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Mr. Fred Ellsworth,  
Secretary, Alumni Association,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Fred :

It was brought to my attention just a few days ago that an invitation has been extended to Glenn Cunningham through Daniel Ferris, national secretary of the A.A.U., to appear in two exhibition races in Honolulu, on May 11th and May 18th.

We K.U. alumni in Honolulu feel it would be a good boost for better athletic relations between Kansas University and the University of Hawaii, were Glenn to appear in the two meets mentioned above. Furthermore, Basketball is coming to the front as a sport and interest in the game has been so good that the Athletic Board of the University of Hawaii has invited the champions of the Pacific Coast conference to appear in a series of games against local quintets in February or early March.

We, from the Big Six conference do not know <sup>just</sup> how good basketball is played in the Pacific coast conference, but we do know that the finest basketball is played in our conference, and most often the best team in that conference is the Kansas team.

The appearance of Cunningham here in May would help lots toward the appearance of Kansas U. basketball teams here in December 1940, or March 1941. If arrangements cannot be completed for the next basketball season, maybe the following season could be arranged, that is, Dec. 1941 or March 1942.

It has been suggested that a famous basketball coach be brought to Hawaii to give a basketball coaching course sometime soon, and we feel that Phog Allen should be the coach invited. The appearance of his team in conjunction with his coaching course would be an ideal setup. We suggest that the Athletic Board look into this matter and start correspondence with the Uni. of Hawaii Athletic Board and see whether some satisfactory arrangements can be made. Should a trip of this distance meet with the approval of our athletic board and negotiations are started with Hawaii, we alumni here would be very glad to assist in whatever way you deem advisable.