Sept. 4

Dear Jim,

Before leaving school last spring, you suggested that I write to you before returning this fall, if I wanted a job this fall.

I have definitely decided to return to N. Y. this fall and will need work if I am to remain in school. I sincerely hope that you will be able to

place me this year. I shall call on you as soon as I return to Lawrence.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration you may give me.

Yours truly,

Jack Engel

January 10, 1940.

Mrs. Beulah Engleman,
1003 South 2nd Street,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

I have your very lovely letter of the 6th instant, and am hastening to reply. Howard and I have had no trouble whatsoever, but I feel that he has a psychosis regarding his knee. He limps and has not been himself.

I have had the knee examined and it shows no swelling, but I, like you, agree that there is something else that is causing the difficulty. I did not want you to know it, but I am making arrangements to have a psychiatrist talk with him. I am also having Dr. Francisco examine his knee. I sent him to Dr. A. J. Anderson, our medical adviser, for a check up and he has told Howard to practice on his knee today and if it doesn't work o.k. he will send him to Dr. Francisco.

I will write you at length tomorrow, but I am hastening this letter by special delivery so that you will know we are treating him as we would our own son. I just returned from Chicago last night and have not seen Howard today, but will see him very shortly.

Confidentially, he has been a little moody about his girl from Salina. I think that is the real trouble. He is just one hundred per cent with me and we get along wonderfully.

Mrs. Allen is just in love with Howard and thinks there is something interfering with his real playing, but I have kept him off the floor and have not had him use his knee now for nearly a week so that I would lessen any possibility of strain or injury to his knee.

After New Year's day we had Howard down to the house for lunch when Bobby and the other boys were eating down town. Everybody loves Howard and they are so disappointed that he has not been playing. But he will, Mrs. Engleman, before long. I am very sure that you can count on this. I will write you again confidentially tomorrow, but I want you to realize that he is in not only friendly but sympathetically safe hands. I will tell you more about the girl situation tomorrow.

I assure you that I am happy you wrote me and feel extremely appreciative that you have confidence in me.

With kindest regards to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Ark City Kans.
Jan. 6th 1940.

Mr F.C. Allen
Lawrence Kans.

Dear Sir,

I know mothers can annoy a busy coach with their letters but I am quite anxious about Howard. I have not seen his name in the K.U. box score but twice this season and cannot help but wonder the reason for it.

He was not himself Christmas - Had very little to say and seemed melancholy. I tried not to notice it. (thinking he might possibly be in love)

Now if he is ineligible in his studies or has violated any rules will you please tell me? I am no weakling and can face any situation but I do not like suspense. Howard always informs me of any success or happiness that he enjoys but keeps everything unpleasant to himself.

My fears may all be imaginary. I am not psychologist enough to understand his mood. He writes me regularly and mentions a bandaged knee but I feel sure that is not the real trouble.

I have enjoyed reading of the splendid success of your team this season. I sincerely hope they continue their fine work.

I would rather Howard did not know of this letter. An answer (if you care to do so) will be treated confidentially I assure you.

Yours Truly. Mrs. Beulah Engleman

(1003 So 2nd St)

January 13, 1940.

Mrs. Beulah Engleman,
1003 South 2nd Street,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

I promised you that I would follow my letter with another one at once, but I found myself in the midst of certain situations over which I had no control, and that interfered with my doing as I had promised.

I am very happy that you wrote as you did. Howard is coming much better in every way. I put him in the game last night at a very critical juncture and told him that I was counting on him to come through for us, that we needed him badly and I was choosing him from all the rest of the group knowing that he had the ability to play on that knee regardless of how much distress it caused him. He said, "All right, thank you, Doc", and he went in and played a marvelous game. He sprung high up on the backboards on rebound shots, and you would never have known that his knee bothered him the least bit. Unfortunately he did not score. But I know that his going in developed a lot of confidence in him and he got a beautiful ovation from the crowd both when he went in and when he came off.

