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April 27, 1945.

Mr. George Edwards, Basketball Coach,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Thank you for your very good letter of April 7th. I feel that you have spent entirely too much time explaining to me the reaction of the Rules body.

Frankly, I think we would get much further along if the colleges alone would handle their problems rather than some of the groups they sit in with. The vote on the high school situation is very much different than the needs for the college group. And the Y.M.C.A. is practically non-existent.

May I repeat that I want to congratulate you on your honesty of endeavor. And I might add again that I hope the players get taller and taller! I notice Iba is going to have a boy 7 feet 3 inches next year, and I hope someone else has one 7 feet 6 inches. It is only by the addition of such men that the Rules Committee will continue to show their stupidity.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
C O L U M B I A

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

April 7, 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Phog:

Since my return from New York I have taken all spare time to fulfill an assignment to revise and standardize the code of visual signals for Officials, and haven't had a chance to report to you, as promised, on the discussion and action concerning your proposal to treat all personal fouls with the technical foul regulations.

In your letter of March 22 you commented, "I dare say that the rules committee will pay no attention to any of mine and to the majority of other suggestions".

As a matter of fact our whole meeting was concerned almost entirely with suggestions given by you and others. Among these were the reports of interested groups including the Coaches Association, the Officials Associations, The Y.M.C.A., and the Canadian groups. In addition, every suggestion written on the questionnaires and letters from individuals (every one of them) was listed, read to the committee, and discussed. We were in session 16 hours and spent about one of these on business sessions,- the rest were on the rules.

Among these communications was your letter which I read in whole; then gave my digest as outlined to you. In the related discussion which was about 30 minutes long the committee voted by a large majority to leave the personal foul regulations alone. They were guided in this by the result of the questionnaire vote which resulted in 1,083 believing that the present foul regulations are satisfactory as against 123 who desired changes. Even though one thinks that coaches, officials and administrators don't know what is good for the game I don't see how any elected representatives can slap a majority like that in the face.

Your guess that the committee would refuse to reduce the number of personal fouls from five to 4 was correct. Here are some interesting statistics on which the committee based this refusal.

1. Average number of fouls called in 800 high school games:

1939	-	20.8 fouls
1943	-	24.1 fouls-an increase of 3.3 fouls per game
1944	-	27.5 fouls - an annual increase of 3.4 fouls per game.
1945	-	29.1 fouls - an annual increase of 1.6 fouls per game.

(The 5 foul rule was in effect only in 1945)
2. Reports from 923 high school games in 1944 and 1,261 such games in 1945 (not the same games as listed in 1) showed a standard deviation of 1.64 fouls per game.
3. Reports from 250 college games in 1944 compared with 260 college games in 1945 showed an average increase of 1.1 fouls per game.

The records show that the number of called fouls have been increasing since 1939 when the studies were started, but that the increase in the last year under the 5 personal limitation has been less than between 1943 and 1944 when 4 personal fouls operated in both years.

Another interesting comparison concerns the number of times a player was eliminated by excessive fouling. In 800 games in 1944 players were benched 2.3 times per game for 4 fouls; in 1945 the number was 1.5 per game for 5 fouls.

The steady increase in fouls per game for 6 years opens many questions which, frankly, have not been explained to my satisfaction.

1. Are players cruder?
2. Do players knowing they can stay in longer foul with freedom?
3. Are officials more strict?
4. To what extent do more rapid play affect fouling?
5. Has free substitutions led to more fouls?
6. Has 3 second violations and play around the basket brought more fouls.

The vote concerning the 3 second rule was 943 satisfactory; 232 not satisfactory. The minority here is growing and indicates that some action must be taken soon. We covered every recommendation, and found them so widely diversified that we couldn't agree on anything except to order more research.

