The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

March 27, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Manager N.C.A.A.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations. I tried to worm my way through the mob after the game to press the flesh but saw the presentation and then gave it up. It was swell to see the Conference come through. You know you would have had Edwards and Drake to whip had you let us down this late in the season. I will be glad to contribute a fresh roll of 1½" tape to hold that game crew of yours together for just one more game. I certainly did not want another Coast team in the finals again this year. I still contend that if a team goes ahead and gets good two handed shots and fights for that ball under the backboard, that in the long run they will whip the socks off those one handed shooters that take 'em just to be shooting. My hat is off to you BIRDS and just hang tough for this one more game.

In spite of the fact that I have Hugh Ford for another year I do, in all sincerity, think that the raising of the goal would do what the elimination of the center jump was supposed to do, namely, take the premium off the big man. Granted that the big man in basketball is always going to be in demand, nevertheless a team is entitled to the shots that they take at the basket and have earned them without having a six foot ten boy jump and steal the ball before it even hits. Whether the elevation of the basket will take effect next year or not, I feel confident that for the good of basketball this step is going to be necessary if we intend to make the progress that we have made in the last five years. The present height of ten feet was no doubt set arbitrarily because the running tracks in the old gymnasiums happened to be this elevation. You know more than I about our inventor and what would be Neismith's attitude on this question, but I am positive that he would frown on the goal tending tactics that all of us have employed at some time or other.

Whether this height should be eleven or twelve feet I do not know but believe that an eleven foot basket would be easier to sell than the twelve foot. There is no doubt in my mind that the arc of disbursement on rebounds would clear up the congested area under the basket which would of course eliminate a lot of personal fouls.

This is not for publication but I sincerely believe that the helter-skelter one handed shots that are directed at the basket on the swing shots with little or no arch would certainly lose their effectiveness. I understand that Hobby Hobson has two sophomores at this time both measuring six foot seven and another measuring six four. So the elimination of the center jump has

failed to eliminate the big man but instead has placed a higher premium on him. Any of my comments that you care to use you may do so at your own discrimination.

Yes, Hugh Ford will be back in school next year and from a selfish standpoint I would not be in favor of raising this basket next year unless a vote would be called. At that time, with the future of the game in mind, I feel I will be tempted to give you the nod.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Drake

Bruce Drake
Basketball Coach

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October 16, 1940

Mr. George Dick
1326 Massachusetts
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear George:

If you have not procured a job at the time you receive this letter, come in and have a talk with me. I will see if I can help you out some way.

I have been so terribly busy that I have had little time for other things than administrative duties, but I will endeavor to help you in every possible way.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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George Dick
1326 Massachusetts
Lawrence, Kans

Dear Mr. Allen;

I am writing you this letter to let you know my circumstances. I graduated from McLouth High School in 1935. The next year and one-half I spent at Kansas University. I was forced to quit school because of lack of money.

For the next three years I helped my father on his farm where I finally saved enough money to start back to school. I got a job washing dishes fo my board, this was enough to help me get through school the first year. Then after about three weeks the place where I was working , sold their equipment and I was out of a job. Since then I have not been able to get another job.

I have been out for football since the start of the season but I haven't made much of a showing, maybe I can break through after while.

I plan to go out for basketball. I played on the high school for three years. Since I have been out of school I played four years independent basket with the McLouth town team. These facts don't mean very much except I like to play basketball and that I have had some experience.

This year I transferred from Engeering to Physical Education. It took me several years to find exactly what I wanted to do but now I know it is to coach.

I would appreciate anything you could do for me toward helping me get a job. I am twenty-two years old and if I don't go on this time , I'll probably not ever have a chance to go on to school again.

This letter is full of I's, it is not egotism but poor writing.

Very Sincerely Yours,

George Dick

December 12, 1940

Mr. K.W. Davidson
Director of Information
University of Kansas

Dear Mr. Davidson:

It will be a pleasure for me to cooperate with you and the University Administration in carrying out any program of national defense at the University and the State of Kansas. I am very happy to assist in this worthwhile project.