I am driving to Columbia this afternoon and taking Howard to Kansas City to have Dr. Don Carlos Peete, who is a physician and a member of the University of Kansas faculty, examine his knee and talk with him. Dr. Peete and I have had an understanding conversation and he realizes Howard's difficulty. To show you that he does understand complexes, Dr. Peete was in my home last night and showed me a gold watch-fob that was given to him only this last Christmas by Dean H. R. Wahl, of our Medical School. While a student in the University Dr. Peete was in Dr. Wahl's pathology class, and Dr. Peete told me last night that morbid fear so gripped him that when Dr. Wahl would ask him a question his brain literally froze and refused to function. He admired and even loved Dr. Wahl, but for some queer reason he could not do himself justice at all while he was in Dr. Wahl's class.

Through all these years, after he finished as a student and up to the time that he became a member of the Medical School faculty, Dr. Peete had this complex concerning Dr. Wahl. After this gift on Christmas he said all of that entirely

disappeared and he feels as free and easy with Dr. Wahl now as he would with an old, old friend.

I am mentioning this, Mrs. Engleman, to show you that I am very positive that Howard can make every adjustment that is necessary, and that I do have an understanding sympathy with him. In fact, I dearly love your boy.

He just came in the office while I was dictating this letter, so I put it to one side covering it with another letter, and talked with him some ten or fifteen minutes. As soon as he finishes officiating a game I am going to start to Kansas City with Howard and it is during that hour that I expect to have a talk with him that will clarify things for him decidedly.

While he was sitting here this morning I told Howard what a marvelous game he played and how beautifully he rebounded. I said, "Did you notice the wonderful ovation the crowd gave you when you came off the court, as well as when you went on?"

Howard Engleman is one of the most popular boys on this campus and this little flurry is not going to hurt him one iota. In fact, it will make him stronger within himself, and with the crowd on account of the wonderful attitude that he has shown all through this situation.

Howard is going down to the house with me and we are going to have a bite to eat before we start to Kansas City. I, of course, will show Mrs. Allen this letter while Howard is eating a bite. There isn't any question in my mind but what we can do the job one hundred per cent for him, and I will definitely keep you advised as to the progress we make.

I sincerely believe that the opinion that you set forth in your letter is the opinion of most women in regard to athletics. They want their boys to be happy and they see the disciplinary value of athletics in that the boy chooses to live a clean life so that he can play ball, rather than to go the way of all flesh if there is not some pull holding him in line. What all mothers care for is their won son, and they want this son to come out unscathed and to live a happy existence. The mother is willing to face all sorts of privation, and even torture so that her son is victorious and has a happy existence. Yes, Mrs. Engleman, I understand, and I assure you that I will cooperate with you one hundred per cent in bringing Howard through this, not only victorious, but courageous. Only through disappointments we develop.

In this case there has not been the slightest criticism of Howard. People really do not know the complex. They have

wondered, but as you say, many of them blame me for playing my son on the team. But here again I am courageous enough to play the boys that I think will play the best game at the time. Of course, Bobby does not play forward - he plays center, and the forward position has been taken care of by Miller, Ebling, Reid and Voran. Bobby has never played a forward position at any time. But as you said, such carping criticisms never bother me.

Years ago someone has said, "The postman would never get his mail delivered if he stopped to kick at every dog that barked." That is my theory. When you are out before the public you are bound to be talked about and shot at. So rest assured that you will have Mrs. Allen's and my cooperation and affection for Howard, and that I have confidence that we can bring him out on top and that before Howard graduates he will be known as one of the very greatest of the Kansas great in basketball and in academic work, as well as leadership on this campus.

I do not know whether you read the Kansas City Star last night in the column on my comparison of great players that played on the 1923 team and the boys that are playing now. I said that these boys were even better students than they were basketball players, and when I mentioned these boys of the present I had in mind Howard, Bruce Voran, Jim Arnold and my son, Bob. These are all honor students, as were Paul Endacott, Waldo Bowman, Charlie Black and Adolph Rupp.

With all good wishes and sincere regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education & Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

January 16, 1940.

Mr. Howard Engleman,
1045 West Hills,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Howard:

I am sending you a little treatise on a great man.

Take this in the quietude of your room and read it slowly and carefully. It has done me so much good so many times. I know that you will appreciate it.

Sincerely, Your friend,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 16, 1940.

