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March 10, 1944.

Mr. Henry Frnka, Athletic Director,
Tulsa University,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

I enjoyed the visit in our home the other evening.

I promised to send you the information on Dexin, the lemon juice, glycolixir and betulin. Dexin is the trade name for a Burroughs and Welcome product, an English concern. Dextrin is the scientific name. We use about a tablespoon of dexin and half a lemon to each cup of the concotion. This is given to the boys just before they go out at the beginning of the game and another small cup is given to them between halves when they come in. If you made this a regular daily diet I would give it to them after they have had their shower bath just before they start home.

You remember I told you we used to give them a refrigerated orange. This not only quenches thirst but gives them a pick-up and enables them to differentiate between hunger and thirst. So many boys bolt their food after a hard practice, when as a matter of fact they are more thirsty than they are hungry. This takes the edge off their hunger and still the lemon juice will stimulate digestion.

The glycolixir is a Squibbs product. One tablespoonful measured in ajigger or small glass is sufficient once a day. I would also give that after practice if you use but one tablespoonful. However, if you want to build someone up you could give them a half pint bottle and direct that it be given one tablespoonful before each meal. The scientific name for Glycolixir is Glycine.

The Betalin is the trade name that Lilly gives to betulin. This is extract of liver and so forth. It is a B complex. These could be given one after each meal if you want to build them up. I queried the doctor as to why they should be given after the meal and he said it sometimes upsets the stomach and produces gas. I know that my son, who is now a senior in the medical school at the University of Pennsylvania, refused to take them at all. He said it caused him to belch and gave him an uncomfortable feeling so he would not take them.

But he was a chap who did his own thinking anyhow, and I always doubted whether it gave as much distress or whether he just didn't want to take them.

I have never insisted that any boys take any of this stuff that they did not want to take.

I also use the Savita yeast tablets. This is a Battle Creek product and sells at retail for 50¢ for 100 tablets. You can buy them through a wholesale grocer for about 37½¢ for the hundred. They contain a lot of vitamins and they are fine to give to a squad to prevent constipation. Some of the boys are very fond of them, and others won't take them, but someone lecturing to the squad can show the beneficial effects of them and most of the boys will want to take something that will help them keep in better physical condition.

I am giving you a little further description of the glycolixir and betulin. I trust this gives you the information that you desire.

"Accumulated evidence in the last few years would indicate that the giving of vitamin B compound, glycine, and destrose would aid in restoring cardiac reserve when it is lost through various types of disease . . . . . and those who are under great physical strain."

"One capsule of betulin compound three times daily after meals.
"A tablespoon full of dexin in glass of lemonade ten minutes before game time and between halves.
"A tablespoon full of glycolixir by Squibb (glycine) three times daily."

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 2, 1943.

Mr. Bill Forsyth, AS-V12,
University of Pennsylvania,
Morgan 42,
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

Dear Bill:

I got a letter from Bob yesterday and he told me that ha had met you on the campus at Penn. I think it would be a fine thing if you could go out for the Penn basketball team. You would have the knowledge of eastern style and you also have a fair knowledge of the western style, so these two should stand you in good stead. It will make you more versatile.

I am happy you like the Jayhawk Rebounds. We will keep them coming. Write us from time to time regarding any interesting things regarding basketball at Pennsylvania, and we will try to get it in the Rebounder. Also tell us any news regarding any of the other V-12 boys at Penn.

Don't worry about last winter, Bill. I sometimes jolly a fellow along because I never want him to feel that he is too much of an angel because he might die soon! You get me, don't you, Bill?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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AMERICAN THEATRE WING

Philadelphia Stage Door Canteen, inc.

Broad and Locust Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

August 27, 1943

Dear Doc,

Saw Bob last week. He was in the midst of his exams. Didn't have much time to talk. We had our mid-semester exams this week. A little worse than Xmas., I had four exams yesterday. So far I've been lucky. My name hasn't appeared on the flunking list. There were about 200 of the 500 Navy V12 boys who were on that list. They had to be down in one subject and if they were down in three, their weekend liberty was taken away from them.

Have been playing a little basketball, will go out for the team if I have time.

Would give about anything to be

an Ensign right now. I won't be able to get my rating till next July, 1½ more semesters here and three months at midshipmens school.

Am beginning to learn how to wear my uniform. Of course the sleeves are still too short. I guess it will take a little time before I'll look like a sailor instead of a civilian.

I want to thank you for the ~~fat~~ "Jay Hawk Rebounds" that you sent me. Something like that is one of the finest thing that can be sent to a service man. I'm sure that all the other boys in the service feel the same way.

Sorry I didn't write sooner. Would have come into see you while in Lawrence but was there only a short time.

