

April 15, 1940.

Mr. Bill Fitzgerald,
North Platte Daily Bulletin,
North Platte, Nebraska.

Dear Bill:

It was a great pleasure to hear from you.
Thank you for your congratulations - the boys came through
splendidly this year. We are very proud of them.

I am glad to know that you are enjoying
your work. When ever you come to Lawrence be sure to stop
in and say hello.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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

Dear Doctor Allen,

This is a little bit late, but maybe it will serve the purpose anyway. You probably know I've been following the activities of the K. U. basketball team very closely--just as every K. U. man and every basketball fan all over the United States--have.

This is just a note of congratulations on a wonderful job. I just saw one game--the K-State game--and I was proud to have been from K. U. My attitude didn't do me any good in Manhattan incidentally. My brother has been keeping me pretty well posted on all the team's activities, and he explained at some length why Indiana was able to come through in the finals.

I'm on the advertising staff and like my work fine although I did miss writing sports some. North Platte has about the same population as Lawrence.

Congratulations again to you Doctor and to the basketball team.

Sincerely,

Bill Fitzgerald

May 1, 1940.

Mr. Frank Frost,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Georgia,
Athens, Georgia.

Dear Jack:

Accept my heartiest congratulations on your appointment as head of the Department of Physical Education at the University of Georgia. You bet, I am happy over your appointment and I am indeed glad to hear the good news.

I would suggest that you visit such schools as Ohio State, Wisconsin, Illinois, Columbia and New York University, and perhaps Stanford or California or U.C.L.A.

I imagine that this is too much of a country-wide tour for you and that you doubtless will confine yourself to certain localities. Won't you write me a little more definitely about what regions you care to visit? This itinerary I have mentioned would cause you to be subjected to quite an expenditure of money. Of course, we would be glad to have you visit the University of Kansas.

With all good wishes to you and your wife, and the little tot, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
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INTRA-MURAL ATHLETICS

April 10, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen,

Last Monday A.M. I had final confirmation to the effect that I had been made Head of Dept. of P. Ed. for men. You know, of course, that I am very much elated over the promotion. At this time I am not getting much encouragement from the financial angle. - I am not discouraged over that tho' because I believe that things will get better in our State in the early future and everything will be O.K. I thought maybe you would like to hear about this. I don't want to impose on

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you a little bit. Next year, probably, during the Spring Quarter, I plan to use 3 months in visiting 8 or 10 schools over the country. If you contemplated such a thing, which schools would you visit. I am interested primarily in those schools, which in your mind, have outstanding undergraduate programs.

I really will appreciate your views on this matter, because I have always thought a great deal of your judgement.

Best Regards to you and yours,

Frank D. Frost.

May 20, 1940.

Mrs. John Frederick,
Box 117,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Frederick:

I have just returned from Lincoln and feel that I will have time now to answer your questions.

"Dutch" told me that he was making a little extra money by coaching the tennis team here. He is getting fifty cents an hour for his work. That is what we paid him for assisting us with basketball.

I believe if Mr. Byers would make a demand on him for some help now that he would be able to help a little. I believe he mentioned to me that he was expecting to help out about \$50.00. His sister has been paying his room rent for him and I know that he does not have much money. But he is seriously in earnest about landing the best job that he can for next year and it should not be long now before the family can realize on some income.

I am writing you in entire confidence, but I was very frank with him and he admitted his failures. But he truly wants to go forward and do the right thing as he sees it and as the law has set it out. He stated the reason that he came back to school was because he could earn so much more money going having the advanced degree.

I realize how much difficulty I have in endeavoring to explain to you the contents of our conference, but I believe that if a demand were made upon him to help out with the moving expenses he would do something.

I want you to know how very much I appreciated your kindness in coming in to talk with me about a situation

that I knew very, very little about. If Mr. Byers and Mrs. Uhrlaub would desire that I take this up with "Dutch" toward helping out immediately I will call him in for a conference and will let you know at once the net result. Please assure Mrs. Uhrlaub of my very high regard for her, and if at any time she cares to call on me for any aid of any sort in helping her and her children to make life more livable, please tell her it will be a pleasure.

