Mr. Barry Faris, Editor-in-Chief, International News Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Faris:

Thank you for your very good letter of the 12th instant.

The fact that you will have Mr. Carver read his full column aloud will be compensation enough. There is only one thing further that I would like - to be present and make it a threesome instead of a twosome. However, your presence will suffice. A witness is not necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 12, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Allen,

I will certainly do as you request in your letter of February 9 and call Mr. Carver to my office and have him read me in full his column which we killed after it had got out on the wires before I reached the office.

Furthermore, if you would like to have a witness present, I will hold it up until I hear from you.

Please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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January 5, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Allen,

Your letter of December 27, 1944, objecting to an article in the San Francisco Call-Bulletin, has been received. It is my information that the article was not published in any other newspaper.

Of course you are aware that our organization has no malice toward you personally and has, no doubt, in the past referred favorably to your activities.

We are more than willing to circulate to our clients your side of the controversy.

Sincerely yours,

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October 24, 1944.

Lawton Carver,
Sports Editor,
International News Service,
New York, N.Y.

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Managing Editor, International News Service, New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sirs

Quite recently one of my friends sent me a copy of the San Francisco Call Bulletin published under date of October 25, 1944, and in which was published an article written by your sports editor, Mr. Lewton Carver, in which I was referred to in many instances in ridicule and contempt. Obviously Mr. Carver has a right to his own personal opinion. However, as I have been informed by competent authorities, our law places restrictions on the degree and character of which one may indulge in a printed and published article in expressing these personal opinions for public consumption.

In my long experience in the field of athletics I have been involved in heated debates, but never before have I or my adversaries resorted to such wanton and malicious degradation of character, which was so apparent in the aforementioned Exercer article.

In my own mind I had attempted to minimize the effect and the resultant damage caused by Mr. Carver's printed attack upon me, but after repeated repercussions from this article brought to my attention by friends and mere acquaintances, I became aware for the first time of the severity of the damage that had been done me.

Doubtless you may wish to take the initiative to see that due and immediate reparation is made.

Very truly yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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YOU KNOW THE OLD STORY: WHEN YOU WIND UP ON PAGE SIXTEEN, THEN YOU'RE SLIPPING.

ALTHO I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM THE K.C. HAUNTS FOR SOMETIME, MY HEART AND SOUL XX WONDERS BACK THATAWAY QUITE A BIT. WHILE OUT COVERING THE WAR FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, MET UP WITH AD LINDSEY ON THE WAY TO SAIPAN. HAD QUITE A GAB FEST WITH HIM ABOUT PAST DAYS.

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Monaging Editor BEST REGARDS,

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1944

Scribe Takes Allen Apart For Libeling Basketball Players

By LAWTON CARVER

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—I received the following telegram to-day from Forrest C. ("Phogg") Allen, the well known loud-mouth:

"Your statement that I have backed down is untrue. I stated that certain eastern writers have minimized the gambling hazard, and your story prompts me to believe you are one of them. As far as my getting out of the game I am in is concerned I suggest you apply the same yardstick to yourself in your profession. What could you know of how much basket

ball has given me?"

Let us take the well known loud mouth apart from the beginning. Each year for many years this bumpkin of no particular standing and of questionable ability as a basketball coach has managed to get his name in the headlines by demanding that baskets be set higher or referees be cut shorter or some other nonsense. He has managed through phony publicity to build himself into some kind of a character in basketball.

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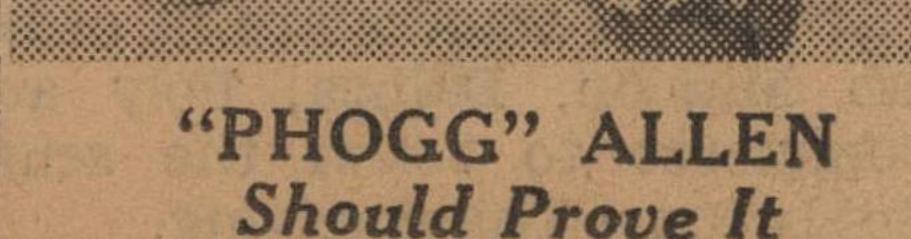
Having failed to find something better for personal aggrandizement this year, he leaped on the college basketball teams who play in Madison Square Garden and tossed about charges that some of them had been bought by gamblers. Not certain that this would give him the publicity due a has been in the basketball coaching ranks, he added that the eastern sports writers were a party to the sell-out.

Allen achieved his purpose of getting his name in the papers, but also tacitly libeled every basketball player who has appeared in Madison Square Garden and all the writers who cover basketball.



Taking that telegram word for word, I repeat again that he has backed down on the charges he made. He hasn't proven that one single basketball player was bought and he daren't try to alone all of them, had a part prove that any one writer, let in the scheme.

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I also would like to add again that he should get out of basketball. When he, a coach, has so little judgment as to sit back in Lawrence, Kan., and charge that a bunch of college gents are selling out he makes himself out to be unfit company for the collegians he associates with. Perhaps some of the Broadway gamblers did get to college basketball players. I will be the last to naively insist upon the integrity of any athlete or group of athletes, but I will also be the last to charge them with selling out unless I can prove it.