Again thanks ~~again~~ for the "Rebound"

Sincerely yours,

Bill Forsyth

P.S. Someday I want to set you straight on my training last winter. I am quite certain you were misinformed, but its water over the bridge now. So what.

Bill Forsyth AS
U. of Pa.
Phil. 4, Pa.
Morgan 41

Americus Hotel

SIXTH AND HAMILTON STREETS

Allentown, Pa.

Jan. 19, 1944

Dear Doc.,

Just a line to thank you for the gold basketball. Mother wrote me some time ago, but have neglected to write to you.

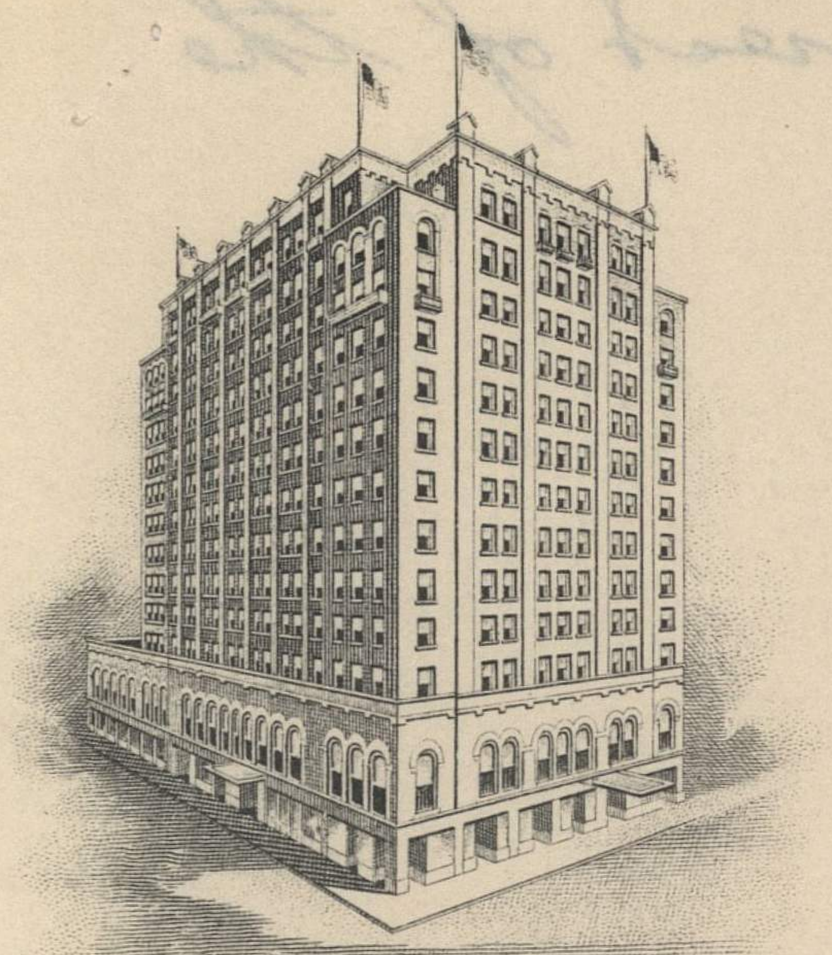
We are playing Muhlenberg tonight - drove up here this afternoon. Dope has them beating us but I believe we can knock them off. Of course they have taller players than we do, but with fight we can overcome that. There

is no boy on our team any taller than myself so you can see all the trouble we run into.

St. Joe beat us last Sat. night. Don't have much to say about the game. However, we should have beaten them.

Have your ears been burning? There was considerable discussion about your statement of Eastern basketball that appeared in all the papers. Of course I couldn't say a thing for fear of being shot. However most of them don't know what and how we play Western B. B.

Haven't seen Bob in a long time. A girl told me the other day that Bob's first



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SIXTH AND HAMILTON STREETS

Allentown, Pa.

case was a woman that was going to have a baby. Bob thought there was plenty of time and went out to lunch and when he came back he found out the woman had already had the baby. The old saying still goes "Bad start, good ending"!

Must go out to the gym now.

Sincerely yours,
"Bill Forsyth

P.S. Keep those "re-bounds" rolling. They are deeply appreciated. Sorry to hear you lost from Min.