I am up here at the office dictating letters tonight and I have not thought out a subject, but I am very sure that that would be the least difficult of my tasks. Doubtless some replies have come in to you from faculty members, and I believe it would be necessary for us to rather dovetail our talks so that they will be correlated. Could you give me some of the subjects that have been given to you so that it might aid me in shaping out my talk?

Doubtless you know that we are taking the team east and we will not return until after the new year.

I have a number of speaking engagements on my calendar but you can count on me for full cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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"Physical Fitness for Efficiency and Democracy"

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

December 9, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
105 Robinson Gymnasium
Campus

Dear Dr. Allen:

It has been suggested by Chancellor Deane W. Malott that in connection with the national defense program in which the University is most eager to participate, that the University set up a temporary speaking bureau through which the services of members of the University faculty would be offered to the state in the medium of speeches on democracy. The University of Virginia has carried out this project quite successfully with more than 30 of its outstanding faculty members delivering these talks on some phase of democracy based upon departmental knowledge and research.

The project there has resulted in a great deal of good will for the University and has attracted notable recognition from the federal government. Chancellor Malott is definitely of the opinion that such a program is feasible in the state of Kansas and has asked me to assist in arranging the program.

Services of the speakers would be offered to various civic and private group gatherings at times that would be entirely convenient to the faculty members who would participate. It is the purpose of the University to offer the services for expenses only. This was the policy adopted at Virginia.

Your name has been suggested as one of the faculty leaders who would probably be willing to assist in the noteworthy project. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to whether you would be willing to cooperate and also would like to have the subject of your proposed talk. It should be related in some way to democracy, but outside of that you are at complete liberty to mold the topic.

It is planned now not to have the meetings start until after Christmas holidays and also to arrange them so that there would be no conflict with the mid-year examinations.

I am sure that Chancellor Malott would be most grateful for your cooperation in this venture, and certainly I will appreciate your indication of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

K. W. Davidson
Director of Information

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March 7, 1941

Mrs. W.W. Davis
706 W. 12th St.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I want to thank you for your hospitality and your husband's kindness in entertaining me yesterday afternoon. I enjoyed it very very much.

I also promised to send you some information on vitamins. This is the dope: For sometime there has been much interest in the means of building cardiac reserve. Accumulated evidence in the last years would indicate that the giving of bitamin B compound, glycine, and dextrose would aid in restoring cardiac reserve when it is lost through various types of disease and inertia. For several years these methods have been employed in practice and the improvement shown in many of the patients has impressed the general practitioners.

Many of the research men have felt that if this improvement could be brought about in exhausted hearts from disease, then it would be possible to improve cardiac reserve in those who are under great physical strain. We have used these methods on our basketball players the last two years and we have had exceptional results.

We use one capsule of betulin compound three times daily after meals. This is an extract of birch bark and is compounded by Eli Lilly Company. The capsules are quite expensive but if you would like to get some I would be glad to order them wholesale for you.

We also use one tablespoon of dexin (destrose sugar made by Burrows & Wellcome) in a glass of lemonade ten minutes before mealtime (once a day).

Also we use one tablespoon of glycolixer (glycine) by Squibb three times a day just before meals.

If you would interested further in this I would be glad to stop by and talk with you. I know it will help you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Jan.30,1941

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

Dear Coach Allen:

Thanks a lot for your letter of Jan.28th. I can see I've a lot of explaining to do, so I'll try to do a thorough job of it.

However, let me say right away that the reason for the discrepancies noted by you and the boys is that there is a lag of 11 days between the rating date and the one at the top of the sheet. Note that on the sheet for week ending Jan.31st, that standings and ratings are through games of Jan.20th only.

In other words, the ratings are about a week old when you receive them -- and haven't caught up with the games most recently played, and which are uppermost in your mind.

For instance, you mention the Kansas rating dropping to 58.1 after you had defeated Iowa State and Missouri. But that wasn't the case. 58.1 was your rating after losing to Oklahoma. The Iowa State victory shot you up to 60.4. After licking Missouri you went to 60.1, and stayed right there after taking Kansas State 46 to 41.