I thank you for your kindness in talking to the Cochranes and Bill about K.U.

If you come through Lawrence again I would be mighty happy to have you stop at the Allen household and get acquainted with the entire family.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Salina, Kansas.

May 15/40.

Sir. Allen:

H. H. Lawrence. Esq.

Dear Sir:

Upon my return to Salina I have talked with Mrs. Wheelant and Carl Byers her attorney. She is trying to get her hearing on this week if the judge can make the date. She also received word last evening her job cooking at Roosevelt School in the morning ended this week instead of next and so she is going to be short of money. She wants to get off to Colorado as soon as possible.

Would you be able to tell me anything of your conference with Dutch?

I will say his promises are not worth much because he made many here but

kept none. They have an agreement
whereby he is to pay them each \$25 a month.
He stays until they are 21 and she until she
has \$5000 I believe.

I hate very much to have her have to sell
off many of her things and leave but it
seems at the present the best thing to do.

If you could take time to answer me

soon we would greatly appreciate it.

I also have talked to the Cochranes about

Bill and H. H.

Yours truly.

Mrs John Frederick

May 16, 1940.

Mrs. John Frederick,
Box 117,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Frederick:

Your letter of May 15th arrived just as I am leaving the office for Seneca, Kansas, where I deliver a high school commencement address tonight. From there I go on to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Big Six Track Meet. I shall return Monday, and will reply to your letter at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 27, 1940.

Mrs. John Frederick,
Box 117,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Frederick:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written Mr. Byers.

I am willing to help as long as I can be of some benefit to both sides, but particularly am I interested in the children and the dependents upon Ernst Uhrlaub. I am strongly in favor of him doing everything within his power to make good to his family.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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HAROLD C. FISHER

SUPERINTENDENT

TELEPHONE 329

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

May 29, 1940

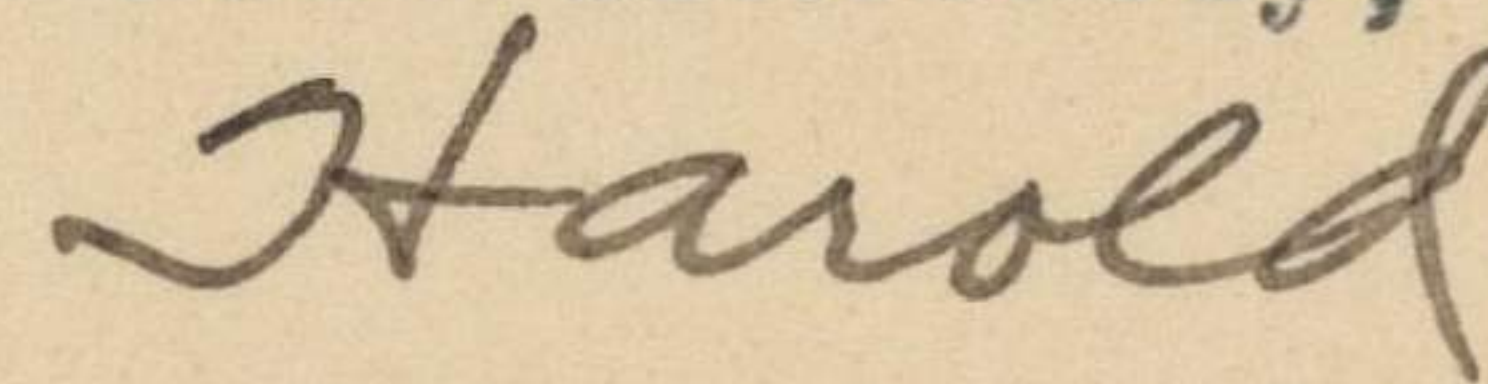
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Athletics
Kansas University.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Since the program Saturday I have received so many complimentary remarks on your address that I wish to use this means to pass the information on to you. The children, parents, and all were delighted.