Mrs. Beulah Engleman,
1003 South 2nd Street,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

Your lovely letter came this morning, and Howard and I are clicking one hundred per cent. As I told you, I took Howard to see Dr. Peete last Saturday and they had a very fine visit. I think it was a great privilege for Howard to meet such an outstanding man on such a friendly basis. Dr. Peete thinks Howard is one of the most wonderful chaps in the country.

It was nice of you to write as you did, and I do appreciate your kind words. It is always a source of inspiration to many of us to receive thapliments the like of which you sent me. You can always count on my friendly support and cooperation with Howard.

Yesterday I scrimmaged Howard, and he is doing fine. His knee bothers him very little.

I am enclosing a copy of a note I have just written Howard, and am also sending you a copy of the treatise that I am sending him. I thought you would be interested in this.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Ark. City Kans.
Jan 14, 1940

Mr F. C. Allen

Dear Sir.

I promised myself I would not trouble you with any more letters but I cannot let That fine Three page Spec. Delivery that I received This morning go unacknowuleged. You could not have given the First Lady any more consideration.

I can see how your entire time could be taken up with mail from foolish parents requesting that their sons "sit on the right hand of the throne". Please do not confuse me with that type. I did not ask you to keep Howard on your B. B. team I simply appealed to you to help him to get adjusted to something else in case he does not prove to be the player he once thought he was. After all it is no disgrace to be just an ordinary athlete.

I have never met a psychiatrist. except between book ends, but I have unlimited faith in them and consider

it a great privilege to have one interview Howard.

I consider Howard's education under your leadership as valuable as any he will recieve while attending the University. Until Howard entered K.U. he was guided by a timid mother, a doting grandmother and fond lady teachers for most part. We, no doubt, forgot to teach him much about "hard knocks."

I heartily enjoyed your illustration about the postman and the dog. It is great to have a sense of humor like that. I do not take a K.C. daily but we subscribe for the weekly Star and a very fine article written by you appeared in a Nov. issue. Your recent article will probably in Thurs. paper. I hope so.

Please do not make any reply to this letter. You have relieved my anxiety about Howard and it gives me great peace of mind to read your letters. I prize them highly. I only hope Howard can be taught to take criticism in the same manner that his coach does.

Many Thanks for all you've done

Yours Truly

Mrs Engleman

February 19, 1940.

Mrs. Beulah Engleman,
1003 South 2nd St.,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

I want you to know that everything is fine again with Howard's knee. He looks liks his old self again, and acts this part. I am going to start him against Kansas State tomorrow night and I am expecting him to do great things.

By the way, the Floyds were down at Stillwater and they saw Howard play a marvelously fine game.

This is merely a note to let you know how things are progressing. I am confident that all his difficulties are at an end and that Howard will be back in his old happy frame of mind and his fine physical trim.

Again thanking you for your marvelous poise and fine maternal reactions, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 20, 1940.

Mrs. Beulah Engleman,
1003 South 2nd St.,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Engleman:

I thought you might like to see this picture of Howard that appeared in last night's Journal-World.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Ark. City Kans.
Feb 21, 1940

Mr. F. C. Allen

Dear Sir,

Thank you for taking "time out" from your busy existence to drop me a line. I feel sure Howard is rapidly coming out of the doldrums. You have had unlimited patience with him and have gone to <u>extreme</u> pains to help him.

I was probably unduly alarmed about him but I did want to prevent him from making the mistake

that Bruce, Messner and other Ark city boys have made - and will regret the rest of their lives.

I resented the "town fans" clamoring for sensational playing all of the time and trying to cause trouble between a boy and his coach.

That was a fine "write up" in the Lawrence daily. It should give any boy confidence to recieve such a compliment from his coach.

I know I missed a great game at Stillwater. The Sunday Wichita Eagle was still raving about Thursdays classic between the K.U. and Aggies teams. They spoke of it being an exhibition of perfect basket ball.

The Big Six contest is very interesting this year. It looks as if we were to be kept guessing until the final game.

Wishing you and the boys the very best of luck the rest of the season I am,

Sincerely Yours

Mrs Beulah Engleman

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July 24, 1940.

Mr. Howard Englesan,
c/o Y.M.C.A.,
Bartlesville, Okla.

