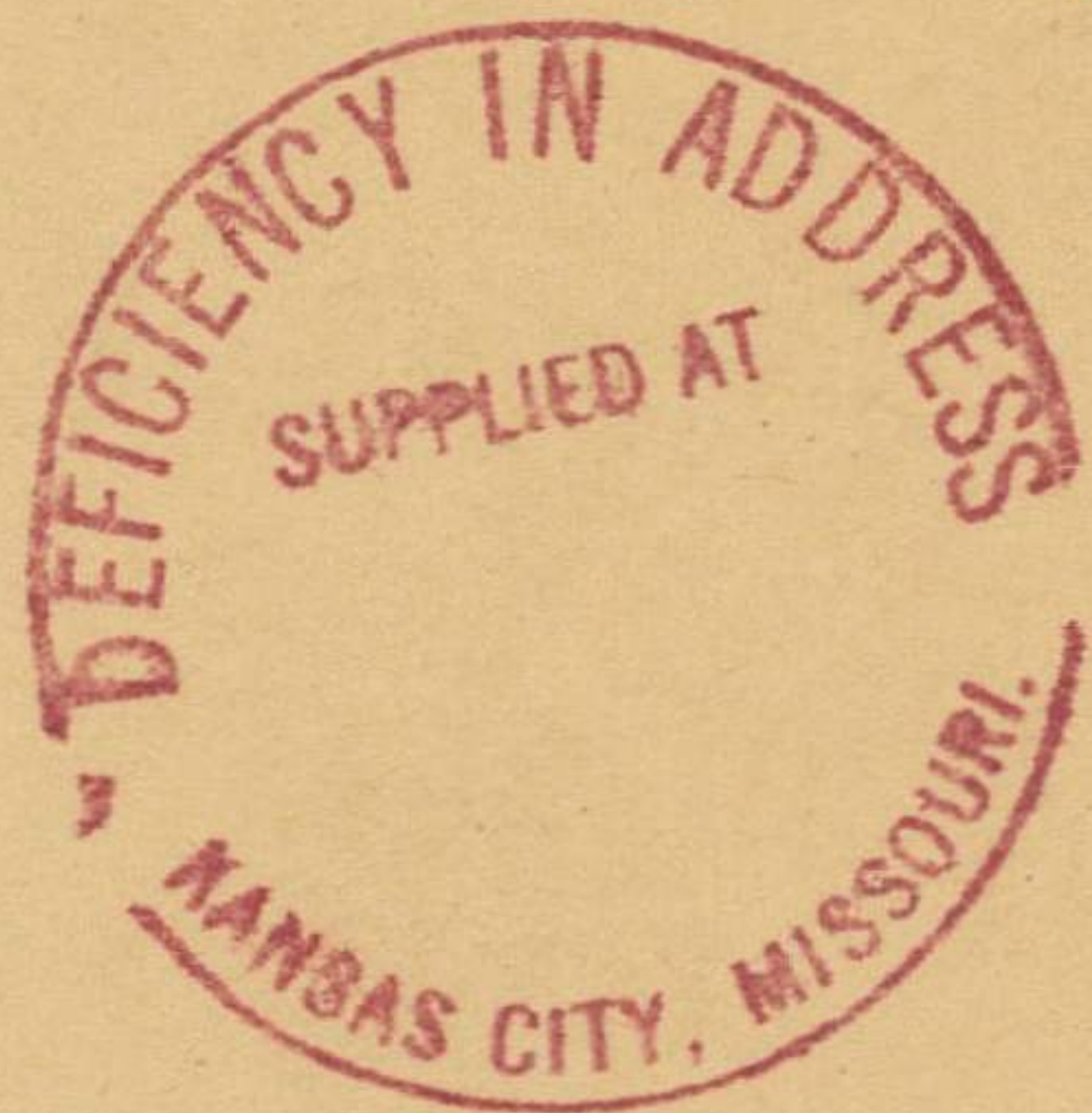





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Phog Allen ( Basketball Coach ),  
University of Kansas,  
~~Kansas City,~~  
~~Missouri.~~

*Lawrence J. ...*





April 7, 1940,  
Cumming, Ga.  
Star Route.