I am ashamed to try to repay you by saying 'Thank You'. I guess we'll just say, 'Please come again, sometime'.

Most sincerely,



Harold C. Fisher
County Superintendent.

July 18, 1940.

Mr. H. D. Fisk,
1329 Ohio St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Fisk:

I was informed by the janitor this morning that he found the Goal-Hi standard lying down in the water in the pool this morning. You will remember that I specifically asked you to replace the Goal-Hi on the playground after your swimming class which ended at 6 o'clock yesterday.

Such irregularities as this cause me to lose confidence in you. We are discontinuing your services on Saturday of this week.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 29, 1940

Mr. Bill Farmer, President
Men's Student Council
410 W. Silver
Paola, Kansas

Dear Bill:

I read in the Kansan where the Men's Student Council and the W.S.G.A. had voted a \$500.00 stipend from the reserve fund of activity tickets for grading the intramural field. I called Raymond Nichols but his minutes are not complete and he stated that he had written you. I am writing you to find out if you have knowledge of the action, so that the intramural field can receive some attention before it is too late for play next fall.

I am sending a self-addressed envelope and will appreciate it if you will write me at your earliest convenience.

The W.S.G.A. passed their motion and it is a matter of record; but the Men's Student Council failed to record their action, according to Mr. Nichols.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:AN:lg

August 3, 1940

Mr. William Farmer
Box 545
Mason City, Washington

Dear Bill:

Thank you so much for your very kind letter of the 31st ultimo. Upon receipt of your communication I called Miss Velma Wilson, who is in the C.S.E.P. office here at the University and explained to her the circumstances.

C.H. Mullen is enrolled in the Law School and doing night watchman duty so I have asked Miss Wilson to get in touch with C.H. and see if the two could remember all the details. C.H. and Miss Wilson came to my office a number of times and I am sure if the Men's Student Council did anything C.H. would remember. C.H. was always strong for it so I am hoping I can write a statement that the matter went through. I thought that I would wait to call Wilbur Leonard at Dean Werner's office until after Miss Wilson and C.H. had had a conversation.

It is very generous and very courteous of you to offer the things you did regarding the long distance call, but C.H.'s residence here will forestall that, and too, I would not charge that to the Men's Student Council even if it would be necessary. This request by you convinces me that you desire to be very helpful and I appreciate your attitude.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Box 545

Mason City, Wash.
July 31, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence
Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I just received your letter asking about the intramural field. I am not sure whether the preceding council passed on that or not, but I am under the impression that they did. However, the new council has taken no action on it.

I wrote to C.H. Mullen at the time Mr. Nichols wrote me asking about it. I asked him to write to Mr. Nichols and tell him whether for sure they had passed it. I am writing him again this evening via special delivery asking him to write you right away.

I am awfully sorry that that has not been settled as yet. I assumed that you had that information by this time so I made no further effort to do anything about it. I have no records at all out here to check on it. If you do not hear from Mr. Mullen in the near future, call him long distance and send me the bill. By the way, call Wilbur Leonard at Dean Werner's office and ask him about it as he may know.

Best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Bill Farmer

c

November 9, 1939.

Mr. Dalton H. Fuller,
509 E. Harry St.,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Dalton:

Yes, indeed, I do remember you very well indeed. I also remember Luther "Dummy" Taylor very well. He was an especially good friend of mine. You will remember I coached Baker University along in 1906 and 1907, and "Dummy" and his wife lived in Baldwin. This was at the time he was pitching for the Giants.

I spoke at a banquet at Jacksonville, Illinois, at the Deaf School there about eight or ten years ago.

You may use this letter to state that I remember you very well and that you had great athletic ability and were a gentleman at all times that you were playing the game.

It happens that I will be 54 years of age the 18th of November. I am still active in coaching basketball, as I get on my suit and demonstrate all the plays for my varsity. I played one game of ball this summer, but I am watching pretty carefully the age and the game in which I participate.

I am very happy to corroborate all the statements that you make in your letter, and remember you as a splendid baseball player and an excellent basketball player.

Wishing you many happy returns of the day, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Wichita, Kansas
Oct 15-1939.