I use no opinion or guesswork. The teams set their own ratings. I simply record what happens. The ratings show the average scoring margin you have established above or below the average rating of your opposition. I use an average of the last three games only in order to show current condition of each team.

As of today, Big Six ratings are as follows:

Kansas	60.1	Iowa State	58.6
Nebraska	59.9	Kansas St.	55.2
Oklahoma	59.2	Missouri	49.1

I'm wondering if you and the boys agree with that set-up. Certainly hope so. Meantime, let me say I'm awfully sorry that the new sheets can't get to you sooner. However, for various reasons I'm now tied up on a basis where the sheets are printed in Chicago on Wednesdays and can't be mailed out of here until Fridays.

Starting with the issue for week ending Feb.7th, which will be mailed tomorrow, we're introducing a new factor which will greatly increase forecasting accuracy.

I hardly need to tell you of the great advantage which the home team enjoys in basketball. Our five-year research has shown that the average team's variation at home and away is about 4.0 points.

Consequently, beginning with this issue, we're adding 2.0 points to the home team's actual or "neutral" rating, and subtracting 2.0 points from the visiting team's rating in the forecast columns. Standings will still show the actual ratings.

I realize that such handling will be far from ideal, but since it will increase accuracy by from 5 to 10 percent, we're going to try it for a while, at least.

I'm hopeful that you'll let me know if I can make any further explanations, and that the service will prove a source of interest and enjoyment to you and the boys.

Thanking you again, I am,

Sincerely,
Dick Dunkel

P.S. The forecast for Feb.3rd will show:

Kansas.....58.1 vs Wichita *47.6

That's because 2.0 has been subtracted from your 60.1 rating and the same added to Wichita's 45.6 rating, since you're the visitors.

So go ahead and make a liar out of me by winning by 15 points.

February 1, 1941

Mr. Dudley DeGroot
The University of Rochester
Rochester, New York

Dear Dud:

Boy, you write a swell letter and make a fellow feel good, don't you?

I genuinely appreciate all the fine things that you had to say and I want you to know that a letter like that, coming from you, means much more than from the "applesauce brigade."

I am very sure that you have the right conception of officiating the game in such a way that the players all get benefit from the game, even though some of them lose. Officiating is like driving a fractious steed. You hold him in check and it is quite a fight, and you only loosen the reins when you are sure that you have under control. It is a grand feeling for both horse and driver, just as it is a grand feeling for the official and players when the game is properly officiated.

Our family are all well as I hope yours are, but we did have one very bad experience on the day we returned to Lawrence. Beating Loyola by a very close score partially assuaged the feelings of the players, but when the Allen Family drove into the driveway and opened up their house they had expected summer temperature from a new oil-o-matic burner that had been installed in the fall. Instead of that we had had fireworks in the basement when the oil-o-matic exploded and a heavy film of grimy oil had covered everything in the household from attic to basement. Clothes, draperies, carpets, floors, chinaware; it would be impossible to mention something that did not get covered. So we have been in the midst of painting, paperhanging, cleaning everything from top to bottom.

It is not the men of the house that suffer, but the womenfolks who have to live within those walls all the time. But the sun is shining today and most of the stuff has been returned from the dry cleaners, the windows have had their film washed from them, and I believe the blue birds will be here in three days.

As I said before, everyone is well and I hope the same for your family.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND 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 dont know when a basketball gamehas hurt me more than the one your sick kids played that night;certainly I couldnt have felt worse had I been coaching them myself.Coming right on top of that justly deserved article it was a shame that they wernt 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,altho few realized the situation,no alibis 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 alibis 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 dosnt 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 game 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,

Dud. DeGroot

Headquarters 4th Air Force
Old Post Office Building
Riverside, California

June 8, 1941

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

Dear Doc,

This letter has not been dispatched to you as soon as I had expected, but I have really been "on the go" since leaving Lawrence.

