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December 19, 1940

Mr. Edward S. Foltz
426 Santa Fe Trail
Olathe, Kansas

Dear Mr. Foltz:

I acknowledge with thanks your good letter of December 3, and I have written our publishers to make the correction on the two errors that you kindly called to my attention.

I appreciate this very much and want you to know that you are a very discerning reader. When a fellow writes a text like that someone has said he should write with pains and others should read with ease. Apparently I have not shown that admonition and have written with ease and caused others to read with pain.

However, I thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Kansas School for the Deaf

OLATHE, KANSAS

Department of Physical Education

Dec. 3, 1940.

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

My dear Dr. Allen:-

Since I am taking a course under you in "Better Basketball," I have, during my study of the book, come across two apparent errors - either typographical or otherwise and am calling your attention to them. Perhaps you have noticed them before, then again perhaps I am wrong and the text is correct.

Here they are:

Page 167, 4th line in Paragraph on "A More Difficult Recovery" - I think it should read "down over guard's RIGHT thigh" - not LEFT, as text states.

Page 239 - last line reads: ③ passes to ①. This, I believe should read "③ passes to ②."

Kansas School for the Deaf

OLATHE, KANSAS

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Department of Physical Education

I do not in any way wish to appear critical; this letter is written only with the feeling you will be glad to check up on these apparent errors.

I am enjoying the course very much and think "Better Basketball" is a splendid text.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Goltz

426 Santa Fe Trail

Olathe, Kans.

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February 15, 1941

Sgt. E.A. Fetting
Office of G-2
9th Division
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Dear Eddie:

I am sorry I have delayed in getting my message to your men at Fort Bragg.

However, I must admit that I have been busier this year than I have ever been in my life. It has not been possible for me to sit down and concentrate so that I might right you and your men the message I desired.

I trust that the enclosed will be acceptable.

With all good wishes to you and your splendid men,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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SERGEANT FETTING.

January 8, 1941

Sgt. E.A. Fetting
Office of G-2
9th Division
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Dear Sgt. Fetting:

Your letter of January 2 regarding the possibility of Dr. Allen contributing to your "guest" column has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time but as soon as he returns your letter will be brought to his immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

HEADQUARTERS NINTH DIVISION
Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Office of G-2

2 January 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas.

Friend Doctor:

Have just received your letter and was certainly glad to get your answer. While you stated that you were enroute to New York, Etc., I envied you and watched the papers for game results but the locals don't carry them so I was disappointed.

The "guest" column that I asked you for is still welcome as, due to the holiday furloughs, we did not deem it advisable to start the series until after they had ended.

Also, the start of our basketball leagues was postponed until now. So, if you have time and will do it, a column on "How basketball better prepares a soldier for his duty" or something like that, will be welcomed and timely. Our leagues start January 15 and will run until March 10.

Please don't think I am insistent but on the other hand am solictious because I really didn't know that "Doc Allen" ~~was~~ was so widely known until now. Many men down here, interested in basketball, mention your name and proudly I have shown them my autographed copy of "My Basketball Bible", which I prize very highly.

So if you can contribute, I sure will appreciate about 250, or more, as soon as it is convenient for you.

Chose your own topic. I know ~~it~~ will be good and instructive. Also, it will add much prestige to my column, which will include Ed Wray, Walter Winchell, Kate Smith, Pegler, and several others. Yours will be the only one on basketball, I have one on all sports and most other professions.

Thanks for your letter, Doc, and I hope I ^{am} not asking too much. I close with best wishes that your teams are ever-victorious.

Sincerely.

: Sgt. E. A. Fetting,
Office of G-2
9th Division
Fort Bragg, N. C.

Ed

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The Game is The Thing

(original skin copies)

are dominant

All athletic contests are a throw-back from the Game of War, ^{Fighting games} where great masses of men are aggregated in camps and cantonments. It is a perfectly natural thing to expect games of combat and contact from these enlisted men. In track a throw of the javelin simulates the use of the spear; in baseball the throwing ^{of} the ball simulates the early day hurling of the rock; and the swinging of the bat simulates the club in the strong right arm of the elemental man who swung viciously to fell the animal, ^{to provide} the food which was so necessary for the caveman table.