Phog Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir :-

Kindly send me your full descriptions  
of your instructions and prices on basket  
ball coaching.

Sincerely,

Fred E. Driskell



April 25, 1940.

Mr. Fred E. Driskell,  
Star Route,  
Cumming, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Driskell:

Your post card dated April 9th to Phog Allen, Basketball Coach, University of Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri, has been forwarded to me here at the University at Lawrence, Kansas.

I am offering a course in Advanced Basketball, open to graduate students only, in the eight weeks Summer Session here at the University this summer. To take this course it is necessary for an individual to have a degree.

However, I am conducting a short course at the University of Texas at Austin, August 12 to 17, after my work in the Summer Session here is over. I presume that you will want a short course, and I would suggest that you write to Director D. K. Brace, of the University of Texas, at Austin, and he will tell you what the tuition is there for their basketball course. Texas might have a special price for this short course alone, without paying the regular school matriculation and tuition fees.

Probably what you desire is to attend one of the coaching schools where you can take all of the work in basketball, football, track, and so forth, for one price. I am not instructing in any of those coaching schools this year, although I generally do work with some of them.

If you will write me more fully and tell me what you want I will be glad to give you what information I have.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
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RIVER CAMPUS

April 4, 1940

Dear Mr. Allen:-

Was extremely sorry to read of your defeat by Indiana in the final game of the N.C.A.A. tournament, but judging from reports they had an unusually powerful team; and which it was certainly no disgrace to lose to.

Since filing my statement for expenses to the Kansas City tournament I have had no word - or check. Am anxious to bring Mrs. De Groot on from California next week and was depending upon this money for her expenses. I know how slow these things are but if it's not too much trouble would appreciate your prodding someone along for me. Hope the check wasn't mailed to California by mistake.

Will be looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago, late this month.

Sincerely, Ted De Groot.



April 15, 1940.

Mr. C. Lee Detter,  
Fair-Detter Lumber Co.,  
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Detter:

It was a pleasure indeed to arrange for  
the Fairs and the Detters to see the game in Kansas City,  
and we do appreciate your loyal support.

If we get through the Big Six next year,  
which is always a struggle, we will feel pretty proud  
of ourselves. But we will do the best we can.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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# *The* FAIR DETTER LUMBER Co.



*Hutchinson, Kansas*

April 11, 1940.

Mr. Forest C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Fog Allen:

Mr & Mrs D. J. Fair, Sr

Mr & Mrs D. J. Fair, Jr

Mr & Mrs W. M. Detter

and Mrs Lee Detter join me in thanking you for the fine tickets that you secured for us in the Kansas City Auditorium for the National Basketball Tournament.

Our party felt that they had the best seats in the house and it was mighty fine of you to take care of us in such a fine way. In fact, we wish to give you a little advance notice that next year when the play-off comes and your team takes the final game in the Tournament, which we predict that you will, we hope that you can furnish us with another block of tickets.

Hoping that we may be able to be of some value to you in the future, we again wish to thank you.

Yours truly,

FAIR DETTER LUMBER CO.

*C. Lee Detter*

C. Lee Detter.

CLD:EGL



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 28, 1940

Superintendent Clifford D. Dean,  
Lawrence Public Schools,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Dean:

Thank you for your congratulatory message on  
our basketball season.

We wish to thank you for allowing the  
high school band to play at the games in Kansas  
City Friday night. They made a wonderful con-  
tribution and we are very grateful to them and  
to you.

Sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

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Lawrence Public Schools

CLIFFORD D. DEAN, SUPERINTENDENT

Lawrence, Kansas

March 27, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing to congratulate you on the success of your basketball team during this season and to express my personal appreciation to you for inviting our high school band to Kansas City for last Friday night's program. It was an honor greatly appreciated by the band members, their parents and others connected with our school. The arrangements had been so carefully worked out that everything was perfect. The band people really had a wonderful time and saw two outstanding games of basketball. Your team helped to make the evening a success by winning their game.

We are all pulling for you and your boys next Saturday night and expect to be at the game to lend our vocal support.

Very cordially yours,

*Clifford D. Dean*

Clifford D. Dean

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Florida

Mar. 27. 1940.