Mr Professor Allen.

Kansas University.

Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Prof Allen.

I have a rather unusual favor to ask of you - concerning old time base-ball.

Perhaps you will remember me.

Dalton "Dummy" Fuller, I played on the Kansas School for the Deaf team against your K.U. basket-ball team in 1901, we lost a game to your boys - 32 to 15.

Luther "Dummy" Taylor was a forward in that game, and I was a forward and captain - you was the star forward - Dummy Taylor pitched for Giants of N.Y. ^{38 years ago} He is a ~~phys~~ supervisor of Illinois School for the Deaf -

You also probably remember that I played short-stop for Eldorado against Eureka in 1901 you were the star pitcher for Eureka. your boys won a game - I was the deaf mute short stop.

I also remember that Kansas School for the Deaf played against your K.U. boys at Olathe, Kan in 1899 - and we won a game - 2 to 1.

Paul Curtis was the left hand pitcher for K.S.D. and Hall pitched for K.U.

Do you remember that game?
I was 15 years old center fielder.

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my purpose in writing you is to secure
a letter of recommendation or any details, you
can remember of those days. You see, a local
sport writer, Roy Sourbeer, is writing an article
on the "good old days of base-ball", and wishes
some sort of corroboration of my records.
Anything you can say will be appreciated

I am 55 years old now. and still
play soft ball and base-ball.

I am a member of the Old Timer Base-
Ball Association and still play with
them on occasion.

I should very much like to hear from
you and to know how you are.

Thanking you in advance, I am -

Yours sincerely

Walter H. Fuller

509 E Harry St.

Wichita, Kansas

c
February 13, 1940.

Mr. Dalton H. Fuller,
509 E. Harry St.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Dalton:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 8th
instant enclosing a clipping from the Wichita Eagle.
I enjoyed reading it and am very glad to have it.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Wichita, Kansas.

Feb 8-1940

Mr Forrest, C. Allen.

University of Kansas.

My dear Forrest:

You will find enclosed a clipping of the story of which I wrote you recently.

I was very glad to receive your letter, which revived many interesting and thrilling memories.

I read of your son's progress in the daily papers here. He is a fine young man - you must be very proud of him.

Do you still work out with the boys?

I am not playing any sports now, but I shall play again this spring with the Wichita Silents soft ball team.

Have you heard of Luther Taylor lately? I would like to hear news of the old times of our days, but have lost track of them.

Thanking you in advance, I remain.

Yours sincerely,

Walton H. Fuller

509 E. Harvey St.

WICHITAN WINS NATIONAL SPORT FAME DESPITE INABILITY TO HEAR

Dalton Fuller, Deaf-mute Who Starred in Three Sports, Started Career 40 Years Ago

The life of the average athlete, with everything in his favor, is hardly one sweet song, but with the cards stacked against him from the start, it is something else again.

Dalton Fuller, Wichita deaf-mute, serves as a practical illustration of the will to do things being sufficient to the needs thereof, for in spite of his handicap, one that would have deterred many from even attempting to do anything in that line, he has been in turn, a basketball player, baseball player and last, but not least in any manner, a gridiron athlete of high ability.

One of the finest tributes to Fuller, and incidentally, one of his cherished mementos, is a letter from Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, famous director of athletics at Kansas university. Allen, who recalls Fuller's start in athletics, particularly basketball, when the Wichitan was an honor student at the Olathe school for the deaf, pays high praise to the latter for his ability and also his sportsmanship under fire.

Fuller's association with Allen dates back to 1903, when basketball was virtually in its swaddling clothes, particularly in Kansas. Many of the smaller schools had yet to take the venture into the sport that has since become outstanding in the Sunflower state, where many of the greatest exponents have had their start and made national history. In that year Fuller was a member of the Olathe team, which opposed Kansas university, Allen appearing in the Jayhawker lineup. K. U. won 32 to 15, Fuller recalling that the Kansas mentor played a starring role in the defeat of the Olathe squad.