Boxing and wrestling ^{bring} brought the individuals in close contact with each other. Through the hundreds and thousands of years that men have been clutching at each other's throats in mortal combat, this game of contest and conquest has been going on. The man who wrote the rules of the game merely put in some thou-shall-not-inhibitions, and ^{we call these} gladiatorial combats ^{games when we apply inhibitions to fighting actions.} ~~rules of the game.~~

The fellow who observes these ^{rules} is a sportsman, so to speak; the man who does not is a mucker. So we have veneered civilized society with inhibitions, and in our society we have said that the man who does not follow these rules is not a good sportsman. He does not belong. The man who follows these rules we cheer for him. The athlete who breaks these rules we jeer at him or shun him.

Why do we cheer for an athlete who executes an exceptional feat of skill? Simply because through these hundreds and thousands of years that men have been struggling we admire this struggle to such a degree that we struggle with them. We admire it because when we sit on the sideline we are playing the game in our own mind's eye in the same manner as are the men on the field. The spectator is a participant because he takes sides. His cheering and partisanship is a sure symptom that he is in the game.

All of our great national games at present have developed in a big way from previous wars. Professional baseball received its impetus from the Civil War. Millions of men in army camps played One Old Cat and Duck on the Rock. When they returned home, jobs were scarce and many men were out of employment. Consequently, the promoters started leagues and soon these expert ^{players} ~~men~~ continued in the game. Leagues were formed and professional baseball was on its way. The World War revived baseball and established professional football. As we look back we find that the Civil War developed professional baseball and the World War revived professional baseball and developed professional football. What will this great peace-time draft, that has called so many men to the colors, develop in the way of a new professional game? Will it be professional basketball in a big way as professional baseball and football are now played? It does not look ^{now} as if this will be a short ^{war} ~~war~~. Doubtless the youth of our Nation will all definitely be in service in the next year for a period of three or four years.

Since this is basketball season, perhaps a short review on "How Basketball Better Prepares a Soldier for his Duties" may be timely.

It is a well-known fact that a ^{basketball} player must be in better physical condition than ^{a player in} any other of our national games. Running, jumping, leaping, vaulting and climbing are the fundamental activities of man. Four of these fundamental activities are ^{incorporated} ~~encouraged~~ in the game of basketball. There are many inhibitions in the game of basketball that are necessary for a soldier to learn. We pass at angles and run in curves. It is not necessary to have a fast man in basketball but preferably a quick and an agile player is desirable. The footwork in basketball is comparable to that in boxing, handball and tennis. I have also generally found that a man who is a good basketball player can easily acquire the movements of the baseball player.

Dr. James Naismith, inventor of basketball, who came to the University of Kansas in 1898 and taught here until his death on November 28, 1939, said of basketball, "It is a game easy to play but difficult to master." So here is your challenge, you men of the Ninth Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, see if you can master this great game that a modest man originated for 18 troublesome athletes at Springfield College, way back in 1891.

Young Naismith, left an orphan at eight years of age in Almonte, Canada, was raised by an old bachelor uncle, Peter Naismith. In early youth young Naismith found that necessity was the mother of invention. Those rugged northmen did much skiing and skating. Naismith, having no money, took two old files and clamped them between wooden supports for his first pair of skates. He was always an inventive genius, a noble gentleman, a generous competitor but a tough man to whip.

One June day in 1926 I sat with Dr. Naismith under a spreading Canadian Maple at Bennie's Corners in Almonte, Canada. Here I met Uncle Peter who reared young Naismith. I even saw the casket which Uncle Peter, after the fashion of Canada's frugal pioneers in their northern woods, had skillfully built and polished so that it would be in readiness for the time which would inevitably overtake him. Of late, Uncle Peter had taken to sleeping in his casket--perhaps to get accustomed to it.

It can be said of such men, ^{as Dr. Naismith} that only those who can accept and meet a great challenge are worthy to be great leaders. A man who could claim that group of contemporaries for friends could not have been an ordinary man. Robert Tait McKenzie, Dr. Luther H. Gulick, his classmates, Amos Alonzo Stagg and a host of others. From them, as well as from his genteel origins, he learned the manners of a gentleman and the glories of unselfish achievement.