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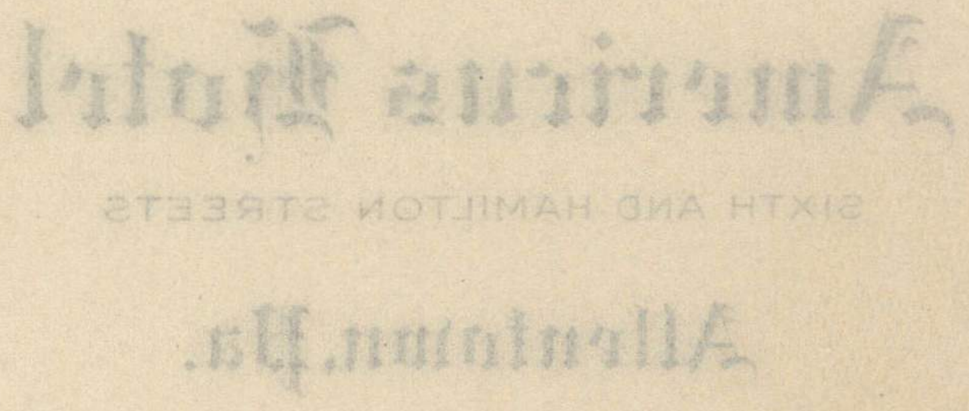
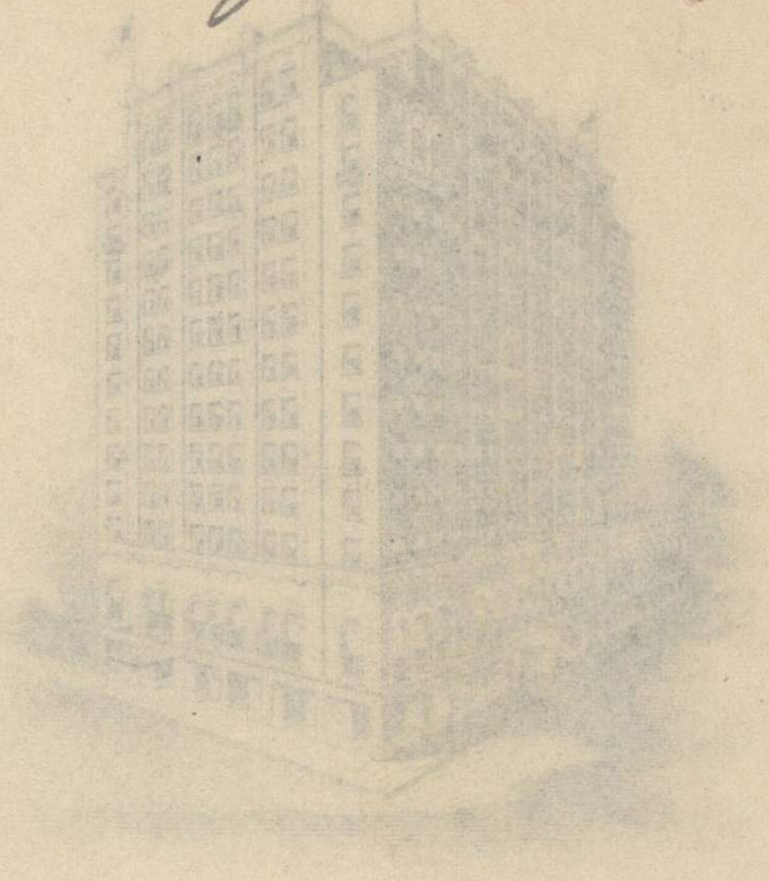
Good luck for the rest of the season.





Sorry I couldn't get down to see you at Allentown but I thought it better not to have you come down for fear of the weather. It looked so much like rain that I thought it best not to risk it. Hope you get along all right.

Sincerely yours,
Neil Torrey

P.S. Keep your eye on the Bulletin board for the schedule.

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January 25, 1944.

Mr. Hugh Fullerton, Jr.,
Associated Press,
Rockefeller Center,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fullerton:

I read your column as of December 21, 1943, which appeared under your headline in The Kansas City Star, as follows:

"When such a basketball expert as the Oklahoma Aggies' Hank Iba grudgingly admits that a suggested change in basketball 'might work', this dept. feels safe in popping off about it....Our idea was to hoist the basket up out of reach of the extra tall boys and to make it larger so that shooters would have a reasonable chance of hitting their mark without getting into those traffic jams under the bucket ... Iba, who contends that basketball will see a lot of post-war changes, agreed that anything that tends to produce more outside shots will give the spectators a chance to see what's going on inside ... Then he added still another point-if the backboards are higher, the rebounds will go farther out into the court....Maybe we still couldn't see what some of the clever ball-handlers were doing, but we'd like to see the experiment made once."

Personally, I have been agreeing with your ideas, for lo, those many years, for in the February number of the Country Gentleman in 1935 I wrote an article, "Dunking Isn't Basketball". At that time I was chairman of the research committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and also chairman of the research committee of the Joint Basketball Rules Committee. We made countless research experiments, many of them, in my opinion, that would emphatically help the game. We are still continuing research projects in basketball at the University of Kansas at the present time. I said then, and I repeat now - goals should be <u>shot</u> and not <u>dunked</u>. Should height, figured by itself, carry such a premium as it does now? Isn't the game penalizing the fine players who fall below the six foot mark?