Dear Howard:

I was mighty happy indeed to get your undated letter of several days ago. You know, I read the letters each morning and then in the rush of things I put them aside until I have a better opportunity to write. When they are not dated I just lose track of time. But it was fine to hear from you.

While you are in Bartlesville, Howard, be sure to drop in to see Paul Endacott, the executive Vice President of the Phillips Petroleum Company, who was captain of my ever-victorious team of 1923. He is a grand fellow and his acquaintance is valuable. Also, see if you do not have a chance to say hello to President Kenneth "Boots" Adams, of the same company. There are so many Kansas people in Phillips that I want you to cultivate their friendship.

I am glad that you are taking a few shots with the younger Phillips players. You are quite right in your conception regarding these old timers who play only for bread and butter.

I am indeed glad that you are happy with your work and too, I am glad that you have a longing for Mount Oread and basketball season. I am more enthusiastic this year than I have ever been about our giving a good account of ourselves this year. Don't you worry, Howard, we will be in the money, and we hope we will be worth the money.

Bob is taking Quantitative Analysis and his chemistry is really requiring long and boresome hours. I have told him that I wanted him to take a vacation after he is through this summer. He has had three summer sessions and three years of heavy grind, so I want him to get in tip top shape in the interval from August 7th till the opening of school.

I am sure that we will have a great team, with your spirit and ability, plus the contribution of the other boys. I feel very hopeful.

I have only seen Ralph Miller once. His knee was operated and I understand that it is getting along fairly well,

but it is still early yet.

Horace Mason phoned that Harry Hart in the Winfield paper stated Gerald Tucker was going to Northwestern, doubtless. I think it will be quite surprising to him after he goes to Northwestern to see just how many big boys there are in the Big Ten. He will not be the big powerful fellow when he gets in that company. All the outfits are big and tough up there, and, I might incidentally add, very rough. But we will wait and see.

Howard, it was a great pleasure to do any small thing that I could to help you. I took your letter home and Mrs. Allen and Bobby got a great delight in reading it.

I am sending you our basketball schedule, which is completed with one exception, and that is one game at Stillwater. Henry Iba and I have difficulty in getting together this year. I would not be mean enough to say that he might feel he does not have as strong a team as he has had in the past few years, but I still remember that he can pick up any junior college graduate anywhere in the United States and play him. And I am convinced that when he needs men he will get them.

John Buescher is working on his correspondence. I am keeping close tab on him and I have hopes that he will be eligible when fall rolls around. Yes, he made all of his grades but he needs eight hours. You bet, I am hoping that that good Dutchman is on our team.

Don't worry, Howard, we will take care of you on the job situation, and now that you are a senior I know that you will protect me in every way possible by doing your level best in keeping your appointments one hundred per cent. You made a great improvement in your junior year over your sophomore year, and now since you are president of the School of Business you have just got to show those boys what real executive competence is. Doubtless you will be able to save a little money from your summer work and I am hoping that you will not have to work as many hours so that you can give more time to basketball. This is your final fling, and you and Bob will find yourselves in the same boat in that you both train perfectly and you live for the game.

I would like to see you and Bob leave school as David and Jonathan - two wonderful fellows who lived the same thoughts and had the same ideals, and I am hoping that you can be two very fast friends - not that you haven't been before, but even closer than you have been in the past two years.

All our family send their kindest regards to you. Eleanor has been at Annapolis at the United States Military Academy at a dance, and now she is returning from there to Anchorage, Kentucky, to visit Mary for several weeks.

I get through here on August 7th, and then am driving to the University of Texas for a coaching school of a week there at Austin. I end up there on the 17th, and start in at Topeka at the Kansas High School Coaching School on the 19th and finish on the 24th. Then Mrs. Allen and the rest of us are going to drive down and get Eleanor and play a lot of golf with the Kentucky colonels. Then we will arrive back refreshed and rarin' to go for the opening of the fall term.

