it, mum is the word. Burt is looking very much like an old family man, but he is a swell fellow and a good administrator. I am using him as my right-hand man in administration. He is well and looks better than he has at any time since he came to the University.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

February 8, 1941

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

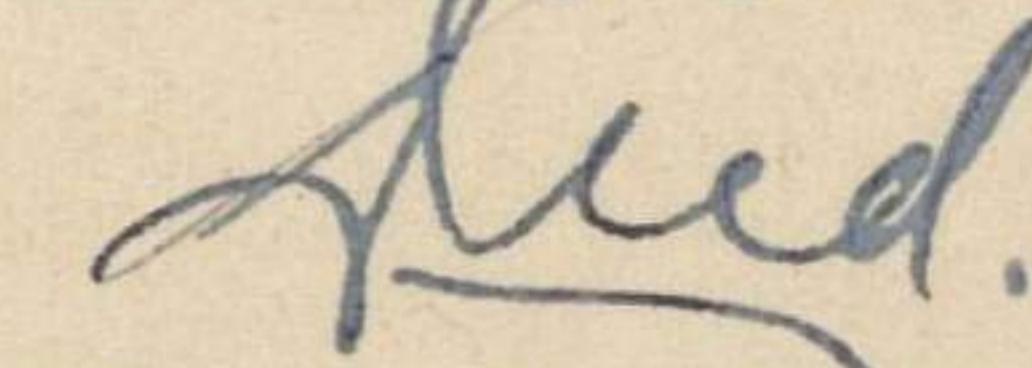
Dear Doc:

I am sure you haven't time to carry on a regular correspondence with a punk like me but I simply had to drop you just a note of thanks for your recent letter.

Alice and I were so sorry to hear about your home disaster! We can imagine how upset Mrs. Allen must have been because she told Alice, at such great length, about how hard she had worked to put her home in apple-pie order just before leaving on the eastern trip. We do hope that you at least had insurance to cover all of your ruined decorations and furnishings.

With thanks again for your kind letter and with best personal regards to your family, and good luck in the balance of the season's schedule, I am

Sincerely yours,



Dudley S. DeGroot
Associate Professor

DSD/cb

American Sports Publishing Company

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April 16, 1941

My dear Dr Allen

Thank you for your letter and its good news about
Bobby--"Dr" Allen (to be). I'll bet his Mother is
mighty pleased. U of P is a good school, too; so
the young fellow is getting a good start.

I judge you have not heard we are closing up the
publishing end of the business? I am staying on
in some other capacity, but otherwise everyone else
has been "released!" The A S Barnes Company will
books,
take over a good many, I understand.

Well, best wishes, Dr Allen--and especially for Mrs
Allen. It has been a pleasure to know you and to work
with you, and other fine men, in my many years of
contacts with the various sports.

Faithfully yours

John T. Doyle

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1941.

FOOTBALL GUIDE WILL HAVE NEW DRESS AND FORM

**Spalding's Will Quit Job
After Printing Book
Since 1894 Season.**

By LAWRENCE PERRY.

As the culmination of the greatest winter of coaching transfers, resignations and firings that football has seen in years, if ever before, the greatest change of all is herewith announced.

Upon the highest authority your correspondent suggests that football enthusiasts take a lingering look at the annual football guide for 1940. Its like will never be seen again. Those paper-bound volumes, their covers brilliantly colored and always containing an action football picture, or an unnamed gridiron hero staring ferociously, will no longer adorn the news stands and book stalls late in summer as harbingers of autumn.

A. G. Spalding & Bros., publishers since the first volume appeared in 1894, feeling they had at long last done their bit, asked the National Collegiate Athletic Association, sponsors of the book, to find another publisher.

A New Sort of Book.

This the N. C. A. A. has done. The name of the firm may not be announced at this writing. Suffice to say it is well known, with adequate facilities, financial and otherwise, to carry on publication.

But it will be a new sort of book. Its format will be changed and many innovations incorporated. Spalding's has always published this indispensable volume at a financial loss. Maybe the new publishers will also face a deficit year after year. But this is by no means certain as the new firm is resourceful and may turn a loss into a profit.

If so, John T. Doyle will be interested in the processes by which this is done. On the covers of the Guide in every edition in the last forty-six years the name of the editor has appeared. First it was Walter Camp. Upon his death Edward K. Hall took over, and when he passed on, Walter Okeson, the present editor, was installed.