I've thought for several years now that the tall man has an unearned advantage under a ten foot basket. That is why I suggested a twelve foot basket. It was not that I was failing to win my full percentage of games. I would move the baskets into the court six feet instead of four. Most of the eastern courts have but a two foot margin. I would have all jump balls taken to one of three spots nearest to where the held ball occurred - the two foul shooting marks and the center spot, circled by six foot radius restrainers for other than the jumpers.

I would change the scoring of field goals to three points and the free throw remaining at one. I would put the free throw distance at twenty feet and retain the four personal disqualifying foul rules as they now are. This present disqualifying foul rule is and would be a bar against roughness. The reason that I have consistently opposed the rule permitting more than four personal fouls for disqualification is that a crafty coach could instruct his defensive men to grab or hold their offensive opponents before they got within shooting range of the basket. All the offended team would ever get would be one free throw.

If both coaches exercised these questionable tactics, then you would have nothing but a free throwing match, whereas the coach that regarded the spirit of the rules would permit the so-called crafty coach's team to work into the basket and the result would be inevitable. The coach who took advantage of the rule would order his men to continue to hold. With four personal fouls you do away with this possible danger.

Coach Bill Chandler's suggestion of permitting a man to return to the game three minutes later would still be dangerous because a coach could use a large squad of men and continue the holding practice so that the three minute rule would not effect the holding procedure, and the net gain would be only the successful free throws from these fouls. Coach Chandler was at Iowa State College in our conference for nine years and I highly regard him as a real coach and a gentleman, but I see a great danger in increasing the personal foul rule.

What many coaches need is to teach their men better defensive work because a foul is a mistake, whether intentional or otherwise, and by teaching the defensive men to make fewer mistakes they would make fewer fouls. Too many coaches spend too much time on the offense and not enough time in teaching the men defensive manouvers. Therefore, you are rewarding weak coaching and inefficient coaching by increasing the personal foul rule, and you are making a rougher game.

I would also permit an offended team to throw the free throw for the basket in the half of the court where the foul was committed. Many times a team has advanced the ball the full length of the floor only to be stopped by the referees fouling one of their players. There is a slow parade of officials and players the full length of the floor. Remotely it is like penalizing a football team the full length of the field and more nearly like the golf penalty of loss of stroke and distance.

Whether there is merit in the proposal of allowing free throws to be made by the offended team in the half of the court where the foul is made, only time and experiment can tell.

I would reduce the legal size of the present ball to 29 inches maximum and to 28½ inches minimum. The maximum is now 30 inches, the minimum 29½. (The original ball was 27 inches, then grew to 32 inches.) This size would make for more expert ball handling and more accurate

shooting. This new rule would obviate the necessity of enlarging the basket ring as some coaches have advocated. Even if the basket rim were increased two inches, this would make the basket larger in proportion to the proposed change, and in addition would have expert ball handling which is difficult with a larger ball. The reason for the development of the skillful one-hand shot has been on account of the reduction in size of the ball. Previously it was too large for one-hand shooting.

If you think that a game is inviolate, consider the one that Gen. Abner Doubleday built in 1839 on the flimsy foundation of One Old Cat, and some 4,000 years of harum-scarum hitting of some sort of ball with some sort of club. In 1845 the pitching distance for baseball was 45 feet, as compared to sixty feet and six inches today. What is so sacred about the height of a ten foot basket? Some of the big boys are bumping their heads against them now. Any great game is the result of years of trial and adjustment. In some respects I think that we have outgrown the original garments of basketball just as baseball outgrew the 45 feet pitching distance.

A twelve foot basket is a positive aid to short players. Why? Because the big fellow dunks, while the little fellow still has to shoot. And too, the twelve foot basket will move the tall boy further out on the court to get the farther out rebounding ball and then the speedier man can close in on the ball more quickly than the taller, less speedy big boy. I would like to see a tall man forced to shoot his basket the same as a short man. The twelve foot basket would level them off. I am not trying to eliminate the tall man from the game. Under any conditions I'll take a good big boy over a good little man, merely because he is a bigger dish of a good thing.

You doubtless will recall that after the Olympic Games in Berlin the height of the American team caused a storm of disapproval among the Olympic competitors. Many teams, with the exception of the American teams, were unanimous in asking two heights for basketball in the Olympic Games. The maximum height for one group was six foot three inches, and then they suggested an unlimited height for the other team. The Orientals and other European teams objected to continuing basketball with an unlimited height.

I have never recommended a 12 foot goal for high school players. This always happens when you do recommend something for college players - there is always an erroneous impression that carries over in some other field of activity. But for college players, men of maturity - then I can see nothing sacred about the height of a 10 foot basket. Also, my suggestion always has been if and when such a rule should be enacted in elevating the basket that there should be a moratorium of three years in order to permit any player now in the game full play under the 10 foot basket. The oncoming tall players would naturally play under the new rule.