I still couldn't get enough support to move all jumps to the nearest circle but there was less objection than previously. Ed Hickox, as chairman of the research division, was asked to make some tests. Without official sanction from the Big Six I suggested that we be allowed to use the circle jump regulations next year, and with Ed's help compare such statistics as we can gather with those of another conference using the present rules. I'll bring that up at our spring meeting. If you favor it you might be thinking of the types of records we can obtain to prove our point.

My own assignment was to work out differences in the visual code of signals for officials. My report was accepted and we have tried to describe the signals and will have new drawings made for next year's Guide. I imagine we have some bugs in them, but a little use ought to show just what can be added to have all referees using the same motions to transmit their decisions.

I was present when H.V. Porter gave a review of our proceedings to the newspaper men and know he was accurate, but the news items gave some false impressions and actually were inaccurate in some instances. Whitney Martin's comments on giving additional help to the tall man on offense were based on these inaccurate articles as you will see when Porter prints the rules changes.

After all this letter was written simply to let you know what I did with your suggestion, and to outline the reasons why it was not accepted. The other stuff is merely a review of things in which I thought you might be interested.

Yours truly,

George

George R. Edwards.

Lt. j. g. Don Ebling
U.S.S. Alex Diachenko

90 FPO
San Francisco, Calif.



Lt. j.g. Don Ebling
U.S.S. Alex Diachenko

C
14 May 1945
Monday

Dear Doc -

It has been some time since the Jayhawk Rebounder found me, but I'm certain somewhere along the line I have a couple. We left the states a few months ago and at present for a new ship we have a few invasions chalked up to our advantage. I was quite surprised to see we "reserves" do so well, even though inexperienced. I believe we are a good ship. However, we have not been under much fire.

Marge has kept me quite well informed about activities in and around K.C.. I received most of the KU vs opponents of 1944-45 clippings. I thought you bagged another championship until the final game. It seems as though you had several interesting games — and a few possible riots. Old K. State will never beat K.U..

I hear Mit is a jg. in our navy in the communication branch of the service. If he should get as far west & south as I am, have him keep a good lookout for the APD 123. Marge had lunch with Bob & his wife in K.C.. I was informed

both looked great. How is the rest of the family? Are you still the trim "Doc" I remember. I assure you with my 185 lbs. and a 34 waistline, I'd be most difficult for you to recognise. Greet the Allens for me, please.

U.S. S. Alex. Dischenko
Lt. J. G. Don Ebling

I saw Englemans ship about two months ago, but I was unable to contact him. I've been in areas with Horace Mason, but never quite managed to find him. K. U. people are all over this Pacific but I've been rather unfortunate to run into any of them.

Doc, I have been able to settle down somewhat of late since the rough edges are becoming smooth. I guess our spring and fall training is paying dividends, because our machine is running smoothly and easily. I'd like to drop in to see you and members of your staff. Give my regards to Mrs. Wulter, Mr. Falkenstein, and Schaeke. Good luck. Should be seeing you in a year or so. This job just takes time; there is no doubt as to the outcome.
One of your boys,
Don.

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Date Dec - 23, 1944

This is to advise you that my correct address now is—

2nd Lt. Charles W. Elliott O-707775
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(Company or comparable unit)

(Regiment or comparable unit)

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Signature

Charles W. Elliott

NOTE.—Newspapers and magazines may need your old address for correct processing.

My old address was _____

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 204* (1 November 1943)

*This form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 204, 8 April 1943, which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

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DON P. EBLING
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

Christmas Day

Dear Dr. Allen -

We thought you would like to see the program from the commissioning of Don's ship. He has been so busy since that he hasn't had time to write you. He received the November Rebounds. We both enjoyed the news and found your message most inspiring.

Don received his promotion to Lt. j.g. Dec. 1st. and in the future his address will be:

Lt. j.g. Don Ebling APD-
U.S.S. Alex Diachenko, ~~APD~~ 123
70 Fleet Post Office
New York, N. Y.

He is on board ship today so it doesn't seem much like Christmas. However we celebrated last night and I'm just thankful to have him nearby.

