March 14, 1940.

Professor W. W. Davis,
Department of History,
University of Kansas.

Dear W. W.:

This is to express my genuine appreciation for the lovely things you said about the team and the compliment you paid me.

While men accept those things many times they fail to genuinely express their appreciation. You were so generous that you overwhelm me, but I want you to know that I have always considered you one of my real challengers. Thank you so much.

I am sorry that I rushed away and failed to personally express these sentiments to you. I missed you in the melee.

Devotedly yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

January 24, 1940.

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity,
1111 West 11th Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Loyal Kansas Rooters:

I want you to know that the writer and the varsity basketball team very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending your wire to us at the Tiger Hotel at Columbia, Missouri, upon the occasion of our much lamented and highly unsatisfactory trip to Tigertown last Thursday, January 18th.

Your wire stated -"Best of luck tonight. We're betting on you. Delta Tau Delta." I guess we had our share of luck, but the boys apparently thought they were playing with the parlor tabby cat and not a real live tiger. We simply didn't fight the first half and that was the tale. We appreciate your good wishes, but we hope you didn't bet too much.

Some evening after you have fed Bruce Voran a large, sumptuous meal, kindle a fire in the fireplace, have some of the boys take Bruce's shoes off and get him a pair of house slippers, prop his feet up, and when he is as comfortable as any human being could be under the circumstances, get Bruce to tell you the story of the game. I believe that is the only way you can ever get much out of Bruce on that Tiger-Jayhawk fiasco.

Thank you for your good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 16, 1940.

Dear Miss Dulaney:

I shall be very happy to speak to your combined group of young people at the First Christian Church on Sunday evening, February 4th. I would be glad if you would have Mr. Barr suggest a topic he would like to have me use. At the P.T.A. meeting last week I spoke on the history of physical education, bringing it up to present day trends, but I thought for your group you might desire a little different angle presented. I shall try to follow any suggestion that Mr. Barr will make.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity BasketballCoach.

January 16, 1940.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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HAROLD G. BARR, MINISTER

January 12, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Last night Rev. and Mrs. Barr heard you speak at the meeting of P.T.A. and enjoyed your address very much. In discussing plans for the high school department of our church, Mr. Barr suggested we contact you to see if you would give this address on Sunday evening, February 4 . This will be a joint meeting of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Christian high school young people and will be held in our church. The meeting is at 5:30 with a social half-hour and the program follows at 6 o'clock with a short devotional service for about fifteen to twenty minutes, this gives about forty-five minutes for your address,as the meeting closes at 7. We shall be glad to hear from you soon as to your acceptance of this date.

Sincerely yours,

Opie Dulaney

Dr. Allen:
This has been abit delayed but I wanted to check up for certain before sending it as to dates.
We shall hope you can be with us on Feb. 4.

O. D.

January 8, 1940.

Mr. Bruce Dorsey, Coach,
Ewing High School,
Ewing, Kentucky.

Dear Coach Dorsey:

Thank you for your good letter of the 2nd instant. I am glad that you have enjoyed the book, "Better Basketball".

Please refer to page 240, under Tactics, diagram 49, rolling offense or revolving triangle. My varsity team uses this in practice every day. If you will have your boys work constantly on this in practice you will find that when any team goes doen the floor if you will use this play no team can stop you because you are passing at angles and running in curves. You can also work pivots and back passes off of this formation with three men. When your forward or front man dribbles to the center of the court have him pivot and pass either to the left or to the right on a swing around.

The best place to employ this pivot for a goal is just outside of the center circle in the free throw lane, but in front of the center circle about 20 feet out. You may pivot anywhere along the floor in the progress down the court, but always have the pivoter pivot when he is in the center of the court because it gives you the optional pass in either direction.

If you are drilled only to fast break when the offense has the defense outnumbered, you are playing fundamental basketball, but you should start to fast break using this rolling triangle as a basis to work from, and you may outnumber one of the loafing defensive men by employing this method.

Write me and let me know if this answers your question. I am always glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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EWING HIGH SCHOOL

EWING, KY.

Ewing, Kentucky
Jan. 2, 1940.

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

Dear Coach,

Just finished reading your book "Better Basketball" and in my 6 years coaching experience have seen nothing that anything like compares with it. The most real information I have ever found. Now we have a problem and I wonder if you can give me some tips.

This year, we are encountering vicious, tough man-to-man defense all over the floor. In other words, when they score, the defence sets and sometime we have difficulty getting ball in court not to even mention the 3 sec. line.

Cincinnati beat Kentucky this way and Kentucky beat Kansas State this way.

I wonder if you could give me information on above subject. most Coaches say use fast break, but we are drilled to fast break only when the offense has the defense out-numbered and in the above case this isn't true.

Yours truly,

Bruce Dorsey.

January 2, 1940.

Mr. Dudley DeGroot,
Director of Physical Education,
San Jose State College,
San Jose, California.

Dear Dud:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just received from the Medart people in St. Louis regarding the Goal-Hi standards. We really rode rough-shod over those fellows, and I hope that the prices arrived in time for your consideration - if the prices were right, and I hope they were.