I was rather interested in the AP article out of New York in which Henry Iba, the coach of Oklahoma A. & M., with his 7 foot Bob Kurland, and Joe Lapchick, coach of St. John's College, with his 6 foot 9 inch Harry Boykoff, came out against the goal-tending type of defense. Sure, both

coaches used this style of play because it is profitable. But the goal-tending is only half of the story; the goal-dunking is the other half of the story, and that is where the rule-makers have made an unconstitutional rule according to any law in the land. It is discriminatory and therefore could not hold in a court of law nor should it hold in a court of fair reasoning.

The discrimination I speak of is discrimination in favor of the offense. If the ball is on the rim of the basket the offensive man may push it in, strike the ball, bat it in, or strike the rim when he dunks his arm about eight inches through the rim with the ball, and the goal counts in all of these situations. But a defensive man guarding the goal may not tap the ball or reach over the perpendicular plane of the basket in knocking the ball away from the hoop. Again, if the ball should be on the edge of the basket and the defensive man should knock it off or touch the goal, two points are scored for the offensive side. Do you not agree with me that that is discrimination, - for in the one case, and against in the other?

A higher basket that could not be touched by either player would be just for all concerned. Just because Dr. Naismith tacked the peach hamper on the running track of the gymnasium at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., and that running track happened to be 10 feet from the floor is the only reason why we have a 10 foot basket at the present time. Why should not the basket be raised with the increasing height of the players? And players in basketball are getting constantly taller all the time.

We played Oklahoma A. & M. two games last year with 7 foot Bob Kurland, and we won both games, so I am not one of those coaches who are crying because we can't beat mezzanine peeping basketball hurdlers, but rather I am thinking of the game. I call these big boys "mezzanine hurdlers" because they are tall enough to touch the mezzanine floor.

It makes me laugh audibly to see what some of these coaches say in their objections to a 12 foot basket. One, that it would make a little man shoot further than the taller man. A player shooting for a higher goal accommodates the muscles of his eyes to height the same as a player accommodates his eyes to distance. A player standing 20 feet out on the court and shooting for a 12 foot basket would arch the ball a little higher and further than he would for a 10 foot basket. The same parallel argument is always good when a player is standing 20 feet out on the floor and shooting for a 10 foot basket - he will arch the ball a little higher and further than if he were standing out on the floor 15 feet from the basket. A player arching his shot for a 10 foot basket 15 feet out would not arch it as high as he would for a 12 foot basket at the same distance.

Some coaches have raised the objection that a short man going in for a lay-up would be forced to jump two feet higher, which would be a disadvantage to a small man. This shows one thing, that none of these coaches have tried a 12 foot basket. There would be no lay-ins on these shots because each player would be required to shoot at a 12 foot basket and none

of them could accomplish a lay-in on account of the height. The poorest place to shoot at a 12 foot basket would be directly underneath the goal. That is emphatically the strong point of the 12 foot basket - in that they may not dunk it in the basket nor bat it away.

A hard drive toward the basket, which produces 80 per cent of all the fouls by the defense in basketball, is made for this very obvious reason -- because a player driving in for the basket is fouled or draws a pair of fouls, and the official awards the offended player two free throws. If you could cut out 80 per cent of the fouls and practically all of the double shots caused from players throwing these fouls, then you would have a much cleaner, open game where field goal shooting would be the dominant point rather than foul shooting which seems now to be the case. A field goal would count 3 points and a free throw would count 1, which was Dr. Naismith's idea as to the evaluation of a field goal and a free throw. The whistle-blowing of the officials would be cut down immeasurably because there would be fewer fouls on account of the fact that it would be to the advantage of a player to shoot at the basket from a distance of 8, 10 or 12 feet rather than have the big boys camp under the basket and jab or dunk them in.

The added height of the basket would measurably clear up the congestion that always exists under the 10 foot basket. The big, rugged guard who sets himself to block out the incoming man and the tall mezzanine hurdler who camps near the basket would of necessity have to move back on account of the higher arc of dispersement of the boulding ball from a 12 foot basket. This would clear up that congested area, and it would give the shorter man a decided advantage because, when a ball is arched for the goal, if by striking the basket the arc of dispersement would cause a further rebounding of the ball, the big man moves back away from the basket. Then the small man, should the ball miss the basket and drop down to the floor, could dart in and quickly steal the ball before the big man could cover this added space that he now protects and reserves for himself under this lower basket. By forcing the defensive man further back and away from the basket it would naturally give the shorter and speedier man more area to operate in without molestation. I believe that you can easily visualize this point.