It was swell of you to think of a father's day present. Just perish the thought. The only flower that is emblematic of father's day is sweet william, and you know that grows wild. Too many wild poppies, however. Don't you worry about a birthday present. The many goals that you have shot are the sweetest birthday present that you can give me, and I know that you are going to give me many more this next year - so that will last a long time. I appreciate your thinking of me and assure you that my good wishes are reciprocal. If at any time I can help you advance, please command me because I feel that I want to do for you what your mother and your dad would in the way of success for yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Young Men's Christian Association
BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Dear Doc:

I havent any idea where you are at present but I guess Laurence will reach you eventually.

I have been here in Bartlesville since the 10th of June and I like it swell. My work is all office work so I havent been roughing it as we both had hoped. Once in a while I shoot goals with some of the younger Phillips players but most of them are hard to get enthused in the summer time. I guess when its your bread and butter you lose your love for the game.

Although I like my work, Im already homesick for Enid and basket-

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ball season. The more I think of our
potentialities next year the eagerer
I become for it to start. I hope we
can have the great team we should.
How is Bobby & Ralph getting along
this summer? I saw Lloyd Tucker
the other day. He says Gerald is
still undecided. I talked to him about
K. U. but I'm afraid it's money he's
after & that never made a great
team yet.

Doc I sure appreciate all that you've
done for me including this swell job
which I know you were instrumental in obtaining for me. I swell
with pride whenever I think that

Young Men's Christian Association
BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Played 2 yrs. under you already.
The people down here are jealous of
you but they also admire and
respect you more than you realize.
Your name alone strikes fear in
their hearts. They still wonder what
you had up your sleeve at Wichita.
I just smile.

Did Beuscher ever make his grades?
I sure hope so cause he's sure good.
Doc & I've decided to live outside the
frat. house this year. Jie had
good jobs there 3 yrs now and I feel
some of the boys would like to pass
them around a little next year.
I imagine I'll live with McPhetters.
My expenses will probably be

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a little higher but I will also have more time to work. I hope you can keep me busy as you did last year. I appreciated working in the towel room & in the frosh dress room, and I hope you can provide the same or a similar job for me next year.

Give ~~your~~ my regards to your family & tell Mrs. Allen "thanks." She'll know what for. I started to get you a Fathers day present but I guess I had the wrong Sunday. Someone told me it had already passed. So I'll give you a birthday present next Nov 18th - right.

Sincerely,
Your dumbest Pupil,
Pope.

February 23, 1940.

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

Dear George:

Here are reciprocal congratulations to you, sir, on your massacre of Iowa State. Gee, you guys are getting tough!

I am glad that you wrote me as you did because only with frank discussion and friendly dealing can we ever arrive at a just understanding. I have just talked to Mr. Earl Fallenstien, our financial secretary of the Athletic Association, and he tells me that counting every available seat in the auditorium, with the exception of 569 so far back in the second balcony that no one can get a view of the court, there are actually 2933 seats (and some of these are directly behind the large pillars that support the first balcony) to be sold, with the exception of a few possible chairs that can be placed in the nooks and crannies.

The students this year purchased 1690 seats at $1.50 per season ticket. This is approximately 500 more than have been sold heretofore to the students, so that takes 500 out of general sales circulation. And the season ticket holders number 533. Counting the members of the Athletic Board and other officers of the Association, it reduces the list to 710 actual tickets that we have for sale for any game.

So I am sure that you will agree that our situation presents just a little different angle than yours did last year when your school put on a number of additional seats and we called early and out of that group you were kind enough to send us 25. The freshman players and the sports writers came in with our group and they were all charged for their admission. I am sure that if you care to bring any freshmen along we will be glad to admit them on the standing room basis, the same as our boys were admitted.

I think I should tell you this, George. When we went out to practice last year one of our boys went over and talked to the workmen erecting seats and this is what he said: that there were actually one thousand extra seats being put in for the football players and different athletes who were given three tickets a piece and these tickets were distributed to high school athletes who came in for your game. This workman states that they were putting out information that no tickets would be sold after this number because

there were groups of politicians from Jefferson City and other places that had to be taken care of and these people could not be taken care of unless this were done.

I have just looked at the ticket report for this game and I noticed where 62 state officials were admitted on a complimentary basis, as well as 8 miscellaneous, and passes for 154. Of course, I have no desire to bring this matter up only that the ticket report shows a total attendance of 4630, and there is no provision in the Big Six rules for 138 general admission complimentary tickets.