September 12, 1940

Mrs. John Frederick
Box 117
Salina, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Frederick:

I have just returned from Kentucky with my family and I find your letter on my desk as of August 30. I have not seen or heard from Mr. Uhrlaub for some two months or more, and I am sorry that I am not in a position to render real service.

I have just called his sister at the Holmes Investment Company in Lawrence, Kansas, and she tells me he is without work at the present time and is on a farm. She stated that she wanted to talk with me and sometime very soon I will go down and get more information. I am sorry about all the unfortunate happenings to this family.

I wonder if you will be kind enough to send me Mrs. Uhrlaub's address. I want to write her. I have always been very sympathetically inclined in her favor and I do not want her to feel that I am taking up with Mr. Uhrlaub, but all the things I did for him was done for both of them. I was hoping that when he got his Master's Degree that it would enable him to procure a job and in turn support his family as he should. I definitely assure you of my loyalty to Mr. Uhrlaub's family and I want to thank you for the interest you have taken and I feel very unhappy that I cannot do more.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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P.S. In confidence will you kindly give me the name of the young lady that taught with Mr. Uhrlaub in Salina? I will use this confidentially and in my own way.

Salina, Kans.,

Aug., 30/40

Dr. Forest Allen,
Kansas U.,
Lawrence, Ks.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you with regard to Mr Uhlauk, she has been and is in Denver - has only recently had a job but not enough to keep them all and they have written - meaning the boys - their father for help and his reply has been the same. Their situation is really desperate and we are wanting to know does he have a job for this year? Mr Uhlauk was in Denver the summer but did not look the way up. I know you are very busy but hope you can answer this at once.

Yours truly,

Mrs. John Frederick

Box 117 Salina, Mo.

Mrs. Harry Arkell

R. R. # 3

Junction City, Ks.

(Uhrlab)

Fred

September 19, 1940

Mrs. John Frederick
Box 117
Salina, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Frederick:

I was pleased to have your letter of the 15th but sorry to learn that Ernst has done absolutely nothing for his family. I have just received a letter in this morning's mail from Mrs. Vernadine Uhrlaub, 1029 East 17th Avenue, Apartment 6, Denver, Colorado. I understand Mr. Uhrlaub is on a farm, in care of Mr. James Arkell.

I am helpless to do anything and certainly it looks as if the dye is pretty well cast. If I were Mrs. Uhrlaub I would exercise the law to the fullest extent, either sending him to jail or making him pay something. He is going to officiate at football and basketball games and I believe Mrs. Uhrlaub's attorney could find out what his income will be. I have checked up regarding his whereabouts and I think you are absolutely correct.

He has not communicated with me in any way, but I do intend to go down and see his sister, which I have not done as yet, and tell her the facts of the case. She seems to be a very lovely woman but she certainly cannot condone his action. I will let you hear from me after I see Mrs. Evans, his sister.

I am writing Mrs. Uhrlaub this morning telling her that I have a great many friends in Denver and perhaps they can be of some aid to her there. It will be a great pleasure for me to help her if I can.

If there is anything further that I can do, Mrs. Frederick, that you think of, please tell me and I will be just as energetic in working in behalf of Mrs. Uhrlaub as I was in aiding Ernst to get his Masters' Degree so he could support his dependents.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg
cc: Mrs. Uhrlaub

Lahua Ks. 9/15/40.

Dr. F. C. Allen.
Lawrence, Ks.

Dear Sir:-

It is indeed very sad about Mr. Whelant but it seems to me his sister did a very poor job of counseling and aiding him in his affairs ^{and she did just what} - if he had wanted to leave his wife all well and good but he should have done it in a decent manner and not such a way as to make it impossible for Lina to get a job.

I am sure after my talk with you last spring and had told Mrs. Whelant about it she does not in any way hold anything against you.