Many of these proponents of the 10 foot basket, who are opponents of the 12 foot basket, remind me of a young short-sighted farmer east of Kansas City who complained that his father was the most short-sighted man he had ever seen. He left him five hundred acres of the finest farming land in the county that was worth a thousand dollars an acre. But the son complained that the father did not leave him one darned thing to farm it with! That reminds me of these basketball coaches who would much rather inherit a tall player after their annual intensive search for mezzanine hurdlers than they would actually go to the trouble to install a 12 foot basket and try the game out under these conditions.

I believe that I can say without fear of contradiction that not ten per cent of all the coaches of the United States have ever seen a 12 foot basket in operation, and not one per cent have ever put up a 12 foot basket. Therefore, some of these coaches who have derived their life income from the game have never put anything into it, but have been constantly taking out. They sit around and complain about their players going out on four personal fouls, and yet they do no more about improving the game or correcting the difficulty than this young farmer.

We have two 12 foot baskets in our gymnasium, and have had them installed for fifteen years. We use them for the purpose of teaching our players correct arching of the ball. And as for the cost of raising a goal two feet - that is a rare joke. Most goals are suspended from the ceiling and all you would have to do is shorten the pipe two feet. The bill for basketballs each year doubly exceeds the cost of raising the basket to 12 feet, so this plea for economy is rare. Those coaches speak as if the cost of raising the baskets would come out of their own pockets, and just try to get it from them.

Again, may I emphasize that I would not suggest the 12 foot basket for high school players. Many of the gymnasia in the East do have low ceilings, but this is not true in the West, and there is not a college gymnasium in America or a large auditorium in the big cities that holds any sizeable crowd but what could stand a 12 foot goal elevation without any difficulty. And by asking a raise to 12 feet this even keeps the 7 foot 6 inch player shooting for a goal and not dunking a goal. This height basket would for all time seal the fate of the gangling, inept player; - but for the good, big, tall man - he would still be in the game and he could pass and shoot along with the rest of them. The premium on height would not amount to the great advantage that it does at the present time under the 10 foot basket.

There are some conferences so unprogressive that they are still using the "horse-and-buggy" four by six backboard rather than the new stream-lined board. Maybe some of those fellows couldn't hit a stream-lined board and they need that large area to stop the ball from going out of bounds. And the joke of it is that the board was never put up for a rebound board by Dr. Naismith, but rather it was to keep the spectators away from the basket. They would reach over the balcony and kick or knock the ball away from the basket, so they built a wooden barrier large enough to keep the crowd away, which proved to be the four by six backboard. Anyhow, the Big Ten and some of the unprogressive conferences still need that backboard to keep their players from throwing the ball out of bounds.

Much of this backboard is unfertile banking area and it obstructs the view of more than fifty per cent of the people who sit behind it. One coach says, "The worth of the 12 foot basket has not been demonstrated in connection with the tall 'goon' problem, and such a change would have many disadvantages -- chiefly the expense of changing the height of baskets all

over the country at a terrific total cost." As if this large backboard is not obstructing the view of many people in many of the high schools who pay their good money to see the game and yet sit behind this large obstructing surface without anything being done about it. Certainly the expenditure of the people who pay to see the game and yet sit behind the obstruction far surmounts the so-called terrific total cost mentioned in raising the basket; and yet we are not asking that they raise the basket for high school boys but for college mezzanine hurdlers. I do not call these boys "goons". I think it is an unfair misnomer. Some of the finest athletes that I have seen have been boys over six feet six inches tall. "Mezzanine hurdlers" seems to me a more polite appellation.

Facetiously, I might ask how many 12 foot baskets the public, the sportscasters, the sport editors and the coaches have ever seen. There are none in the Smithsonian Institute, but we have two here in Robinson Gymnasium. Then if you want to get a thousand per cent negative answer, ask how many coaches have actually put up a 12 foot basket and played a game under those conditions.

The elevated basket will come as sure as death and taxes. There is no way that these administrators can frame a rule that will not be discriminatory and I am going to get a great chuckle out of watching these boys that oppose a 12 foot basket view these 7 foot boys like Kurland. In their confusion they wouldn't know what to do, and they get licked. However, there is a way to beat a team with a 7 foot player but you have to spend many weeks in preparing for just that one team and one player. We will beat many teams with tall players and we have had very few tall centers. So I am not kicking on my own personal account, but I am endeavoring to improve the game.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 28, 1944.

Mr. C. H. Freeark,
Terrace Hotel,
Green Mountain Falls, Colo.

Dear Mr. Freeark:

I find that I am in need of $10.00 from you to pay the entrance fee which is the next move in my desire to have you a member of Lawrence Rotary. After the $10.00 is received I will place your name before the board of directors, and of course we anticipate favorable action.

Will you kindly mail the check to me so that I may place it before the proper parties?

I trust you are having a very pleasant stay at Green Mountain Falls. We will be looking for you home shortly after Labor Day.

