

THE BURNS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

The First to Consolidate in Kansas

Brice Durbin, Superintendent

BURNS, KANSAS

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Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

As an admirer of a man who is outstanding in his field — tops as I see it — I want to congratulate you on your success in the Big Six again this year. It seems that you always have the punch that it takes to put across a winner. In my guidance classes I have continually pointed you out to my boys as an example of success in the athletic world. Certainly you are to be commended highly for your marvelous work!

If it is possible I would appreciate very much to have a list of the scores of games in the Big Six since it's organization that Kansas University has competed in. I will tell you why I want it. It seems to me that you have won a number of games by a margin of one or two points — and that strikes me as remarkable. It means that you have the additional drive that puts a team across and I would like to show those results to the boys in this school.

Many possibly noted the same thing I did in the National Tournament at Denver. It was the "Allen" spirit that reached out to Denver in the person of Fred Pralle that put across the punch that won a national championship. Much credit is due you for that spectacular work on his part.

This letter might sound a little like blarney but you can't hand a man with a record like you blarney — you have accomplished too much. As a Missouri man I am loyal to my school but my hat is off to you. And I wish you many more years of continued success.

Very sincerely yours,

Brice Durbin
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