Probably John Bunn has written you concerning their number one prospect for the job at K.U. Both John and Esslinger believe that a man by the name of Bert Pike is well qualified and their best candidate for K.U. I do not know him personally. Esslinger believes that Voorhees is a good boy but that Pike is better. I talked to Voorhees about the situation and he is definitely interested if the salary is sufficient to warrant the move. Voorhees said that he would write directly to you. I believe that either of the two would fill the bill.

After a short session with Bunn and Esslinger at Stanford, I drove South, established myself temporarily here at home, and reported for duty at Riverside. The entire 4th Air Force Hdqts. has been but recently established and therefore is still in the throes of becoming organized. It will take some little time for me to become established and oriented in the new job, but I can see already that it is going to develop into a rather tremendous project. I will have no civilian assistants at any of the bases; rather, my job will be to organize and coordinate the programs thurout the District and to train the leaders for conducting the programs. It should be interesting, but very definitely there will be headaches and difficulties to overcome.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you again, Doc, that I thoroughly enjoyed working under you during the past two years. It was a rare opportunity that I would not have missed for anything, and the experience there has greatly enhanced my professional and personal training. No one knows what the future holds, but I certainly hope that I may be considered again as a candidate for a position at K.U. when and if this brawl is over. Ruth and I will always cherish many fond memories of our associations and life in Lawrence.

Best of luck in your quest of replacements in the Department, Doc. If there is anything I can do to aid you in your search, don't hesitate to call on me. Also if any questions arise concerning any phase of the work in the Department which I handled during the past two years, I shall be happy to supply any information I am able to (which is not contained in the files I left).

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Allen and the family.

Yours sincerely
Burt DeGroot

July 1, 1941.

Mr. E. B. DeGroot
Headquarters 4th Air Force,
Old Post Office Building,
Riverside, California.

Dear Burt:

A lot of water has gone over the dam since I received your good letter of June 8th. However, I want to tell you how delighted I was to hear from you and to get your very fulsome report of your travels and your trials and tribulations.

I wrote John Bunn after having heard from him that our budget was cut somewhat and I am afraid that we will not be able to hire either one of the two men - Pike or Voorhees. Miss Ulm resigned due to the fact that she desired to take the matrimonial step. She went to California, you know, - or do you know? It was then necessary for us to hire someone to take her place and that entailed an increase of $400. The deans objected strenuously and it was necessary for us to take that much money from our men's physical education budget. Therefore, not being certain whether the army is going to get John Cress or not, we have to await the draft board's classification of him some time after July. If we keep John Cress then we cannot get a full time man due to the cut already described. I am playing against time and trying to shape up our program, but the fact that we are going to have Henry Shenk at least gives us a silver lining to a rather dark cloud. I may get some scholarship man who desires to work on his master's.

I feel in the mood to write you a very long letter and give you the background on a lot of things that have happened and that are happening, but we are having a dance in the Union Building tonight and it is necessary that I give some attention to that.

It has been as hot as blue blazes here the last week. Yesterday it was 97° with humidity up in the 70's. You can imagine how people suffered.

I will promise to write you a longer letter in the very near future and tell you a lot of things that I would enjoy sitting in a cool spot and telling you. However, I do not want you to get the wrong conception of this dance tonight. A cool wave pushed in and it is much more pleasant. It has been cloudy most of the day and we have engineered things so that we shall have sixteen fans and three big blowers in the Union Building. I really believe it will be a delightful evening. Our class in Community Recreation is doing the honors so I expect it will be well done. Miss Zipple is giving gratuitously four gallons of punch, and since we have

a nine-piece orchestra (Clyde Bysom's band done over by Russ Chambers) you can bet that the students will go for it pretty strong. After the 4th of July we will have a dance out on the street with corn meal as the counter-irritant to the rough imminences of the concrete. It will be between Fowler Shops and the Anatomy Building. We had one last summer and it went over big.

I am writing Henry Shenk today telling him what he is to teach. He will follow your procedure so far as teaching and administration are concerned. I would like very much to have him supervise equitation, take the practice teaching, and teach the courses that you taught. That would be Remedial and Physical Exam, Track, and Practice Teaching in the spring, and in the fall it would be Equitation, History and Principles of Physical Education, and Practice Teaching. I want Henry to feel that we are giving him some academic solids. Ed had him listed in the 30 series, and while I feel that this is very important, a man of Shenk's training deserves a few solids. I find myself thinking in the same vein regarding Shenk that was my reaction toward you.