By the way, Dud, we have been reading a lot on the football coaching situation and we are hoping that yours truly is the number one man.

Burt and Ruth left for New Orleans early Christmas morning and I noticed lights in the house last night, and by this sign apparently the DeGroots have returned. However, I have not seen them today, but expect to see them real soon.

I trust that you and yours had a very merry Christmas and happy New Year, and here's wishing you the best for 1940.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 29, 1939.

Mr. Gurney W. Day,
Associate Physical Director,
Y.M.C.A.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Day:

A few years ago I made a film for the Eastman Kodak Company on "Basketball Fundamentals" for their teaching films division. In this film we showed Dr. Naismith jumping to push the ball out of a peach basket. You could doubtless get some market baskets, or a banana basket, 18 inches at the top, that will slope down to the bottom to about 10 inches.

Many college and university extension divisions have this film for rental, and you might be able to secure it in Des Moines if you care to show it. Our own University of Kansas Extension Division has the film for rental purposes, and if you would write them I am sure you could obtain it.

In this picture Dr. Naismith is shown pushing the ball out of the basket after every goal. The players wore long trousers and quarter-length sleeve shirts. Most of the balls were thrown over the head. The push shot or the under-hand shot was not employed in those days.

A picture of Dr. Naismith thrown on a screen might also be entertaining to your spectators.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 14, 1939

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

Dear Sir:

Our Y.M.C.A. Leader's Club is planning on giving a demonstration on New Year's Day of their interpretation of how one of the first games of basketball might have appeared to the spectators.

As Physical Director at the Y.M.C.A. in Cedar Rapids, I secured Dr. Naismith as speaker for one of our young men's banquets, so I met him in 1937.

As one of the Y.M.C.A. Secretaries I am attempting to promote a Memorial to Dr. Naismith from the Y.M.C.A. Physical men.

I would appreciate any material or suggestions you may have since you were quite close to Dr. Naismith. In regard to the above feature of our program, I would appreciate receiving any information you may have to offer.

Most sincerely,

Gurney W. Day

Gurney W. Day,
Associate Physical Director

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Intermediate Activities—Boys 15, Gym and Swim, Thursday, Saturday, 4:15-11:15.
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Dr.Forrest(Phog)Allen,
Department of Phisical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence.Kansas. U.S.A.

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter dated the 8th.June 1939,we had written to you on 10th. July 1939 but there does not appear any news from your side so far.

There is a good demand for sports goods in your country and as such we trust that you will co-operate with us and place your indents with us.

We may assure you that our supplies prices and service will be quite satisfactory.

We shall be glad to hear from you in due course, we remain,

Yours faithfully,
Diana & Company.
Manager.

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A Timely Message from

AMERICAN AIRLINES INC.

Dallas - 1:30 a.m. Sunday

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Allen:

A short lay-over here, waiting for my Calif. plane, gives me just the minute I need to drop you a note of sincere thanks for your generous and cordial hospitality during my few hours in Lawrence. The lovely dinner and peek into your home; the opportunity to meet your youngest three, and the brief chat in Dr. Allen's office indeed shall long be remembered.

It is my fond hope that some day soon you will be able to pay us a visit in California — so that you may meet my young but rapidly growing family.

Burt & Ruth can't say enough

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about the allens — and all they have done for them during their short residence in Lawrence. I'm happy to know that Burt is pleasing you with his work — & I hope he improves with age!

We had a nice ride down to Tulsa & I enjoyed the extra time with brother & sis.

Sorry I was feeling so miserable last night that I had to get back to the house & doctor up but a slight fever & chill hit me after dinner & it seemed wise to do something about it at once. Feeling much better to day as a result.

The basketball looked good — particularly the first 5 — and Bob & John. Remember me to them & to Eleanor — & thanks so much once again.

Dudley S. DeGroot.

December 12, 1939.

Miss Grace Ditus,
Burdett Rural High School,
Burdett, Kansas.

Dear Miss Ditus:

I am very happy to send you a copy of the folk dances and music which were used here in connection with the dance clinic conducted by Dr. Anne Schley Duggan in October.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

LESTER BAUER, *Clerk* PHILLIP J. BAUER, *Director* LYLE RUSS, *Treasurer*

Burdett Rural High School

VICTOR F. CHARLES, *Principal*

BURDETT, KANSAS

December 6, 1939

University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Please send a copy of the folk dances and music that you informed me might be purchased. I am enclosing $1.00, I understand that this covers postage as well as the price of the copy.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Grace Dilus

December 8, 1939.

Mr. Abe Denaburg,
Alabama Basketball Officials,
c/o Y.M.H.A.,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Denaburg:

I ask your pardon for the delay in responding to your letter of December 1.

In answer to your first question, I would say that A-2 is not violating the three-second rule. It can only be counted with the ball is in possession, and a jump ball is never in possession of anybody.

For the second question I would say again that A-2 is not violating the three-second rule.

If you have any further questions at any time it will be a pleasure to hear from you.