Dear Dr. Allen: -

Just a note to wish you & your fine team best wishes for a national title on Sat. evening & wish I might be there to see the battle - have never enjoyed a finer display "over-head", inspirational, playing, (including meaning coaching) as they put on against U.S.C. That's the finest piece of coaching I have ever seen & will certainly stand as a lasting inspiration to me, when the material doesn't look so good!

Thanks so much for inviting me to officiate the tournament; it was a real thrill, as well as an honor & I only hope my work was satisfactory. Again good luck & kindest personal regards to your family, & Mrs. Allen. Sincerely, Stud de Troat.



O.W. DAVIDSON, M.D.

HURON BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

3-27-40.

Dear Doctor Allen:

Just a note, to let you know that I have followed your games this year with the usual interest and satisfaction.

I have been greatly disappointed that I have been tied up on every game night, so that I haven't been able to see a game. In spite of disappointments, life is most enjoyable though. There are plenty of good things to live for.

For some strange reason, I had no "nerviness" about you and the boys winning from U.S.C. With the score 42-41 and 18 seconds to go, I still felt that K.U. would come through. I have the same assurance against Indians, so go to it. No other man has given me more to meet my problems, than you, and the boys you have coached since that time have gotten no less than I receive.

Sincerely,  
O.W. Davidson



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 20, 1940.

Mr. Wm. H. Davenport,  
Supervising Agent,  
Treasury Department,  
United States Secret Service,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

I am very much interested in your letter of the 14th instant, and I hope we can make arrangements for the showing of your film to our group. However, I would like to hold final decision in abeyance for a day or two. I will get in touch with you in a very short while.

With appreciation of your kind offer, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

KANSAS CITY, MO.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING AGENT  
DISTRICT No. 11

March 14, 1940

STATES OF MISSOURI, OKLAHOMA,  
ARKANSAS, AND KANSAS

Dr. F. C. Allen  
National Collegiate Athletic Association  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

The United States Secret Service has inaugurated a nation-wide educational campaign for the purpose of instructing the public in the detection of counterfeit currency. To accomplish this purpose, the United States Secret Service, in cooperation with local and State police organizations, has produced a sound motion picture based on the subject of "KNOW YOUR MONEY", which will be exhibited to any group throughout the nation without charge.

Since your organization is scheduled to hold its convention here in Kansas City on March 30, we would appreciate the opportunity of showing our "KNOW YOUR MONEY" film to the assembled group, at your convenience. The film is about 20 minutes long. An agent of this Service will be present with a local police officer, and after the film is shown, will devote as much time as you can spare to answering any questions regarding the work of this Service or on detection of counterfeits. He will also exhibit specimens of counterfeit money to the group, and each person will be supplied with a "Know Your Money" pamphlet which outlines the proper procedure to be followed by any individual when a counterfeit is received.

If a place can be found on your program, we shall be very glad to present our picture and in addition have one of our men devote as much more time as you can spare to the discussion. We realize that this is rather short notice, and if your program is too full, perhaps you would be willing to schedule us for a place on your next year's convention program.

We shall be pleased to hear from you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

*Wm. H. Davenport*  
Wm. H. Davenport  
Supervising Agent



January 24, 1940.

Mr. Dudley S. DeGroot,  
San Jose State College,  
San Jose, California.

Dear Dud:

I am terribly late in writing you, but as soon as your wire came I immediately called Burt and had him air mail you all the information possible. Doubtless you have kept up with the progress of things at Kansas State College, so what I say will perhaps have already been said or read before you receive this letter.

President F. D. Farrell is ill with pneumonia and nothing will be done until he gets out of the hospital. Student sentiment is very strong in favor of Stanley Williamson, but I do not know what administrative action will bring forth. They have a very splendid athletic board at Kansas State. President Farrell, before assuming the presidency, was chairman of the athletic committee. Before President Jardine was elevated to the chair of presidency, he was chairman of the athletic board at Kansas State. Jardine, of course you remember, was secretary of agriculture under President Hoover, and then later was ambassador to Egypt. He is now president of the Municipal University at Wichita, Kansas.