My pleasure is reciprocal in your friendliness.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 9, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

I found your letter of August 1st awaiting me when I arrive in Green Mountain Falls a few days ago. It is very pleasant here and there are several Lawrence people here whom I know.

I plan to return to Lawrence shortly after Labor Day and will give you a ring upon my arrival.

May I take this opportunity to express my genuine appreciation for the interest and friendliness you have shown to me.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Freark
"C. H."

Enc. L. T. Flowell, U.S.N.R.

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NTS Fort Schuyler

New York, 61, N.Y.

New York, N.Y.
July 9, 1944

F.C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc":

It's the old story of being late in writing, but I'll try to scribble off a few words to you and let you know what I'm doing.

I received my commission and was sworn into the Navy at K.C. on April 4th, as Ensign, D-V(S) USNR. I was sent here to Fort Schuyler, The Bronx, N.Y. for indoctrination and graduated from indoctrination school June 23rd. I was then assigned to the advanced school here at Fort Schuyler where I am now slaving away. I like the Navy fine, tho I find some of the subjects pretty tough, and do more studying than ever before in my life. Have managed to break away to New York a few weekends to see the sights of the big city & see a few Yankee ball games. We have a good physical program too, and believe I'm in good enough shape to play a few fast minutes of basketball, just like the good old days at K.U. Haven't seen a familiar face since I've been here, guess most of the '38 & '39 gang are in combat areas or training elsewhere.

I have sure enjoyed the Jayhawk Rebounder, & all that I've shown it to say it's the best publication of its kind they've ever seen. I get a big thrill out of

reading about some of my old friends and of the present happenings at K.U. The college ties are the best of all & it means a lot to all of us to hear what the fellows are doing and where they are.

I sure want to thank you for your fine letter of recommendation & for countless other favors in the years past. You even had to help me & my car out of a snow-bank that afternoon last February, remember?

I don't know where I'll be assigned from here altho I'll probably go to Norfold, Va. for destroyer or LST duty, but then that's just a guess. I'm sure hoping to run onto some K.U. boys before long so we can shoot the bull about the days past and of the future championship basketball clubs at K.U. People back here know all about K.U.'s BB teams, but they're kind of "die hard" about St. John's, Long Island U., etc. after the War, guess we'll have to show them.

Please send future Jayhawk Rebounders addressed to me at:

2119 Gage Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas

My address will be too uncertain to send them direct to me, & I'll always have them forwarded from the above.

Again, thanks a million for playing a big part in helping me get my commission. We're all anxious to get back home again, & maybe peace will come sooner than we think. Keep up those swell Rebounders, I'm waiting for the next one.

As ever,

Loren T. Florell

Capt. Chester K. Friedland, 0565381
Base Physical Training Officer
Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma

12 July 1944

Dear Dr. Allen:

Can't tell you how happy I was to receive your Jay-Hawk Rebounds - they bring back memories of old times and the boys are really doing a good job in the war.

Noticed in your last edition that Charlie Black was at Will Rogers Field and one of our sub-bases - Coffeyville.- He would really make a combination with Ed Milkovich, All American from Duquesne University, who is stationed here. We had a fine record last year --were the only team, other than the Phillips' Oilers, to beat the Navy Skyjackets and we beat them twice.

Was wondering if you intend having some kind of basketball coaching clinic this summer. I would like to go to Lawrence and take a couple boys from this base, if possible. A clinic is being held in Tulsa and one in Oklahoma City but would much rather attend one that you conduct. The sports writer was telling me you have conducted clinics in Oklahoma City in the past.

My twin daughters are getting along fine. They look so much alike I can hardly tell them apart now. Heard from Bill Bunson a couple weeks ago. He just completed his fourth year in the Navy and is now stationed somewhere with the Pacific fleet. He has a wife and baby that he certainly would like to see.

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Doc, how about putting Will Rogers Field on your schedule when you come to Oklahoma next year? Am sure we could give you a good game and I know the boys would enjoy staying at Will Rogers Field if they can. There is nothing I would like better than a game with Kansas.

Our physical training program is getting along fine. We have been emphasizing competitive sports and have been getting the most out of our men in this heat.

Hope to hear from you soon. Give my regards to anybody around that I may know.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Chet

Chet Friedland

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

Track '37, '38, '39
Shot-Put

July 3, 1944.

Lt. Col. C. J. Frankforter,
Commanding Officer,
Army Service Forces, 7th Service Command,
Headquarters, District No. 4,
1202 National Bank of Topeka Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Colonel Frankforter:

Your very good letter of the 23rd ultimo has been received and greatly appreciated. Yes, indeed, I am well acquainted with S/Sgt. Harold Gill. I am very fond of him. I had an opportunity to have a short visit with him in the rush of things out at Haskell. I am glad to know that he is your right hand man because I hold him in very high regard. Kindly give him my regards.