Our best wishes to you for a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Marjorie & Don Ebling



U. S. S. ALEX DIACHENKO

December, 1944

KEEL LAID JULY 18, 1944

LAUNCHED AUGUST 15, 1944



APD123 U. S. S. ALEX DIACHENKO

ALEX MAXWELL DIACHENKO, WATERTENDER SECOND CLASS, U. S. N.



ALEX MAXWELL DIACHENKO was born in Hartford, Connecticut on March 21, 1919. He was killed in action on March 10, 1943.

DIACHENKO enlisted in the United States Navy at Hartford, Connecticut, on September 24, 1940, and served continuously until the time of his death. He was posthumously awarded the SILVER STAR MEDAL for service as set forth in the following citation:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to a United States warship in action against enemy forces. When a hostile vessel was intercepted and attacked, DIACHENKO, as a member of a boarding party attempting to salvage the vessel, displayed exceptional courage in the face of grave danger from threatening flames and the powerful explosions of demolition charges. While preparing to ascend the ladder of the vessel in order to assist in the hazardous salvage operations DIACHENKO lost his life as the result of a sudden violent explosion. His exemplary conduct and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”



Next of Kin: Mr. Michael Diachenko, Father, 283 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Miss Mary D. Diachenko, 32 Babcock Street, Hartford, Connecticut, Cousin; was the sponsor of the U. S. S. ALEX DIACHENKO.

Commissioning Order of Events

1. The ship's company takes parade stations on stern of ship.
2. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding arrives on Board.
3. The bugler sounds attention.
4. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding reads the orders to place the ship in commission.
5. The crew faces forward. The bugler plays "To the Colors." The salute is rendered.
6. The Ensign, the Jack and the Commission Pennant are hoisted smartly at the first note of the bugle.
7. The Crew faces inboard.
8. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding delivers the ship to the Commanding Officer.
9. The Commanding Officer reads his orders and assumes command of the ship.
10. The Commanding Officer gives the order to set the watch.
11. The Chaplain offers an Invocation.
12. The Commanding Officer dismisses the crew, and the guests are invited aboard to inspect the ship.
13. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding leaves the ship at his pleasure, with side honors.

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August 24, 1945

Lt. (j.g.) Howard G. Engleman
U.S.N.R. - U. S. Navy
Hospital Ward 9
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Howard:

Thank you for your very splendid letter of the 18th instant. I was awfully sorry that I could not spend more time with you that day. The Draft Board, and then later came my golf game. I am sure that you recognize and appreciate the necessity of a fellow getting out a part of each day for recreation. I have been able to do the many strenuous activities that I have undertaken, do to the fact that I almost invariably take a part of each day for some recreation and diversion. It has been golf now for quite some time, and I feel much more fit when I don't neglect it.

We shall be delighted to see you back here when we can carry on our usual friendly and enjoyable contacts. Anticipating the pleasure of having you and your lovely family here with us in Lawrence, I am,

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:med

August 31, 1945

Dr. George Esterely
Estes Park
Colorado

Dear Dr. George:

My how time flies! I have been intending, for a week or so, to write you inquiring as to the condition of Susie. Please give my kindest regards to Susie, and assure her that our very best wishes are for her speedy and complete recovery.

She is such a hard working girl that it is easy for us to understand how she wears her energy to a nubbin.

Please do not forget my very good friend, your lovely wife. It will not be long before you will be coming back, and I trust that the very robust young lady that accompanied you and Susie, will be husky enough to stand the strong Kansas wind upon her return. By this description, the young lady will know whom I mean.