Professional Player

Starting his baseball career at the age of 16 years, Fuller soon found his way to professional circles, much of his education along that line coming from the famous Luther (Dummy) Taylor, who was connected with the school and at the same time a star hurler for the



New York Giants.

Fuller soon found his way to the Joplin club of the Missouri Valley league, joining the Miners at the age of 17, where he not only wore the pad and mask of a catcher but also played infield, where he continued for many years after coming to Wichita. He was a member of many of the fastest clubs organized in Wichita territory shortly after the turn of the century.

Following his success on the diamond, the Wichita boy turned to football, where he also starred, becoming captain of the squad at 19. He also was captain of basketball at the time, Luther Taylor being manager of the cage squad. Fuller attributes a major part of his success to instructions received from Taylor who also was adept at any sport he chose to follow.

Taylor was a member of the football eleven at the same time that Fuller acted as captain, both of these athletes playing an important part in many grid victories. Photos taken more than three decades ago show Fuller and Taylor in uniform on the grid squad, together with other deaf mutes who overcame many obstacles to carve out their particular niche in sports that require, in ordinary cases, every faculty possible.

The Wichitan, always unassuming in the most trying situations, as ing, was never found wanting, even

IN THE UPPER PHOTO showing the Olathe school for the deaf in baseball uniform during the season of 1900, Dalton "Dummy" Fuller, a Wichitan for many years, is seated third from the left in the uniform that is still a treasured possession. Fuller was 16 at the time he joined the Olathe nine. Below, the 1903-4 basketball squad at the same school, clad in uniforms that appear to be more suitable for football. Luther "Dummy" Taylor, manager of the squad appears at right in back, while Fuller, team captain is center in front row.

was proved in many instances on the diamond in years of participation in the national pastime, when quick judgment was required. Always deliberate in every move, he was able to think and act with speed when the situation demanded.

Featured Wichita Team

Playing as a member of the YMCA basketball squad in Wichita during 1904-05, Fuller was one of the mainstays of the lineup, his floor work and shooting being a feature of the Wichita team's performance.

Reminiscing with Fuller, while entailing the use of paper and pencil to a marked degree, is always a source of many interesting anecdotes regarding stars of all three sports in which he engaged, as Fuller is the possessor of an unusually retentive memory. Many things that would escape the memory of the average fan, remain fresh in Fuller's mind although they were happenings of two decades past.

Even though much water has found its way under the bridge since the Wichita man first became active in sports, he refuses

to bow to the encroachment of Father Time, being still active on the diamond, although most of his activities are confined to an infield post with the Wichita Silents, a deaf mute soft ball organization that functions in one of Wichita's summer recreational leagues. However, Fuller still is able to get around in fair shape in a baseball game, notwithstanding the fact that his speed is somewhat curbed and his lasting qualities not what they once were when he did not have to take a back seat for any semi-pro in Kansas.

Still Good Batter

Fuller is an active member of the Kansas Old Timers Baseball association, which had its inception as an adjunct to the National Semi-pro Baseball congress activities in Wichita, during tournaments held in Wichita last summer. Fuller took part in both games, and while, as before mentioned, his speed has diminished with the passing of the years, his batting eye would do credit to a youngster just breaking into the game.

E. H. McIlvain, one of Fuller's instructors at the Olathe school,

in a recent letter to the Wichitan, is high in his praise of Fuller's athletic ability, in all sports, pointing out the powerhouse aggregation which became a terror on the gridiron. The lineup included "Dummy" Taylor, John Rule, John Martin, John Weber and Fuller, all of whom were well known 35 years ago.

Fuller was born in a log cabin in Indiana, coming to Wichita soon after with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Fuller. Starting his education at the Olathe school for the deaf in 1895, which covered the grade and high school course, he graduated in 1904. The Wichita man was sent to the St. Louis World fair by the school in that year to demonstrate fancy wood turning, the profession he still follows.

The record of the Wichita athlete is one of which to be proud and when the natural handicap under which he worked to attain success, is taken into consideration, his conquest of the three outstanding sports can be inscribed in the record book as one of real achievement.