Mrs. Allen got a fine letter from Ruth. We were indeed happy to hear from her. I have assured you many times of how happy we were to have you with us and I hope the time will come in the not too distant future when we can have you back on our campus. It has been a great delight to have you and your fine family with us.

With kindest regards and best wishes to all of you,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 8, 1941

Supt. Clifford Dean
Lawrence Memorial High School
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Superintendent Dean:

Ordinarily I would apologize for consistently pestering you about matters that you perhaps feel are irritating to you at times. But I do not apologize in regard to this very important intrusion upon your time. It concerns the youth of Lawrence and concerns them vitally.

Today of all times the national administration and all state administrations are calling upon youth and insisting that they be physically fit as well as emotionally and mentally so. With every selective draft examination more boys in greater numbers are showing their physical unfitness. And with each day our leaders arise and say, "For you, Uncle Sam, we will cooperate in every way possible. We want to help 100% in this great National Defense Program that is so necessary."

But do we do it? The gymnasia in this town are closed to youth. I do not know whether your own high school and grade school children break into your buildings, but if they would, I imagine they would be arrested. Yesterday children from your schools broke into both the gymnasium and auditorium with basketballs in their hands.

Officer George Snyder and Dr. E. R. Elbel are in my office now reporting this thing. They did not arrest the children because they did not feel that the blame was upon them.

Will you not, Clifford, make some arrangement whereby the children of Lawrence can play under supervision during Saturdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and especially after school hours? There is no provision made for the children of Lawrence to exercise under supervision after school hours.

Of course, we do not expect you or anyone, even the University, to keep the gymnasium open on Sunday, but if the children were not starved for play, or were given an opportunity to play so as to fill this desire, then they would not endeavor to steal the sweets of which they feel such a great poverty.

We have repeatedly asked the members of our Board of Education in Lawrence to do something about this very pressing problem, but to date, nothing has been done.

I called Neal Wherry two months ago, but he very politely said, "Phog, I will report it."

Very cordially yours,

FCA:lg:mln

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Supt. of Schools, Clifford Dean.

March 13, 1941

Mrs. Roxana Davis
706 W. 12th Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I received your letter and I assure you that I am very happy to do anything that I can to help you in any way.

For fear of fatiguing you with too fulsome a missive, I omitted some of the information that I believe would be helpful. I did not want you to understand that this was only for cardiac deficiency. I do not believe that I made that plain.

The autonomic nervous system, of course, controls all the organs not under control of the will. So many emotional disturbances first appear through some deficiency of vitamins that aid in building a durable nervous system. Of course, the heart suffers along with the other vital organs controlled by the sympathetic and para-sympathetic system, which is, of course, the autonomic system.

I might state to you that I have been taking these three biological products for two years, and frankly, I believe that the energy that I have is due largely to a pretty careful adherence in taking these regularly. I take one tablespoon full of the glycolixer before each meal and a capsule of betulin after each meal. Neither one of these are fattening. In fact, they are the normal ingredients that a very normal person would digest from a balanced meal, if he took the food stuffs that contained the proper vitamins.

The dexin (Burrows & Wellcome) is a scientific name for dextrine which is a sugar and is fattening, but if a nervous or worn-down person should have trouble with their digestion, dextrine is the indicated food for such a person because it is easily assimilated.

My breakfast for the morning is an egg-lemonade with a tablespoon full of dexin and two heaping tablespoons of cane sugar. Many people certainly would not go an egg-lemonade for breakfast, but in my athletic endeavors I have learned to take many liquids. Ty Cobb ate nothing but a bowl of bread and milk before his strenuous baseball games, and we feed our Kansas basketball players very lightly before any contests.

My noon meal is a good fulsome meal, but I find that one does not have the desire to eat so much food if you take these vitamins into your body. The system is fairly well satisfied but I do eat a large meal at noon.