With all good wishes to everyone of you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Sunday

Dear Mr. Allen,

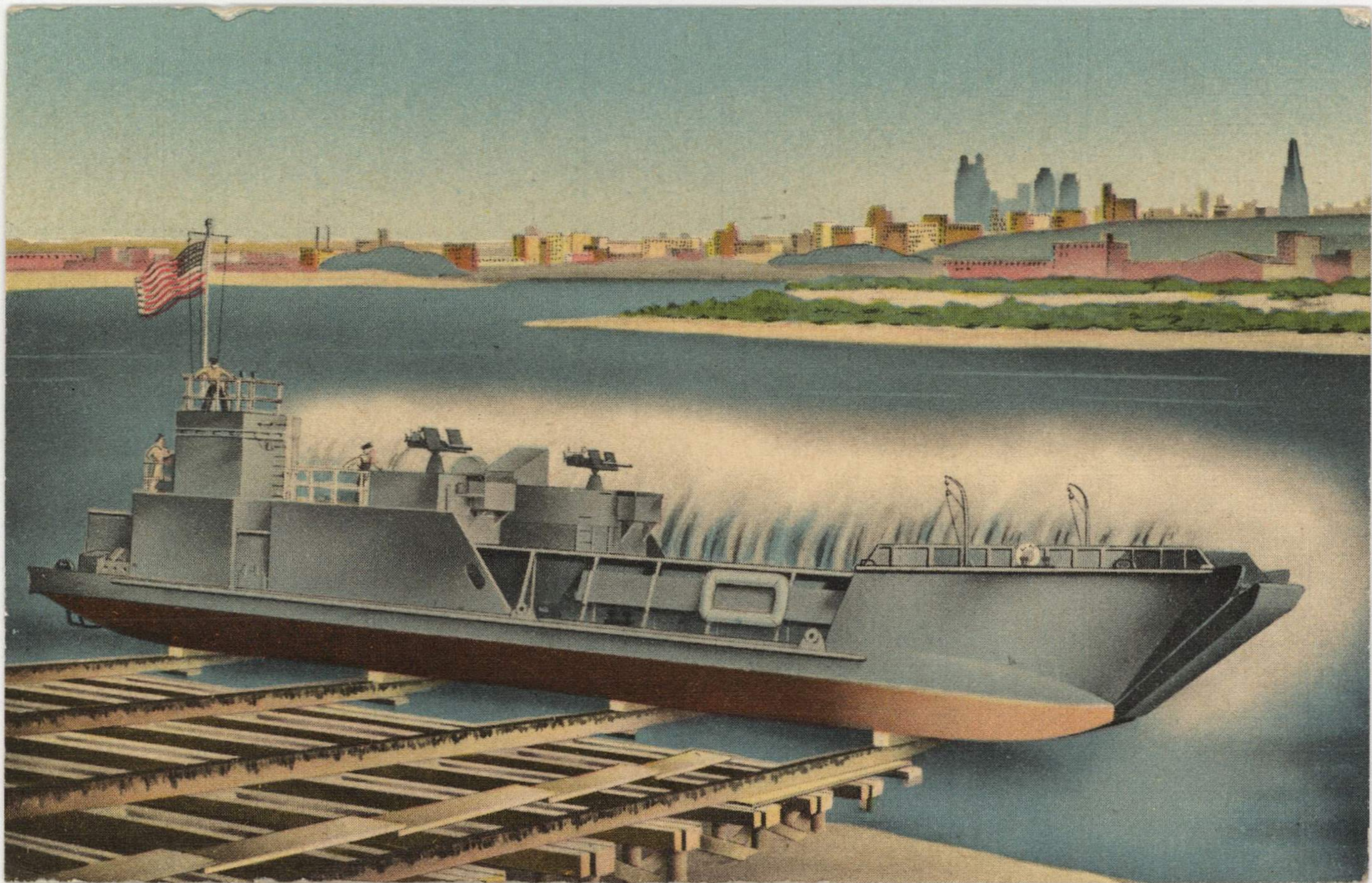
am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of Magazine Health in which is an article written by Eddie.

I thought you might be interested in reading it. Please return, as it's the only one I have. Eddie thinks he might be home on leave around Sept. 1.