Maybe after you have read what I wrote my letter will make me appear much more indignant than I feel. Actually, I intend also to be facetious. It was nice of you to take care of Verne Wilkin as you did last year, and this year many of your alumni - George Williams, Craig Ruby, Dr. Knight, and a lot of other Missourians - have been taken care of with regular reserved seats when they called at this office for tickets.

Of course, you will understand when Don wrote Gwinn that all the tickets had been sold for quite some time, and when we asked for tickets last year there were a large number of them for sale at that time. So I imagine that we will just have to leave it the way it is, namely, that the only way we can take care of you will be to order them long in advance before the supply is threatened and exhausted.

Now, regarding the basketball convention. I think it would be a fine idea if we can get Mr. Atherton, and if not we might have your president and our chancellor address our Basketball Coaches meeting. However, your idea regarding Mr. Reed, the chief of the Kansas City police, sounds very interesting. I had thought of him, but I was afraid that many of the basketball coaches would think we didn't have a speaker of the right weight mentally, but I do know that Mr. Reed is one of the outstanding personalities, and that is something to think about. I believe President Middlebush and Chancellor Malott would make a great pair of young go-getting fellows that the coaches would appreciate.

This question that you raised regarding the Convention Committee is very pertinent. I believe, George, if we wait and permit certain things not to happen that we are culpably negligent. Of course, the president and his board should set up the program. Desiring to say nothing that would cause any reflection on anyone, I am sure that you and I will both agree that some of us had better do something if we do not want some embarrassments to be presented. I have had much correspondence with several individuals and I find a great tendency to "let George do it". Certainly some of us had better take over rather than see a wash-out.

I presume that you are working on the display exhibits from the different firms. The Continental Hotel has been selected as the headquarters for the Coaches Association, the Rules body, and even

the teams will be quartered there.

There are two main objectives that I am committee to one hundred per cent. First, that we shall pay that deficit of $2500 if at all possible. This was incurred last year in the N.C.A.A. tournament. Second, that when the visitors come to Kansas City we will have not only a wonderful program and entertainment for them, but that they will feel they have been in the hands of hospitable people. We will want your help unless you are in the tournament. Then, of course, you will have all that you can do looking after your boys.

I am glad for you to express yourself regarding the pre-season tournament among the Big Six teams. I was only endeavoring to promote something that would make a lot of money for the exchequers of each institution. Certainly I hold nothing but the highest regard for a man who disagrees with me in a matter of policy.

I will be happy to work with you as chairman of your Coaches Research Committee. If you will write me further regarding your plan of presentation and what you desire I will be glad to submit all of this to you for a definite check-up.

With a few exceptions, I think we have had the poorest officiating in a great many years. But I still think that we coaches are more to blame than anyone else because we have done nothing about the booing rule which makes any self-respecting gentleman feel like an alley-fighting referee. When a whole audience can boo and hold the referee up to ridicule I am surprised that they think of as many decent things as they do. Why should we expect the players to be any better sportsmen on the floor than the people who pay their money and encourage this roudyism on the part of the players by booing and making light of our officials that we bring in to work our games? I am amazed that the players have shown as much sportsmanship as they have when our administrative officers permit the booing and roudyism as shown on the part of the crowd.

I am sorry to say that our crowd is getting unruly. For years I have fought this rowdyism on the part of our crowd, but almost every place I go nobody does anything about the crowd mob psychology, and knowing that such rowdyism works in favor of the home team, I could not frankly see why I should crack down on my crowd and make it easier on the visitors when we experience the most distasteful evidences of rowdyism which finally results to our detriment and to the benefit of the home team.

Therefore, I still say, George, that we need to talk to ourselves first regarding our attitude, and then talk to each other regarding the rowdyism of the people.

Thank you for your good wishes, George, and I am sure that we won't go entirely blind and we won't break both legs, but we have just got too touch a climb to overcome altitude and seniority for a younger group. I am pleased beyond measure with the fight that the boys have put up. But there isn't a Chinaman's chance of our going through without several casualties.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

February 21, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations for your victory at Manhattan last night. Sorry, however, that you couldn't quite cut it at Stillwater for Iba is needing a trimming. These two games indicate that your boys are getting back into their strides and will be hard to head off. Should we defeat Iowa State, and your team continue its winning ways, our game in Lawrence will overflow your capacity.