If I come home pretty tired at night I just have a cup of bouillon and some rye bread and maybe a couple pieces of Canadian bacon. I have not lost a pound, in fact I have to watch pretty carefully or else I will go above the 200 pound mark.

I am mentioning these things to show you that in these concentrated vitamins you have all that you need to take into the body and yet you do not have bad after-affects which are produced by over-eating heavily laden nitrogeneous foods which are largely contained in meats. I do not mean, of course, by this that a person should not eat meat, but we have a tendency in our sedentary life to overemphasize meat eating.

The individual who tears down much tissue in activity naturally needs tissue-building food, and because of that activity we naturally consume more and varied types of food which build up the vitamin balance. But in our inactivity we are very apt to choose the food only that appeals to our gustatory senses and not to our bodily needs.

I trust that this added letter may clear up any lack of information that my first letter failed to contain. I want to assure you that if you would care to consult me on any of these points it would be a very great pleasure to discuss these matters with you further.

It was a great delight to be in your hospitable home. I always feel much better after having been there.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Dear Dr. Allen.

I want to

thank you so much

for your very valuable

letter to me on

the mus. I am so

glad it has it, and

appreciate it tremendously.

You remember me and

Taking your time to
write I do.
Do come and Lunch
& See mother Wilson
again soon —

Very Sincerely Yours
Roxana Davis

Tuesday —

Dear Dr. Allen.

I am so very much interested in your letter. I am trying your Glycolixir and Tablets Prescription and I do want you to know how grateful I am for your interest and very practical help. I thank you so many times.

Very Sincerely.
Frank Davis.

March 17th

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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 philosphy and interest in the game was very interesting.

I became Varsity basketball coach in 1908 and 1909. 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 Nesmith 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

of Basketball Dies in his Kansas Home." Perhaps something in that article might be worthwhile to you.

Sincerely yours,

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

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THOMAS J. DEEGAN

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May 20, 1941

Mr. Phog Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen

I am preparing an article on the late Dr. James Naismith and feel that you may have some interesting data or personal anecdotes regarding him which might be included.

Inasmuch as their interest in Dr. Naismith also is strong at Springfield the auhtorities there have given me a great deal of background information.

Thanks for anything you may send along. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Deegan

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Aug. 13, 1941

Dr. Marshall Diebold
Sec. Treas.National Ass. Basketball Coaches of the U.S.
Carlton College
Northfield, Minn.

Dear Marsh,

Your letter of August 1st came as a complete surprise to me when you notified me that I have been selected as chairman of the basketball rules committee of the National Coaches Association.

It is not like me to refuse appointments because I have taken most everything that has come my way for years, but I feel that I can do infinitely more good in the basketball world by not accepting the chairmanship , and for that reason I am respectfully declining.

I am sorry that some official notice did not come to me before your letter heads were printed so that the officers could have been listed accurately.

I enthusiastically agree and hope for a successful administration in basketball. I am afraid that I will not be able to be present in New Orleans next March having a conflict here in this part of the country.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
and Recreation
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Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Chairman
Basketball Rules Committee
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Although the weather at present hardly puts you in a "basketball" frame of mind, nevertheless, I thought you would be interested in the information concerning the personnel of your Basketball Rules Committee as recently announced by Nelson Norgren, our president.

If you would like additional letterheads and envelopes, please make your request known and I shall see that an ample supply is placed at your disposal.

You have probably been advised by Mr. Putnam, Chairman of the Naismith Memorial Committee, Springfield, Massachusetts, of the effort which will be placed on the Basketball Golden Jubilee campaign to raise money for the Naismith Memorial to be erected in Springfield. I am bringing this to your attention so that y you will render whatever support you find convenient to this worthwhile effort.

Once more if I can be of further service concerning information regarding our association or supplying you with letterheads and envelopes, please feel free to make your request known.

Best wishes for a successful administration and here's hoping that we enjoy not only another great year in basketball but that we can all look forward with pleasure to a most successful convention in New Orleans next March.

Sincerely,

Marshall Diebold

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