Doyle Real Editor.

All of them were honorary editors. Permission to use their names was the measure of their service. The real editor was John Doyle, from the very first volume to the last.

"It has been quite a headache," he said to the writer today. "Publishing it has been pretty much a labor of love. Of course the N. C. A. paid us a royalty for bringing it out, but it fell far short of covering expenses."

The new publishers will have greater facilities for getting various sorts of material—larger staff and many other advantages that John Doyle did not have.

At present he is engaged in getting out the annual coaches' edition of the code as formulated early this winter. This is for coaches only.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

May 14th, 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen, Director
Department of Physical Education & Recreation
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The position of Director of Physical Training for the Southwest Air District (4th Air Force) has recently been offered to me. I have decided to accept the appointment for several reasons:

- (1) The position pays thirty eight hundred dollars per annum.
- (2) I am a Reserve Officer and I am quite likely to be called into the service during the ensuing year, anyway.
- (3) My work with the Air Force will be of much more value to the Army and to the total defense effort than would my service as a field officer in the artillery.
- (4) The opportunity for professional advancement as a result of the experience obtained in this position should be considerable.

I therefore wish to resign my position as Instructor in Physical Education at the University of Kansas.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my work and my association with you and the other members of the staff during the two years I have been a member of the University faculty. Sincerely, Dr. Allen, both Mrs. DeGroot and I regret leaving the University and Lawrence.

Future plans are, of course, very uncertain during the continuance of the present national and international situation. When the present emergency has ended, however, and my work with the War Department has been terminated, I hope that I may again be considered for a position at the University of Kansas.

Yours sincerely,

E. B. De Groot, Jr.
E. B. DeGroot, Jr.

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5/14/41

Position I am taking:

1. Director of Physical Training for the 4th Air Force.
2. Area comprises the Southwest Air District including all Army air fields in the States of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada.
3. Appointment is civil service under War Department.
4. Commanding officer (who made appointment and interviewed me): Major General Jacob E. Fickel.
5. Duties: Physical conditioning and provision of recreation for all officers, cadets and enlisted men in the 4th Air Force.
6. Further information: U.S. is divided into four air districts each under the command of a flying major general.

Each air district is employing a civilian to direct the Physical training and conditioning of the air force personnel in each district.

E.B. Mc Groot Jr.

Jobs and duties at K.U.

Courses taught:

1. Practice teaching.
2. History & Principles of Physical Education.
3. Track and Field (theory and coaching methods).
4. Equitation--(organized and introduced this subject in fall, 1939)
5. Badminton.
6. Swimming.
7. Majors courses-- 31, 32, 33, 34

Taught some parts of above series with the rest of the staff.

Other duties:

1. Organized and conducted faculty recreation groups (Faculty volleyball team won intramural championship)
2. Supervisor of Phys. Ed., Oread Training School (which won league championships in basketball, track and softball this school year).
3. In charge of towel room.
4. In charge of equipment & supplies, and "general utility man".

Special Work:

1. Organized annual two day horseback trip.
Kansas City, 1940
Topeka, 1941
2. Worked on revision of p.e. courses during year 1940-41.
3. Served on Kansas State Physical Association Committee for organization of a Suggested State Curriculum for Secondary Schools of Kansas. Fall, 1939.

E. B. de Groot Jr.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

May 21, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your kind note of April 14. It arrived during our absence in Florida where I had taken Alice and the youngsters in hopes that she might recover from a winter-long attack of sinus trouble. The cure was 100% and we all came back to Rochester with a new lease on life.