Why doesn't Allen prove it, inasmuch as he has made the charge?

MADE HEADLINES

As for what basketball has given to Allen, all I know is that he has managed somehow to make the headlines at intervals with his popping off and he has managed to make a living out of basketball. He has gained some notoriety through the years and he has been able to pay his rent, I presume, from his income as a pop-off guy in this business.

Getting back once more to his insinuation that the gambling hazard was minimized by Muself and others, all I need mentionand the public prints will bear me out—is that there have been from time to time many hints that gambling was getting to be a common thing at college basketball games. Some of us mentioned that something should be done about it.

Lacking evidence that players had been tampered with, we did not condemn college basketball. This was a matter of common decency, which the Kansas loud-mouth doesn't understand.

Thank you very much for your very good letter of the 4th instant. I certainly agree with you that since the tracks are closed for the winter, thousands of gamblers will be looking for new rackets, and college sports will be the next thing they will take over.

Yes, I remember you and your father, Charles Sollars, very well. Your father was a grand man, and I enjoyed visiting with him.

Again thanking you for your good wishes and your offer to help,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dr. Forrest Allen, Kansas University, Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Mr. Allen:

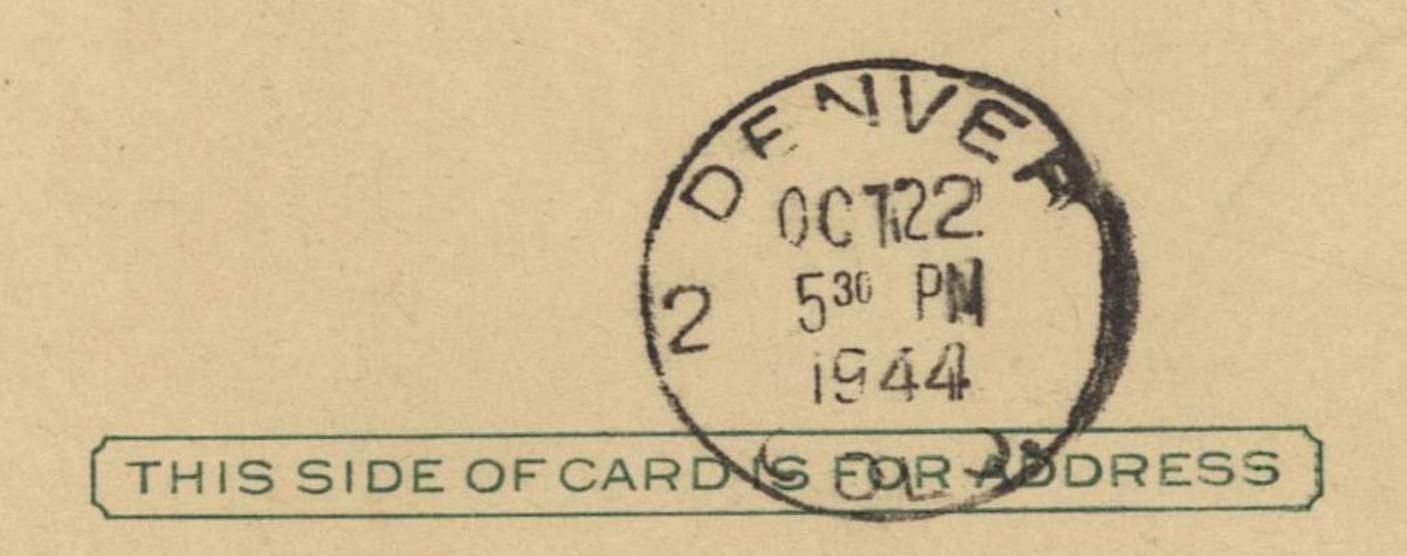
I saw the article in Time as well asthe editorial in the Sat, Evening Post, and am muchly interested in clean sports, do hope you will keep punching as I have been suspicious for several years of the same things you reported. I remember a few years ago when two taems played foot-ball and one was susposed to be a certain winner but lost by a substantial score. The only notice I ever saw was that coach Jones fired several of his top men when he arrived in Los Angeles.

I have written a friend of mine that has many sports writters amoung his friends and have suggested that he make an endeavor through them to open up this racket. As horse raceing is now closed there will be thousands of gamblers looking for a new racket and our college sports will be the next thing they will take over. The sports writters will not only run out of a job but will soon be classed with the gamblers should they not try to stop this soon.

My father, Charles Sollars lived in Independence and as I used to visit there ever so often, I met all of the Allen boys and knowing them to be good sports, I am making this effort to help.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Torrest C. (Thog) Allen, Kan. Univ., Lawrence, Kansas.

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The Editorial Staff, The Thoroughbred Record, Lexington, Ky.

Answering your demand that I submit specific proof, suggest that you have your operative call at 510 No. Dearborn Street, Chicago, where you will find a nationally known bookmaker who has operated big time racing forms, and who now is operating big time basketball form charts quoting odds on all the important games played in the United States. I assure you we are not attempting to shift blame. We are putting it where it belongs.

Forrest C. Allen.