I'm enjoying each issue of your "Rebounds" very much. Thanks a lot for putting me on your list.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. R. Ethel.



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MIAMI, FLA.

An ocean-going vessel for the Navy goes
down the ways at Harry Darby's shipyard
in Kansas City, U.S.A.

Dear Doc:



POST CARD



It is certainly
fine to hear of
your good season.
You have received
many excellent
events upon in
the local papers.

Thanks so much
for you, best
pleasure, yours,
Roy.

Dr. J.C. Allen
Dept. of Athletics
U. of Kansas
Lawrence,
Kansas

ART TONE "GLO-VAR" FINISHED MADE ONLY BY BEALS, DES MOINES, IOWA



August 23, 1945

Miss Effie Evans
Washington, Kansas

My dear Miss Evans:

This is in reply to your postal card requesting information on childrens' games, grades four, five, six, and seven. I have before me a booklet entitled, "Physical Education Activities for Intermediate Grades" compiled by Miss Ruth Hoover, Miss Joie Stapleton, and Miss Jane Byrn, all of our department.

This booklet contains over one hundred pages of games, rhythmic activities, and general suggestions to teachers, and sells for \$1.00, plus postage.

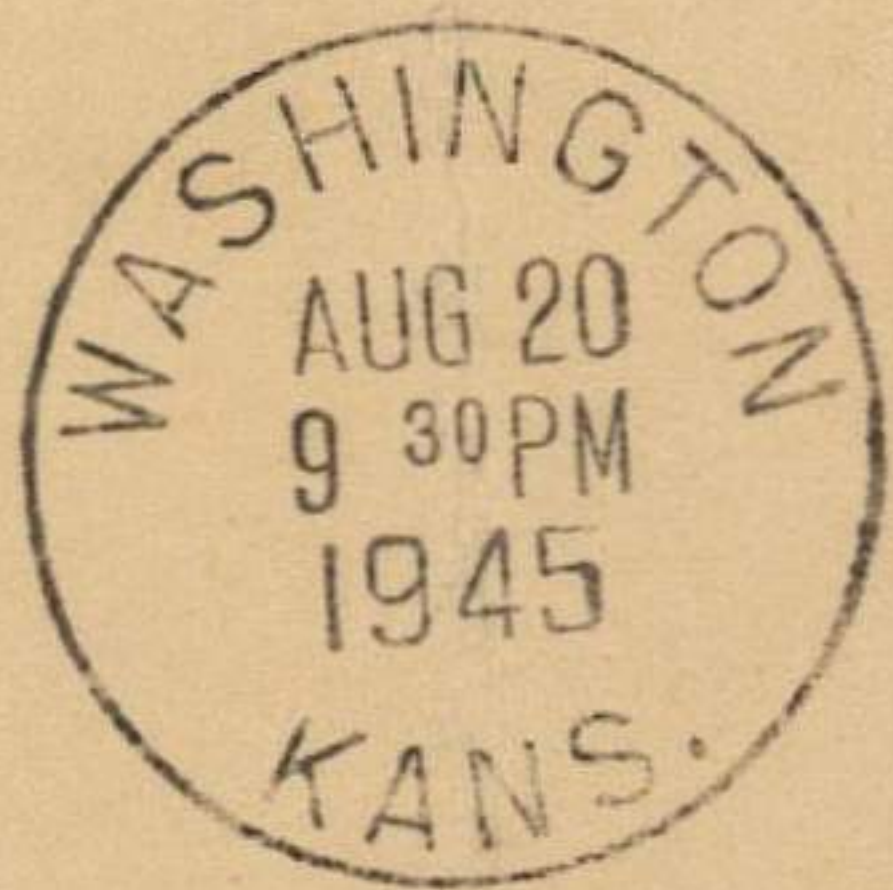
If you are interested, please send us a check for \$1.10, and we shall forward this book to you as soon as possible.

I believe this is just the type of book you are looking for.