And that situation rather amuses me, for I am in position to protest, as you did last year, that since we are furnishing part of the attraction we should be able to obtain admissions for some of our staff and relatives of players. Gwinn has written to Don that even Faurot cannot get in except perhaps in a standing spot. My players have asked for 25 tickets for members of their familes, but Spurling tells me they will not be available.

That, to me, seems like a dirty deal since despite a sell-out here last year and with hundreds of our regular spectators begging for space we did send you 25 tickets, and passed in a large group of "freshman players" with your team. Of course, the latter group was paid for by Kansas, but still you did get accommodations for forty or more of your people which appears to be better treatment than we can expect when conditions are reversed.

After reading what I have put down here I find that it makes me appear much more indignant than I feel. Actually I intended to be facetious. It is my opinion, as I told you last year, that the regular supporters of the home team should get the favors in emergencies; that since we play home and home the visitors should not ask for nor receive space when accommodations are taxed to the limit. Now that your are faced with the same problem which confronted us last year I imagine you will favor the same policy.

Our party will not exceed fifteen. I expect to reward some varsity squad members by taking them to Lawrence. We have thirteen on the squad, ten of which will be dressed for the game.

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You have written me recently about affairs of the Basketball Coaches Convention and I have laid the letters aside until time lost of trips from other duties could be made up.

I like the idea of having Mr. Atherton. He may be in Kansas City for the Rules Meeting and might be available. You suggested that if he couldn't be scheduled that some other outstanding G man might be selected. Have you investigated Mr. Reed, chief of the K.C. police. I understand that he is an excellent speaker. The principal objection, probably, is that he has no connection with our profession.

The relationship of the coach to the school and the public might well be discussed by your chancellor or our president both of whom are keen followers of athletics and are intimately acquainted with all of our problems. I believe either could be obtained.

Another thought comes to mind. As Convention Committee I am wondering if it is our duty or responsibility to arrange program details. We should be concerned with accommodations,- the president and his board should set up the program. Naturally, we both are interested in helping plan the best meeting this group has had, and will take over rather than to see a wash-out. Still, unless Butch shoves it off on us I hesitate to take too much responsibility. I assume he has done this by asking you to name the speaker, and you can count on me for any details in which I can help. Better be careful, though, or you will have it all.

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I am not in favor of the proposal to play a pre-season tournament among Big Six teams.

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As chairman of the Research division of the Rules Committee you are in position to know details of the problems undergoing examination. It will be my job at the Coaches Convention to review this work. And I intend to make it only in the nature of a review. My plan is to collect the results of experiments and write up a digest of each. This summary, I think, might well be mimeographed and distributed to the members. Then, after the public reading, attention might be concentrated on specific experiments if more information is desired.

Such a plan, if feasible, should cover the whole field, save time, and still permit detailed discussion of those experiments which appear to be most interesting and important. Your reaction to this idea is requested.

Whatever type of committee report is prepared it will be necessary for you to help me with it by passing on either the results of experiments, or by sending me the sources of data. In addition I will contact Mr. Porter and the members of my committee.

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By the way, have you noted how officials gradually are letting teams take more than 30 seconds in making substitutions without charging a time-out. The rule is specific, I think, and calls for play to be resumed in 30 seconds after a substitute reports to the referee. That time limit does not permit a team to hold an extended debate as to defensive assignments nor to huddle and give a pep rally while opponents are ready to play. The situation has arisen six times in our games, and will become more acute if not checked.

And one other type of laxity I resent. While the new rule permits any player to address the official, I feel sure the change was never intended to let down the sportsmanship bars. In both our Washington and Oklahoma games players were guilty of loud protests to the officials and assumed pugnacious attitudes without being punished. One bad apple will ruin the barrel full, and unless we take a stand I fear the practice will become as common as it is in professional baseball.

I intend to bring up these matters at our next meeting.

In the meantime, I hope all of your players go blind and break their legs. Then, as soon as you play us it will be all right if they recover quickly and win the rest.

Yours truly,

George.

George R. Edwards.