Her address is Mrs. Vernadine Whelant,
1027 E. 17th Ave. Denver, Colo.
The friend of Mr. is Miss Rose A. Arkell

Junction City, Mo. % James Arkell.
I was told both these names are on roll
at the Teachers Placement Bureau in
Topeka but they would have jobs as
they can't be fully recommended.

He will probably get some officiating
at the games this winter and make a
little for himself.

He is on the farm with Lew & Lew folks -
I am quite sure.

If you have any information I
would be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours.
Mrs. John Frederick
Box 117 Salina Mo.

October 7, 1940

Mr. C.A. Fordyce, Principal
Westwood View School
50th and Hudson Road
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fordyce:

I am sorry that I have not answered your letter of September 3 sooner. The rush of the opening of school has kept me swamped, but I want to write you now and tell you how very much pleased we are with Paul Turner. He is a grand chap; everyone likes him, and I think he is very sincere in his desire to get an education. He is a swell athlete and a fine gentleman.

I believe Paul is happy. We have given him a job and he likes the work. He is out for freshman basketball and Friday night, for a while, I was up to watch him work. He is one of our prize freshmen and I know he will develop into an excellent man for Kansas University. I am very sure that this boy will not disappoint either you or us.

If at any time you come to Lawrence we would like to know ahead of time so that we might arrange to see you. We appreciate your loyalty and your cooperation in getting Paul to choose the University of Kansas. He and Bob Johnson are fine representatives from your district.

Will you kindly thank Mr. Petra and Mr. Guy for me for their kindness in putting Paul to work for a month in the summer? Again I thank you for your kindness in getting Mr. Lynch to give Paul a break.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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September 4, 1940

Mr. C. A. Fordyce, Principal
Westwood View School
30th and Hudson Road
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fordyce:

Your letter of September 3 to Dr. Allen regarding Paul Turner came to the office while Dr. Allen was out of town.

I am sure Dr. Allen will be happy to help Mr. Turner find an odd job, if at all possible. Your letter will be brought to his attention when he returns to the office about the 9th or 10th of September.

I might say that Mr. Turner was in the office a few days ago and I advised him when Dr. Allen would return and suggested he come in to see him then.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Westwood View School

C. A. Fordyce, Principal
50th and HUDSON ROAD
Kansas City, Kansas

September 3, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
Physical Education Dept.
University of Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

You will recall that I brought Paul Turner to the University to see you early in the summer. At that time I planned to get Paul work here in Kansas City with the Sheffield Steel Corporation. You thought perhaps your friend R. L. Gray would be able to help us out, but I was unable to contact him. Mr. Elmer Lynch, who is Mr. Gray's assistant, is a neighbor of mine and I was able to get Paul a job through him.

Mr. Petra and Mr. ^{Francis Arthur J. C. Nichols} Guy, who are with the J. C. Nichols Companies and are both Kansas University men, put Paul to work for their company for about a month early in the summer and then he went out to Sheffield Steel where he is still employed. He has saved enough money to take care of his tuition and books. So if you will be able to give him some sort of an odd job around the university, I think this boy will pay dividends.

We are all very much interested in Paul and are hoping that he will develop into a good man for K. U. He has made a good record. He is a good average student. He has a good personality. He's willing to work and can be depended upon.

We are hoping that this boy will not disappoint us.

At any time we can be of any help we would appreciate hearing from you.

With Best Wishes for another successful year at Kansas. I am,

Sincerely,

C. A. Fordyce

C. A. Fordyce

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October 7, 1940

Mr. E. S. Foetz
Department of Physical Education
Kansas School for the Deaf
Olathe, Kansas

Dear Mr. Foetz:

Answering your kind letter of the 4th instant regarding the correspondence course in basketball, I assure you that I would be very happy to have you take the course as offered by me from the Correspondence Study Bureau of the University of Kansas. I called Miss Kenney, who is the Secretary of the Bureau, and she states that she will send you a catalog at once.

We use my text, Better Basketball, for this course. This book contains 163 action photographs and 86 diagrams of plays, together with information on training and conditioning, treatment of athletic injuries, bandaging, emergencies, and so forth.

The text sells for \$4.00. We prepay the postage. I would be glad to autograph one for you if you do not have a copy. You can get the text, of course, from any book shop or from the McGraw-Hill Company for \$4.00.