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

PCA:med



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Department of physical Education
For Women
University of Ks.
Lawrence, Ks.

Kind Sir:

I am writing concern-
ing material for
child health. I

would appreciate
any things having
games for children
of grade 4, 5, 6, 7.

I am a teacher
of Washington, Mo.

Sincerely

Miss Effie Evans
Washington

Mo.

August 14, 1945

Mrs. E. R. Elbel
2101 Tennessee Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Elbel:

I acknowledge, with thanks, the copy of Health for September. I will be happy to read it and then pass it on to the papers here so that he will get his deserved publicity for his good effort.

I haven't had time to read it, but will soon. Neither have I had an opportunity to finish another Rebound as yet. This war and other things have kept me very much on the jump but I am working on it piecemeal and as soon as I get it finished I will mail you a copy.

I certainly will be happy to see the major if he comes home on or around September 1. We put him on our teaching schedule for this fall, but I knew that was wishful thinking because I do not believe that the army will let the men in his needful work out earlier than six months cessation of hostilities. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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From - -

**K. U. ALUMNI OFFICE
Room 2, Strong Hall,
Lawrence, Kans., USA**

Dr. F. C. Allen
Robinson Gym.
Campus

April 6, 1945

ack'd ✓

Dear Phog:

In a roundup of appointing and reappointing Jayhawker Trustees over the state we get the following suggestion from Owen E. Hodgson principal ~~of~~ the high school at Salina:

"Tell "Phog" to get Gene Anderson for K.U.

He is a 'natural'. He is over 6'6" now and good coordination.

FE:mck

Cordially,

Fred Ellsworth
Secretary



July 13, 1945

Miss Maud Elliot
Spanish Department
University of Kansas

Dear Miss Elliot:

I dislike to be such a pest, but I would appreciate it very much if you would kindly translate this epistle from my good friend in Argentina. I cannot ever decipher the hyroglyphics of his name.

By the way, the Rebounds that I wrote about Bill Johnson, and the one I addressed to him was returned for a better mailing address. Could you give us his address so that we can send it to him because I want him to have that yarn so it will renew some of the thrills of that affair to him.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:MEH

June 6, 1945.

Mr. Bill Hainline,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I am mighty happy to know that you and Herb Michaelis are going to enroll in summer school at the University. I want you to come to the office when you arrive and we will be glad to help you in every possible way. We will have jobs for you when you desire them.

Please convey my best wishes to Herb. I know you both will have a fine time. We are happy indeed to have you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

June 5, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Allen

Just a few lines to answer your recent letter.
I am very happy to be able to inform you that Herb
Michaelis and I are going to enroll in the summer
school at K.U.

We expect to leave here the 20 of this month,
as we both have jobs till the 15.

Very sincerely yours

Bill Hamilton

May 28, 1945.

Coach Harold R. Elliott,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Harold:

Thanks very much for your good letter of the 26th instant. I am following each lead that you have given me and I trust that both boys - Herb and Bill - will be here.

I will keep in touch with you and let you know what the boys decide.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 28, 1945.

Mr. Herbert Michaelis,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Herb:

I am hoping that you have definitely made up your mind to come to K.U. You and Bill would make a dandy pair to work with. Drop me a line and tell me of your decision.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 26, 1945.

Mr. William Hainline,
642 East First Street,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I have had a short note from your coach, Harold R. Elliott, who tells me that you are interested in coming to the University of Kansas with Herb Michaelis. I would be delighted to have you make that decision and I would certainly be happy to have you and Herb up here this summer where I can take you two together and work with you on individual defense and individual offense. And then we will start building the machine for team defense and team offense.

I know you and Herb would get along swell, and it would be so much more fun to have you two boys up here together. You will learn your fundamentals better because you will have confidence in each other, and we will work you two together.

Don't either of you boys feel that you can't make the squad. I am sure that you can. I have taken Kansas boys right along and worked with them and when they learn the fundamentals they know what each other is going to do, what move to make and what move not to make.