Dr. H. H. King, head of the Department of Chemistry, and a grand gentleman and sportsman, is chairman of the athletic committee at present. M. F. "Mike" Ahearn, the director of athletics, an all-round, versatile Massachusetts Aggie athlete, has a sense of humor and fine administrative ability. He came to Kansas State in 1904 as teacher in the Department of Horticulture. Mike started to coach there in 1906, having been taken from the faculty academic list to start football coaching. He coached all sports up until 1912, when Guy Lowman who is now at Wisconsin in the department of physical education, was made basketball and baseball coach and athletic director, and Johnny Bender, formerly of Nebraska fame, was made football coach. A squabble ensued in 1916 or 1917 between Bender and Lowman, much after the difficulties now taking place between Fry and Williamson. Both men resigned, Bender going to Tennessee and Z. G. Clevenger, who is now at Indiana, coming to Kansas State. Clevenger was athletic director at Tennessee, and Bender and Clevenger changed places. Lowman went to Wisconsin and has been there ever since.



Clevenger remained at Kansas State three years, and then accepted the directorship of athletics at the University of Missouri. Mike Ahearn took over the position of athletic director again after Clevenger went to Columbia. Mike hired Charlie Bachman as football and track coach. They had Curtis, of the University of Chicago, as basketball coach.

I will not go into more history of the case, only to say that Mike, with his colleagues, has been considered a good administrator and an academician, so he has the added prestige of an academic faculty member as well as a man along in years who has a valuable academic and athletic equilibrium.

Last Friday night I went down to Manhattan and had a long visit with Mike, but not much of the time was spent alone. My primary purpose in going was to see Nebraska play Kansas State, but naturally Mike and I are very close friends and we discussed the situation, but not as confidentially as if we had had more time and had been to ourselves.

Mike is a Catholic, but Kansas is strongly Protestant, and strongly Methodist and Presbyterian. Bachman is not a Catholic, but a Protestant, but Bo McMillan, who succeeded him, is a Catholic. I do not know the religion of either Fry or Williamson, but I do not believe that religion will enter into the selection in any way.

I trust this information for the present will give you the background.

Kansas State is a fine school and is coming very rapidly in enrollment. They have about 4,000 now, and we have 4,800. About eight years ago they had about 3,200. In my opinion, in ten years Kansas State will outrank the University of Kansas, or at least reach her in enrollment. This is the history of all agricultural colleges, and Kansas State is one of the outstanding institutions academically and scientifically.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DR FORREST C ALLEN=

PRESS RELEASES INDICATE PROBABLE VACANCY KANSAS STATE FOOTBALL POST. WOULD APPRECIATE FILING MY APPLICATION IF IN YOUR OPINION IT IS GOOD OPPORTUNITY AND I WOULD STAND CHANCE OF SECURING APPOINTMENT. PLEASE ASK BURT SEND ME DETAILS AIR MAIL AND WIRE COLLECT IF IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN THANKS. REGARDS=  
DUDLEY S DEGROOT.



SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

San Jose, California

January 27, 1940

MEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your informative and interesting letter of January 24. You probably think I had a great deal of "guts" in wiring you, as I did. However, I thought perhaps Burt could carry on, after you had given him whatever information and advise you might have.

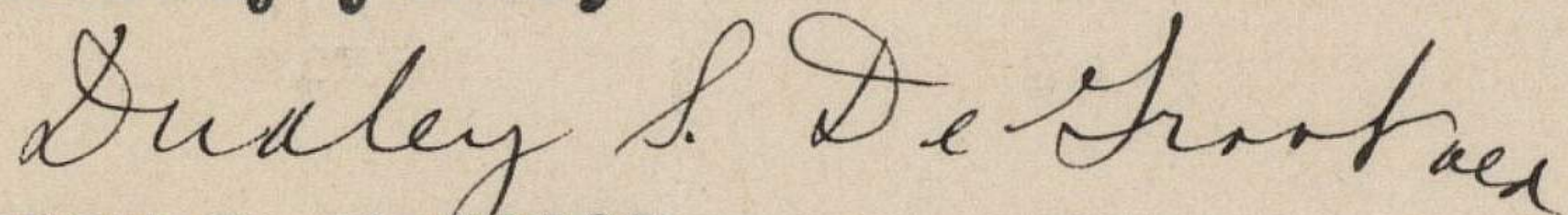
I have just dispatched a letter to Jack Gardner, the new Basketball Coach at Kansas State, who was formerly an associate of mine here in California (despite the fact that he is a U.S.C. graduate!). I thought perhaps Jack might give me some inside, first-hand information, which might answer the question as to whether an application should be filed at this time.