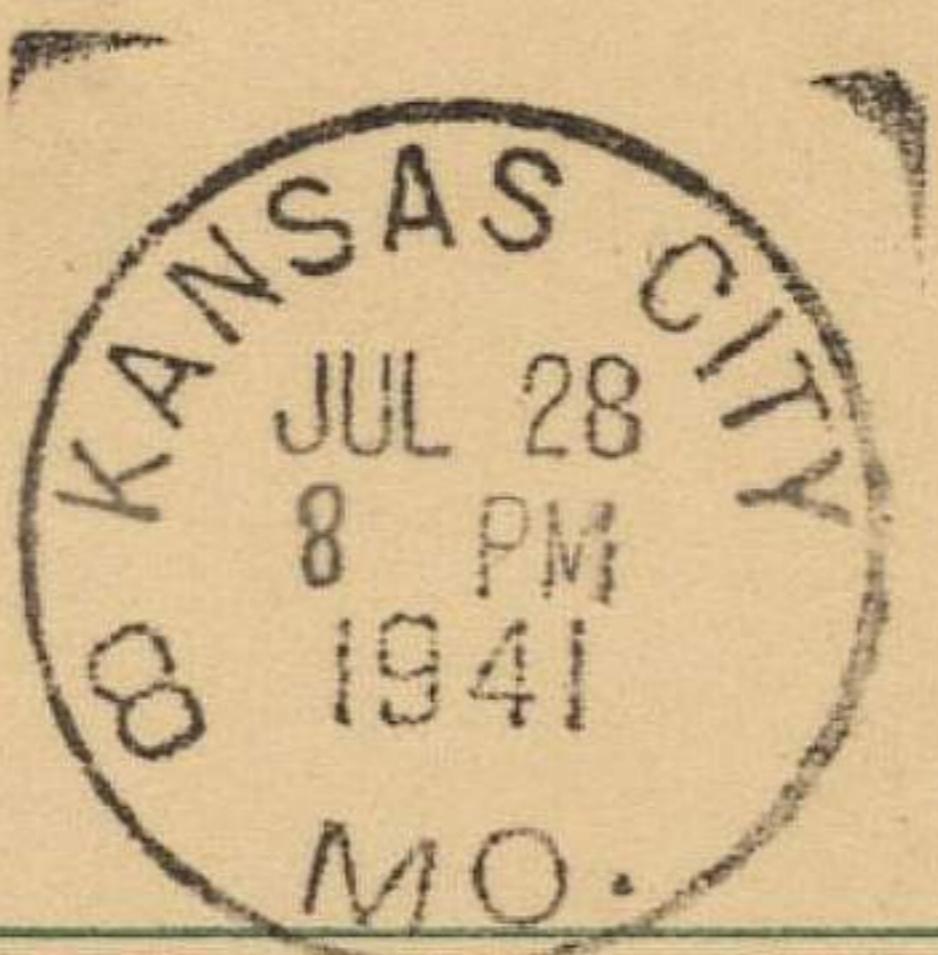
Had an air mail letter from Burt the other day telling about his recent appointment to the Army Air Corps Physical Education and Recreational Service. While of course we are happy that he has fallen into a position which pays such a substantial increase in salary, I am quite upset at the prospect of his leaving your fine leadership. While he is a quiet kid, I know that you have been a tremendous inspiration and influence and I was hopeful that he would be there with you for some years to come. I trust his leaving has met with your approval and that he goes on to the new work "in good standing." While, of course, no one knows how long the present emergency may last, it seems to us here in these parts that four or five years will be a very minimum in which case perhaps we will all be in some sort of service before long.

We had looked forward to a brief visit with Burt and Ruth and the expected arrival, and incidently with the Allens, on the way back to California. Now since Burt has to leave so early and since we are going to get away from here so late, we will probably not see you. However, I look forward to a visit with you some time again in the not too distant future.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Allen, Bob and the lovely daughter, I am

Cordially yours,

Dud.
Dudley S. DeGroot
Associate Professor



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. J. C. (Phog) Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

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Dear Mr. Allen,

Could you please
give me some information
about where I could
secure a biography of
Dr. Naismith, the inventor
of basketball. I have looked
for some time but have
been unsuccessful. Thanks.

Sincerely

B. L. La Doucier
43. 7 Walnut
Kansas City, Mo.

June 17th, 1941

Mr. Thomas J. Deegan
American Sports Press Relations
271 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Deegan:

Your letter arrived just at the time I was finishing my baseball season and then our examinations and Commencement came on. We're now just starting our Summer School work.

I notice that you have gotten much information from Springfield College and you doubtless have the book, "Basketball", edited by the Associated Press. This should give you much information and background.

I have been associated with Doctor Naismith since 1905. I played on the Varsity team here when he was our only coach. He did not intend to coach much but his philosophy and interest in the game was very interesting.