Won't you drop me a line and tell me that you are coming? Our summer school opens June 26.

Assuring you of our pleasure in having you and Herb with us, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 26, 1945

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
Department of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of the 24th. We were certainly pleased to have you with us for your splendid address and the fine visit. May I say for the boys that they enjoyed your enthusiasm immensely.

In regard to Herb Michaelis, I talked to him yesterday. He now feels that he would like to come to K.U. beginning with the summer session. His parents are agreeable to this. I wouldn't say that it is absolutely certain, but barring a change in mind, I believe he will be in Lawrence for the beginning of the session. We had a good talk later in the afternoon that you were here. Bill Hainline, my other good big boy of this years team, the one you met just before Herb after the Rotary Meeting, was with us. I stressed the value of your fundamentals and of getting them this summer while you could give them considerable attention. Bill, who had planned to attend Kansas State either this summer or fall, became enthused and after talking with his parents now has decided tentatively to attend K.U. this summer. His decision has helped to bring Herb around.

Bill Hainline's address is 642 East First Street, Russell, Kansas. I would have written you previously concerning him, but with his eighteenth birthday coming October 9, 1945, I doubted if he would be able to play any basketball before the army calls him. However, he wants to get all the extra schooling he can before that and be in position for a school deferment if they should be doing anything of the sort at that time. One of his main reasons for attending college is to play basketball if possible.

Bill is over 6' 2", weighs about 175 and is naturally left handed. He has been regular center for two years and he is without question the most improved player of the squad this year. Michaelis was selected by the boys as honorary captain. I suppose it was due to his leading the team in scoring and his chumming with the boys more. However, with my practice of selecting a senior regular for game captain each game, I depended on Bill for the key games. He is a hard worker which makes up for his slight awkwardness. He is a tough defensive man and a good rebounder. He does very well with his left hand around the basket. As a student he is a strong "C". The only question in Bill's mind is whether you will consider him good enough on which to spend your time this summer. I have tried to overcome this fear and now he seems ready to enter the summer term. I would appreciate you writing to Bill giving him your personal invitation to attend K.U.

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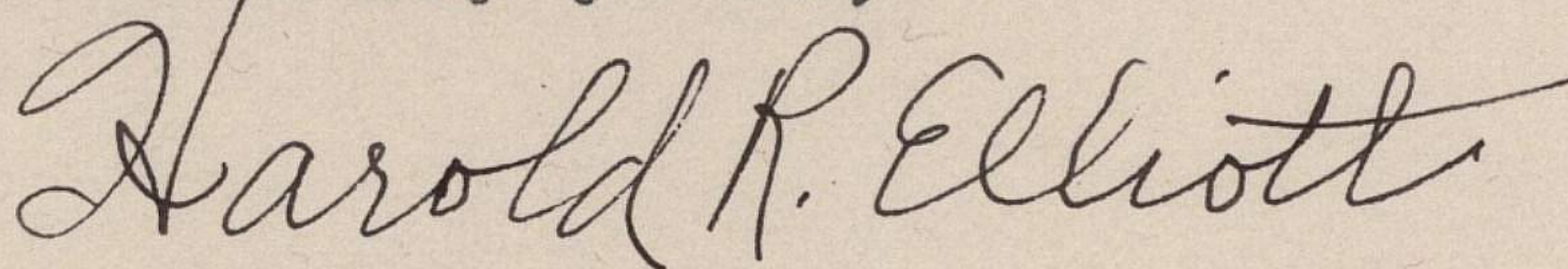
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I surely appreciate your interest in these boys. They are fine boys and I feel that one or both may work well into your squad.

I will be in Plains, Kansas for June and July but I am leaving word with Mr. T. L. Iden, Superintendent to try to keep informed concerning the boys' plans and let you or me know if they seem to be changing their minds.

Sincerely yours,



Harold R. Elliott