Burt has written me a good letter, but it contained no information beyond that it has been carried in local papers.

If you learned anything new on the situation, or if you think it would be wise to make application at this time, I should be happy to have Burt wire me collect.

Again, with sincere thanks for taking time out from your busy life to assist me in this way, I am

Sincerely yours,



DUDLEY S. DeGROOT  
Director of Physical Education

DSD/ald



February 5, 1940.

Mr. Walter Dingus, Coach,  
Waverly, Kansas.

Dear Coach Dingus:

We have just two home games remaining on our basketball schedule, February 12 with Iowa State, and March 1 with Missouri.

I have talked with Mr. Earl Falkenstien, the financial secretary of the Athletic Association, and he tells me that he will be glad to make arrangements for your high school basketball players to attend the Iowa State game, if you so desire. The tickets for the boys will be 40¢ for reserved seats, 25¢ for general admission.

I am sorry that it will be impossible to admit the boys at these prices to the Missouri game. Mr. Falkenstien tells me that he has sold 600 more student tickets this year, and generally the demand for seats at the Missouri game is very great. For that reason we could not the boys for half price at this game. We are always glad to do it, however, whenever it is possible.

If you desire tickets for the Iowa State game Mr. Falkenstien will be glad to give you the very best he has available.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



# Waverly Public Schools

Roland E. Gunn, Superintendent  
Waverly, Kansas

January 25, 1940

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

Dear Coach:

I have six senior basketball players that would like to see the University play and I have told them that I would try and help them get to see a game. Would you please send me the remainder of your season's schedule so we can try and work it in with ours.

Is there any game which you admit students of neighboring towns free or at a reduced price as you sometimes do in football? If there is we would appreciate knowing so we could try to attend.

In reply to your letter of a few weeks ago in regard to the courses which you will offer during the coming Summer Session, I would prefer taking the course numbered 200 (Theory and Practice of Athletic Training).

Thanking you in advance for helping me with this kindness, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Walter Dingus*  
Walter Dingus, Coach

*Ja. State*  
*40 d Res.*  
*25 d Gen. Adm.*



SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

San Jose, California

February 23, 1940

MEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

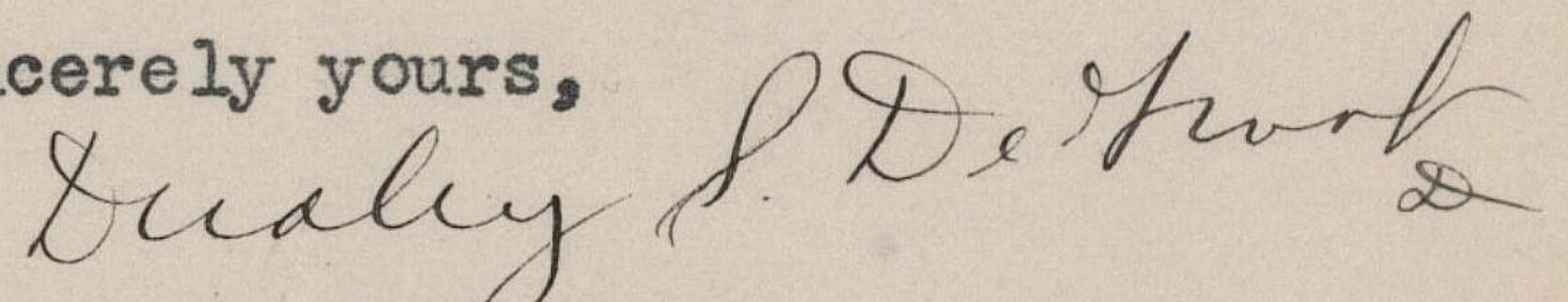
I owe you a note of apology, as well as a word of explanation, in asking your assistance on the Kansas State job, during the height of your basketball season. Particularly, do I owe you such an apology when it later developed that I really wasn't seriously interested in the Kansas vacancy.