If I can serve you in any way please call on me.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Kansas School for the Deaf

OLATHE, KANSAS

Department of Physical Education

Oct. 4-1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:-

I am planning, within a week or so to take up a correspondence course in basket-ball, in order to obtain credits as required by the Board of Regents.

It is my understanding I may obtain 2 credit hours from such a course.

I would appreciate information from you as to what the requirements are in order that I may start soon.

I am a graduate of Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. - with a degree of Bachelor of Arts and have been coaching 25 years.

Cordially,

E. S. Foltz

October 15, 1940

Miss Rosella Froman
923 National St.
Fort Scott, Kansas

Dear Miss Froman:

We had definitely planned to have another folk dance festival, but things did not work out as satisfactorily as we had hoped for last year and we have not promoted another one for the reason that the demand was not as great as we thought it would be.

Miss Hoover and Miss Stapleton attended the Cheyenne Mountain School this summer under the direction of Dr. Lloyd Shaw, where they learned square dancing. They have been having square dance parties on Friday evenings. If you are interested I would suggest that you write Miss Hoover, or come up and have a talk with her about it.

We would be very glad to have you attend the square dance parties on Friday evenings.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Forrest Allen
Physical Education Dept.
Kansas University
Lawrence,
Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen -

Is the University
planning another
Folk Dance festival?

Last year it was announced
for this year but so far
as I know a definite
date was not given.

Would you write
what plans have been
made and the date?

Yours truly,

(Miss) Rosella Froman

923 National

Fort Scott, Kansas

October 15, 1940

Mr. E. S. Foltz
Athletic Director
Kansas School for the Deaf
Olathe, Kansas

Dear Mr. Foltz:

I am glad you received the book and I hope you like it.

In regard to the new fan-shaped backboard, the rules make it optional and the majority of the high schools and colleges are ordering them. I see no benefit in waiting another year. I can state positively that the board will not be changed any more for several years.

Yes, they will be permanent and I believe that you will have no difficulty in installing it. Since the Rules Committee has approved them, I am sure you will have no difficulty with visiting teams.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Kansas School for the Deaf

OLATHE, KANSAS

Superintendent's Office



October 11, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your autographed copy of "Better Basketball" received in fine shape, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for it.

As soon as I can complete arrangements I expect to start the correspondence course.

By the way I am a bit in doubt about those new fangled fan-shaped backboards. Would you suggest we install them this year or wait for another year? Are they going to be permanent? We will have no difficulty installing them, but the question is: would they meet with the approval of visiting teams whose schools have not as yet been able to go so modern?

Cordially,

E. S. Foltz

E.S. Foltz, Athletic Director

October 30, 1940

Mr. Earl Ferris
Lawrence Journal World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Earl:

President Wilbur Reese of the Lawrence Country Club has appointed me to serve as chairman of the Tournament Committee for next year. I am asking some of the key men who have had much to do with the Tournament to serve on our Committee.

With you I will ask Cliff Carl and Glenn Charleton. We should be able to do a good job if you will accept a place on this Committee. I will appreciate your cooperation, and my sincere wish is that we will have a better year in tournament participation for our group than heretofore.

Please advise me of your acceptance. I will appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg:mln

November 12, 1940

Mr. Leo H. Fischer
Herald-American
326 W. Madison St.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Leo:

I have just returned from an extended trip to Toledo, Chicago and Milwaukee and find your letter here on my desk.

I would have been very happy to have called you up and had a chat with you had I known you were seeking such information.

If, after reading the enclosed questionnaire I have filled out, you desire to ask other questions, I will be happy to comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

November 7, 1940

Mr. Leo H. Fischer
Herald-American
326 W. Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Fischer:

Your letter of November 4 with questionnaire enclosed has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time on speaking engagements, but your letter will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

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326 W. MADISON ST.
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE
ANDOVER 1234

November 4, 1940

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

Dear Phog:

This is a bit of an imposition, but we newspapermen are always imposing on coaches, anyhow.

I'm doing some research work on modern basketball and would appreciate greatly if you'll fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

With thanks and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

Leo Fischer