I became Varsity basketball coach in 1908-1909 and won the Championship both years. Then I returned to the University of Kansas as Athletic Director and have been coaching here since that time. All these years I was directly and closely identified with Doctor Naismith, he being Director of Physical Education and I being Director of Athletics and Coach of Basketball. Then, I was given both departments of Director of Athletics and Director of Physical Education, while Doctor Naismith continued as Professor of Physical Education.

If there are some points that you wish for me to give you information on, I will be very glad to do so. But, it would be an endless task to write about my associations with him unless there were some definite and specific thing to touch upon.

The Spalding's Athletic Library, in the official basketball guide for 1940-41, the writer has written a tribute to Doctor Naismith on pages 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the guide under the title, "Father

June 17th, 1941

Mr. Ray O. Duncan
Director
Physical Education & Athletic Coaching
Placement Service
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dugan:

Highschool Commencement Addresses, examinations, and our University Commencement has prevented me from answering your good letter of May 23rd regarding your inquiry concerning John Cress.

John Cress came to us on a scholarship because he desired to take advanced work towards his M.D. His was not a full time job but he did an excellent piece of work. I imagine the young man you had in mind was not seeking a part time position, was he?

Regarding the work of John Cress I desire to say that it was highly satisfactory and we were exceptionally well pleased with him and his work. We have nothing but the highest words of commendation and good will for John Cress.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation-
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
*Physical Education and Athletic Coaching
Placement Service*

GEORGE HUFF GYMNASIUM
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

May 23, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

JOHN CRESS, whom we recommended to you last fall informs me that he is to be drafted. I wonder if you will be seeking someone to take his place. The reason I am writing to you at this time is that we have a senior who is very-well qualified and if you are to have a vacancy he might contact you before he makes other plans. He is married and expects not to be drafted.

We should also appreciate a letter of recommendation from you concerning Mr. Cress. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ray O. Duncan.

RAY O. DUNCAN
Director

ROD:dk

June 18th, 1941

Mr. Dudley S. DeGroot
Associate Professor
The University of Rochester
Rochester, New York

Dear Dud:

I find that I'm pretty late in answering your good letter of the 21st ultimo. I'm glad that Mrs. DeGroot affected a one hundred percent cure for her sinus trouble when the DeGroots migrated to Florida.

Yes, we were indeed sorry to lose Burt, but happy for his advancement. We have hopes that he will be able to come back to us after this fuss with Hitler is over. He has some definite ambitions in his desire to return to Kansas and we certainly will welcome him with open arms any time he is free to return.

It is nice of you to say the things that you have. But, I tell you that Burt was making a real name for himself here and not only does he leave in good standing but he leaves a host of friends who are saying, "we certainly hope he will return; we need such men as DeGroot on this campus".

I quite agree with you that this struggle with the forces of banditry will be a long one. If they get the bread basket of the Ukraine, it looks as though the shooting will be for a long time. But, enough of that. No one can foresee the future.

We're sorry, too, that we're not going to see the DeGroots. We had hoped you would come through and I'd hoped I would have more time to visit with you than I have had in the past.

My kindest regards to your lovely family and rest assured that our best wishes to all are reciprocal. We're always glad to have such friends as the Bud DeGroots.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and
Recreation-Varsity Basketball and
Baseball Coach.

FCA:rc

July 21, 1941.

Mr. Dell Davidson,
1112 Illinois St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dell:

If you are coming to the gymnasium some time early this week I should like to talk with you regarding the painting of the handball courts.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

August 4, 1941.

Mr. Gordon Durna,
382 Wadsworth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Gordon:

I am very happy to receive your letter of the 30th ultimo. I am glad to know that you will be able to return to school this fall.

We will be glad to give you some work and we trust that you will have one of your best years here.

I am writing a letter to the basketball squad, and of course you will receive one. I will try to tell you the news in that letter instead of in this short one in which we welcome you back and offer you work.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

382 Wadsworth Ave
New York City

Dear Dr Allen,

I have just received
my draft number in the
latest registration and am
fortunate that I can return
again to K. U. in the fall.

I was hoping that I
can get some sort of job
again as I did last year
as it will be necessary
for me to pay a good

deal of my own expenses
this year.

I am looking forwards
to being back in school
again and can hardly
wait until the basketball
season will start. During
the summer I have been
employed at the Bank of
New York where I worked
prior to coming to school.

I hope that you
have had a good summer
and that both you and
your family are all
very well.

With kindest regards

Gordon Durna

July 30, 1941