Thank you for the kind invitation to call at your headquarters when I happen to be in Topeka. It so happens that Mike Getto, the coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers who is now running for his father-in-law, Billy Hutson, the Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence, and I are going to be on E. A. Thomas's Kansas State High School Athletic Association Coaching School in Topeka August 22 - 25. If you are in town I certainly will drop by and have a visit with you. It will be most interesting to discuss the friendly warfare between Kansas and Nebraska, on and off the athletic field.

Thank you for correcting me on the spelling of your name. I will not be guilty of this error again because I see that you much prefer the 'o' to the 'u'. I might say in our own defense that the very affable secretary in Major Inman's office gave us this spelling. But a Kansan shouldn't start alibi-ing in the initial stages, should he!

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES, SEVENTH SERVICE COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT No. 4
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TOPEKA, KANSAS

In reply refer to: CJF/bjm

23 June 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Chairman
Committee on Program and Exhibits,
Douglas County Fifth War Loan Drive,
Department of Physical Education,
The University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Many, many thanks for your courteous note of 21 June 1944.

It was kind of you to take the trouble of writing me and I appreciate the note.

Really, this headquarters did but little but it was a privilege to do even the little bit. I am sorry it was impossible to do more.

I attended your meeting at Haskell Stadium the other night but had to leave early and did not get to meet you. You had a very fine program.

S/Sergeant Harold Gill was one of the non-commissioned officers whom I sent over to the Sunflower Ordnance Works when a request was made for some men in uniform for the program Tuesday night. I believe you know Sgt. Gill. He is a Lawrence man. He is my 'right hand man' here in this headquarters.

You may or may not know that I have been on the faculty of the University of Nebraska for thirty-six (36) years. I was in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. Our schools have certainly had a bad time during the past year or so. It will be wonderful when this infernal War ends and we can get back to normal again. I would be glad to have you call at our headquarters any time you happen to be in Topeka.

Please let me call your attention to an error in the spelling of my name. There just isn't any 'u' in the name. The 'u' is an 'o', thank goodness.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. Frankforter

C. J. FRANKFORTER
Lt. Col., Infantry
Commanding Officer

August 1, 1944.

Mr. C. H. Freeark,
The Terrace Hotel,
Green Mountain Falls,
Colorado.

Dear Mr. Freeark:

I told you when I saw you at the Lawrence Country Club that I would call you at your office. However, it was not necessary for me to call you to turn in your preliminary application for membership in Rotary.

When you return to Lawrence it will be ample time for me to follow through on this Rotary proposition. Will you kindly write me at your leisure and let me know when you expect to return from your vacation? I trust you are having an excellent one.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.F.C. Wilson R. Fitzpatrick - 17082856
Hdqs. Base Section No. 1. CZ, ETOUSA
A.P.O. 350 c/o PM. N.Y., N.Y.

May 20, 1944

Dear Doc,

Yours letters are still reaching me and they are swell. It is something that you get to looking forward for. Every couple of months you get to thinking, it's about time for one of Doc's letters and it usually isn't long until the letter shows up. One of your letters was really a big help as Bill Bill got my address from it. We hadn't heard from one another for almost a years. Went into a Phi Delt meeting in London not long ago and met a man who said to tell you "hello". It was Major Teebow from Kansas State. Saw your articles in the paper Stars and Stripes about the new rules against the tall. It was very good and I'll bet you are finding a lot of people that are agreeing with you this time. In your last letter you mentioned something about a Kansas meeting that was to take place tonight. Looked for the announcement in Stars and Stripes but never saw any. Someone must have decided to call it off. This trip over here has really turned out to mean a great deal to me. I had an inspection in

my eyes, really of the eyelids, for three years. Went to quite a few doctors in Kansas City, home, and even Lawrence and none of them could do anything for me. In fact two of them put glasses on me to use just for reading. About the middle of January this year I was finally sent to a hospital for an examination of my eyes. The doctor was a Kansas man and a graduate of the University. By going for treatments at the hospital twice a week and finally once a week he cured the infection up in six weeks. The infection had caused my left eyelid to droop so in the second week of April he operated on the eyelid and shortened it. Was in there until first week of May and that is where I received your last letter. I can't remember when my eyes felt so good or were so clear. They are no longer red and do not drain anymore. Do not have to use glasses any more and can read or go to a show and feel no effects on the eyes at all. This doctor is really a wonder. He takes pictures of all his work before and after and he has done some great things over here. He is also the top man in plastic surgery in the hospital and there he really shines. He is probably the busiest man at the hospital but he never loses interest in his work. The medics are a great thing this war and we will find out more and more as we go along just what a great job their doing. Must stop now as it is getting late.

Sincerely Yours,
Bob Fitzpatrick

I have a new return address now.