Following the Stanford decision, however, I did have several very good opportunities offered me, and before making up my mind, I thought it might be wise to look into the Kansas State vacancy, just in case it might be a good one. After a flying trip East, and a hurried conference with the President of Rochester University, however, I was so thoroughly sold on the opportunity there that I lost no time in accepting that position.

I am leaving for my new post the first week in March, and will look forward to paying you and Burt a visit, on my return to the Coast, early in May.

Trusting that you are having a good basketball season, and with kind personal regards to Mrs. Allen, your lovely family, and, incidentally, to that young brother of mine, whom I hope is behaving himself, I am

Sincerely yours,



DUDLEY S. DeGROOT

Director of Physical Education

DSD/ald



February 23, 1940.

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

Dear Dudley:

I promised you a rain check on my letter of congratulation to you upon the acceptance of the head man job at the University of Rochester, but I never got around to writing it.

First, here's wishing you all the success in the world, and I know you will have it because you have the ability to impart not only the knowledge but the enthusiasm. In other words, I think you can breathe into the lungs of the physical education set-up the real breath of life, and I will be pulling for you a thousand per cent to do a wonderful job.

I want you to know that there was much interest in your candidacy at Kansas State. I believe that you could have gotten the job down there because Mike Ahearn called me the next morning after I wrote the letter. I was in the dentist's chair down town. He followed it up down there and he seemed very much interested. So much for that.

We are still limping along with one foot in the grave as far as the Big Six championship is concerned. We have a group of juniors, while Missouri and Oklahoma have an outfit of seniors. We might tie Oklahoma for second or third place, but I do not believe we can lick Missouri because they have lost but one game and I hardly think we are powerful enough to do the job. We are playing Nebraska at Lincoln Saturday night, and Iowa State Monday night, and Missouri the following Friday night. Then four days later we go to Omaha for a non-conference game, and then finish the season at Norman against the University of Oklahoma on March 8th. All we have to do is to win all of these conference games with a group of boys only one of whom is better than six feet tall - 6-2½. And in each of the other teams they tower from six feet seven to six feet nine at center, with two or three other big huskies.

Lots of good luck to you, Dad.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 28, 1940.

Dr. C. M. Dillon,  
Box 127,  
Norcatur, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Dillon:

I am wondering what college you graduated from. I do not believe that the University people here would give you academic credit for your professional work. But if you graduated from some 120-hour college it would not be a difficult thing for you to get enough teaching credit so that you could qualify as a teacher.

Write me all about your college background previous to your enrolling at Kirksville.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Marion, Kans.  
Feb. 27 1940

Dr. J. C. Allen  
Lawrence, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I am a Osteopathic Physician  
a graduate of Kirksville, Mo  
in 1935 and I have been  
wondering if you would please  
let me know how long  
I would have to go to  
Kansas University in order  
to be able to teach in  
High-School as I am very  
much interested in coaching  
basketball and I have  
an opportunity to coach a  
High School team, if I can  
use my college credits from  
K. C. O. S. on my teaching  
degree I would like to



attend Kansas University this  
summer term but wondered  
what would be necessary to  
complete this and how long  
would take me to do  
so and if a correspondence  
course wouldn't also help  
to speed up the matter?

Sincerely yours,  
Dr. C. M. Dillon.

Box 127,  
Marion, Kansas.



SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

San Jose, California  
February 29, 1940

MEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

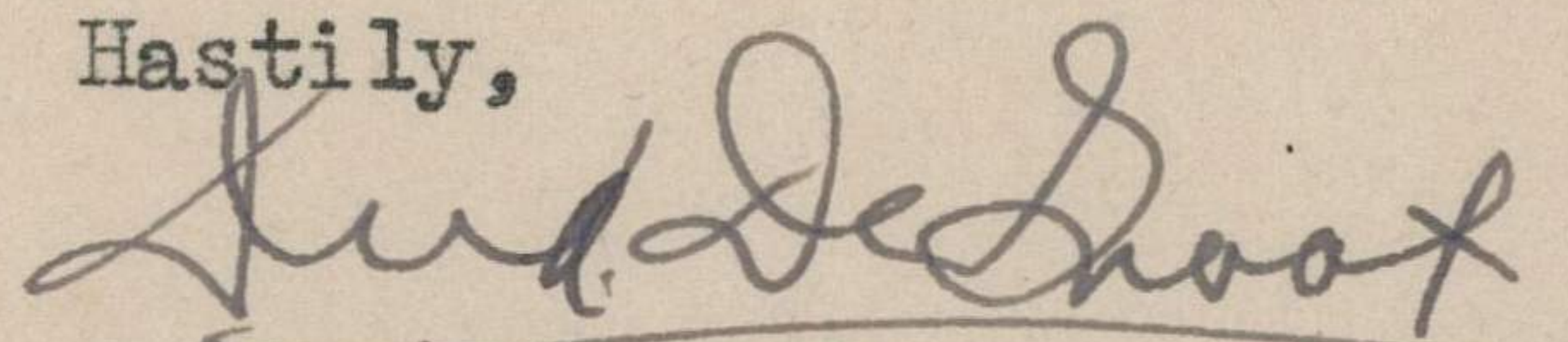
Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks for your kind letter of February 23.

I'm right in the midst of cleaning up odds  
and ends preparatory to leaving for Rochester next week.  
Plan to drive home via Lawrence, and will look forward with  
pleasure to a visit with you, at that time.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Hastily,



DUDLEY S. DeGROOT  
Director of Physical Education

DSD/ald



From: Don Davis, President K.U. Club of Kansas City

TO: Phog Allen

Subject: K.U. Reunion after Kansas-Indiana Basketball Game.

At the suggestion of Fred Ellsworth, Alumni Secretary, we have arranged for a K.U. reunion immediately after the basketball game Saturday night. Informal, of course!

The place selected is the

"ABOUT TOWN ROOM"  
HOTEL PHILLIPS

We chose the "About Town Room" because it is convenient to the Auditorium ... it is about the right size for a chummy crowd ... and you can get anything you want to eat or drink at reasonable prices. The Phillips is going to provide special K.U. music.

Fred is contacting Phog Allen to bring the basketball team to the reunion, after the Team Dinner which immediately follows the game. There will be no speeches; but plenty of singing and cheering ... win or lose ... and we expect to win!

Nor will there be any admission charge! It's FREE ADMISSION --- and all K.U. graduates, former students and their families and friends are welcome!

I am asking Claude Cochran, Marsh Pardee and Al Haas of the "Quarterback" organization which handled our football luncheons so successfully, to organize a special "Greeters' Committee."

Please pass the news around to your K.U. friends ... and we hope to see you after the ball game Saturday night!

Very truly yours,

*Don Davis*



March 13, 1940.

Mr. Jim DeCoursey,  
Ward High School,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Jim:

It was swell of you to write us at Wichita. I got your message upon my return to the hotel after the game, and I greatly appreciated it.

You have always been one of our great boosters and I am glad that our Kansas City, Kansas, friends could listen in to the game. I had made arrangements so that it would be broadcast over KCKN, because I knew that friends like Tom Van Cleave, Maurice Breidenthal and Jim DeCoursey would be listening.

By the way, Jim, I am wondering if it would be possible to ask the Ward High School band to play at our N.C.A.A. games in Kansas City on the evening of the 22nd. We don't think we will be able to stay in, but we are fighting the Oklahoma Aggies to represent the Fifth District in the semi-finals on the 22nd and 23rd. The four district winners of the region west of the Mississippi River (Rice, Colorado, U.S.C., and Kansas or the Oklahoma Aggies) are playing on these dates to select a winner to play the teams east of the Mississippi on March 30th. It would be a grand thing if we could have Ward High School band to play for the games on Friday night. Wyandotte High School band will play for us on Saturday night, the 23rd, and the University of Kansas band will play on the 30th.

If you can use your kind offices and let me know the right people to approach I will come to Kansas City and see the authorities if you will pave the way.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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