With best wishes for a successful season, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
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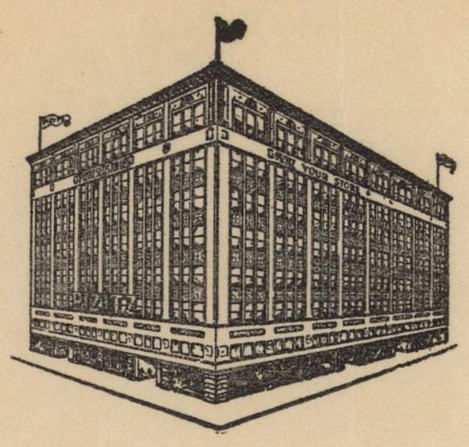

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Dec. 1, 1939.

Dr. Phog Allen.
% University of Kansas.
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:-

Kindly clear up these two rules for the Alabama Officials Association, here in Birmingham, Ala. They are as follows;

I. Jump ball in team A's front court at foul line.

A'1 and B'1 ----jumping.

A'2 stands under basket outside of 6 ft circle, but inside foul lane. Is A'2 violating the 3 second rule?

II. Same as above but, time out has been clled and play resumes with jump ball. Is A'2 violating the 3 second rule here?

Taking this opportunity of thanking you in advance for your prompt attention in this matter, I remain,

Yours,

Abe Denaburg.

Abe Denaburg.
Sect & Trea.
Ala. Basketball Officials.
% Y. M. H. A.
Birmingham, Ala.

November 24, 1939.

Mr. William DeWeese,
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

This will confirm my wire of this morning advising you that Victor Hurt will be with you on December 4th. Vic is a grand fellow and will make you a wonderful talk. I know you will be well pleased with him.

Will you kindly write Vic giving him the background and telling him what you want stressed at this meeting? He is very happy to come, and will appreciate hearing from you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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November 24th 1939

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Acknowledging your telegram to Mr. D eweese, advising that Victor Hurt will come December 4th, we now wish to confirm the date and will be pleased to have Mr. Hurt as our principal speaker at our Victory banquet. Sorry you and Mr. Henry cannot be with us,

Yours very truly,

C H Collett

Secretary.

November 27, 1939.

Professor Noel H. Petree,
Director of Physical Education,
Drake University,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Professor Petree:

Your letter of November 24th has been received during the absence of Dr. Allen, but I am very happy to send you our printed "Instructions to Students in Physical Education".

I am sure that Dr. Allen will be glad to see the results of your study covering physical education requirements for men and women students.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen, Director,
Department of Physical Education.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
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DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

November 24, 1939

Director, Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me your handbook covering physical education requirements for men and women students or other printed material which you may have covering instruction in physical education, health service and examination and competitive sports, both intramural and intercollegiate.

We contemplate publishing such a handbook and will be happy to send you a copy.

Very truly yours,

Noel H. Petree

Noel H. Petree
Professor of Physical Education
Director

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DRAKE UNIVERSITY
DES MOINES, IOWA

OFFICE OF
THE BUSINESS MANAGER

December 2, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Due to Mr. Lytton's illness I am replying to your letter of November 24th addressed to him. We appreciate your interest and hope we may have a game sometime in the future.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

E. G. Barrett.

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November 20, 1939.

Mr. Dudley S. DeGroot,
Director of Physical Education,
San Jose State College,
San Jose, California.

Dear Dudley:

It is swell to know that you are coming this way this week-end. I understand that Drake is playing at Tulsa. That is just a short haul from here, and I am hoping that you can spend Friday night here in Lawrence.

We are just 42 miles from Kansas City, and there is also an airport at Ottawa, just 23 miles from here. I know Burt would break his neck to get you here.

As a part of our Homecoming festivities we are having our freshman-varsity basketball game on Friday evening, the 24th, and we would like very much for you to drop in and have a visit with us. We are just across the street from Burt, and would be delighted to have you.

I am sending you this hasty note by air mail in the hope that you can make this arrangement. If you will wire either Burt or me we will be glad to meet you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

San Jose, California

MEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

November 16, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

It was certainly kind of you to take time out from your busy life to drop me a note on Burt. We are so happy to know that you are pleased with him, and to learn, in addition, that he is doing an acceptable piece of work for you.

Evidently you are keeping him busy, or else he is a loafer, because I have had only two letters from him since he arrived at Lawrence. Both, however, exude enthusiasm for one, Fogg Allen, as well as for Lawrence, and the University of Kansas. He seems to be happier in his present location than in any job which he has had since graduation from Stanford, some years ago.

I am flying east to scout Drake on the 24th, and am hoping that it will be possible to stop over in Lawrence for at least a few hours.

Again with sincere thanks for your kind letter, and with best regards to Burt, I am

Hastily yours,

Dudley S. DeGroot

DUDLEY S. DeGROOT
Director of Physical Education

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November 8, 1939.

Mr. Dudley DeGroot,
Director of Physical Education,
San Jose State College,
San Jose, California.

Dear Dud:

I just want to tell you how highly pleased we are with your kid brother, Burt. He is doing a fine job of it and winning many friends every day by his directness, his clarity of thought and his ability to get the job done in a most satisfactory manner in the shortest time possible.

I knew that you would be interested, and I want to say that we are exceptionally well pleased with him and his very charming wife.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.